



# St George's C of E Primary School

## Learning for Life

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half term week and that the children are enjoying being back at school.

### **Covid 19 Update**

As you know, the national guidelines around Covid 19 have now changed, with most restrictions being lifted. Please find attached a letter from Clare Kershaw, Director of Education at Essex County Council, about the implications of these changes for schools and families. Next week, I will be reviewing our Risk Assessment in light of these developments, and the updated guidance for schools, and will keep you informed of any changes.

### **Parent Consultations**

This term's parent consultations will be held on **Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th March**. These will be face-to-face meetings and will take place in the school Hall. **Please call the school office to make an appointment to see your child's teacher(s).**

In order to keep the number of people in the Hall to a minimum, the children's work will be set out in the classroom for you to view prior to your appointment. **Please arrive at least ten minutes before your appointment** so that you have time to look at your child's work and **arrive at the Hall in time for your appointment.**

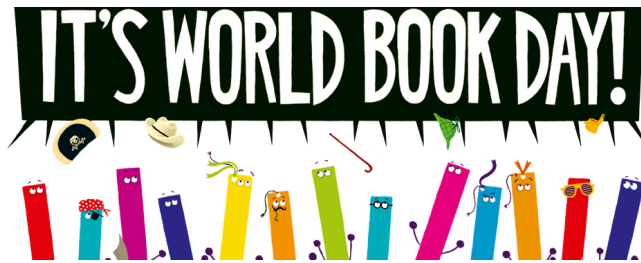
The teachers will give you an update on your child's academic attainment and progress and will discuss any pastoral matters. **Each appointment is ten minutes long.** It is vital that teachers keep to their schedule in order to stay on track and fulfil all their appointments within the allotted time. As always, if there are issues to discuss which require longer than the ten minutes, please book a follow-up discussion with your child's teacher.

### **World Book Day**

Don't forget that next Thursday, 3rd March, is World Book Day and that we will be celebrating by dressing up as our favourite book characters. See over the page for a reminder of the details and lots of further ideas and resources.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Keitch



World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March this year. This year marks the 25th anniversary of World Book Day.

Every child will receive a World Book Day voucher. This can be exchanged for one of the special World Book Day £1 books which are usually stocked in all book shops and supermarkets. See the image below for this year's book selection; you can also find the full list on the World Book Day website <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>. Alternatively, the vouchers can be used to get £1.00 off any book.

There are lots of book-related resources and materials on the World Book Day website—not just for World Book Day. There are audio stories, video retellings, games and competitions. Please do take a look <https://www.worldbookday.com/>

### Dress-Up Day

On Thursday 3rd March, we are asking the children to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. We would also like them to bring a copy of the book to school with them—please make sure the book has your child's name on the inside cover.

Costumes do not need to be elaborate or expensive. The most important thing is that your child is celebrating a book they love and can talk about with their teachers and friends. A few simple accessories are often enough. There are lots of ideas online, including on the World Book Day website here <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>

During the day, the children will take part in lots of learning activities and lessons which celebrate reading and books. We will also get together as a whole school to showcase our costumes and favourite books. We will of course share the photos with you.



# Pathfinders News

This week in Pathfinders we have started exploring our new topic Come Fly With Me- The Arctic Circle! In English we have been reading the beautiful book 'Immi's Gift' all about a girl who lives in a frozen, white land who keeps fishing surprising and colourful gifts out of a fishing hole! We have made and written about gifts that we would send to other people far away, and then went ice fishing!

In topic we started off with science and posed the question 'Which material has the best properties for stopping ice from melting?' We designed an experiment and saw a clear winner with the tin foil keeping the ice whole for the longest time! We have also examined how melting ice affects the world around us, focusing on the arctic and the wildlife. We examined the changing Arctic climate and how global warming has impacted the ice around us.



# Navigators News

We have had a very musical and poetic week in Navigators Class. We have taken a deep dive into the histories and cultures of the United States of America, and kicked off our new Dimensions topic with classic (but ambiguous) American songs by Don Mclean, Bob Dylan and others. Following that, the children tried their hand at writing their own ambiguous song lyrics, whose results have been very pleasing. I have noticed that the children are endlessly fascinated by all things American, and we have been looking into the history of the earliest voyages of the "Saints".



To add to that, we have had our second and penultimate day of slam poetry, and I was very impressed with the creativity and passion the children put into their poetic performances, not to mention the wonderful ideas they came up with.

Other than that, the classroom has been buzzing with all things Bawdsey Manor related, and I'm quite sure the buzz will continue until the trip comes around. More newsletters on this to follow...

### Dates for your Diary

You may wish to make a note of the dates below.

**Further information will be sent out to you in due course.**

Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day (with dressing up!)
Monday 14th March and Tuesday 15th March	Parent Consultations
Week Beginning 21st March	Navigators Residential Trip to Bawdsey Manor
Thursday 31st March	Easter Service at St George's Church 2pm
Friday 1st April	Last day of term
Tuesday 19th April	Return to school
Monday 6th June	Non Pupil Day

## Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Meredel - for safely moving logs around the forest area, and thinking imaginatively about how to use the shelter.

Bella - for suggesting ideas for this morning's session and playing creatively with a friend.

Oliver - for showing excellent problem solving and perseverance when tree climbing.

Freddie - for working hard on your God's Eye. It looks fantastic!

Oliver S - for being creative with sticks and wool to create a spider's web. Well done!

Amelia - for persevering and making adaptations to your kite. You worked hard on this and didn't give up!

Leah - for working hard to create a beautiful God's Eye.

Beatrix - for modifying her design and creating a fantastic Stick Person.



★ **Our Stars of the Week this week are:**



★ **Explorers**

★ Byron - for making great progress in your handwriting and phonics

★ Crewe - for using mathematical language and using and applying your knowledge to compare heights and lengths in Maths

★ **Pathfinders**

★ Lucas - for working hard in English and joining in Phonics sessions

★ Millie A - for excellent focus in Maths and English and knowing your five times table

★ Oscar - for listening to advice and improving your work

★ **Adventurers**

★ Alfie - for your excellent focus on identifying money and reading this week

★ Matthew - for your excellent focus within lessons and thinking much more before answering questions

★ **Navigators**

★ Eleanor - for wonderful enthusiasm, clear voice and expressive gestures with your poem performances

★ Jake - for being hardworking, helpful and an all-round great team player in group activities



★ **Lunchtime Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

★ Jensen - for always sitting beautifully at lunch and independently opening his fruit packet!

★ **Pathfinders**

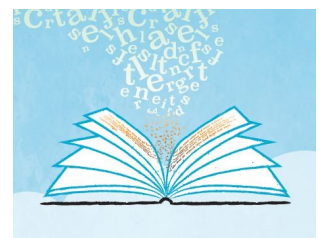
★ Lily W - for continuing to practice her skipping skills and always being polite

★ **Adventurers**

★ Pixie - for excellent manners at lunchtime and looking out for others

★ **Navigators**

★ Zach - for being helpful with putting equipment away, along with your little friend.



★ **Reader of the Week Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

★ Eva - for brilliant blending phonics

★ **Pathfinders**

★ Izzy - for your excellent effort in a reading assessment

★ **Adventurers**

★ Sofia - for enthusiastic and animated reading which helps to bring the story to life

★ **Navigators**

★ Reuben - for reading well and keeping on top of what is happening in your reading record

