



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Monday's Collective Worship, we thought about the signs of Spring we are beginning to see; the children have been noticing snowdrops in the school grounds, the days are getting longer and we begin to look ahead to the preparations for Easter. We thought about the huge variety of flowers and plants which grow from very ordinary-looking seeds and I challenged the children to think about what they may become as they grow - each unique, each special and each full of potential.

After half term, there is much to look forward to. **World Book Day** takes place on Thursday 3rd March—see over the page for further information. In mid-March the Navigators children will be going on their **residential**, a big step and a wonderful learning opportunity. The **PTA** have a series of fundraising events planned; and of course we will be preparing for **Easter** in Collective Worship and RE lessons.

Our **parent consultations** will be held (face-to-face) on **Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th March**—you will receive a Parentmail with further information, including instructions for booking an appointment, after half term.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 21st February.

Mrs Keitch

Additional STEM Learning Online Safety Parent Workshop

I understand that there were problems with the link for Tuesday's Online Safety Workshop for parents. STEM Learning has apologised for this and organised another session for those who were unable to join.

Date: **Tuesday 15th February**

Time: 4.00 - 5.00pm

[Click here for the Microsoft Teams Link](#) to join the meeting



This online webinar will cover the following topics:

- **Online safety in school:** A discussion on how online safety is taught in school through resources such as Project Evolve and Google Internet Legends
- **Safe use of online games and platforms:** A look at popular platforms and games such as Roblox, Minecraft and Tiktok
- **Managing devices:** Looking at how to set up parental controls on devices such as tablets, phones and games consoles.
- **Social Media:** Top tips and printout guides on TikTok, Twitter, Snapchat, Facebook and Instagram

Explorers News

What an exciting morning we had last week on Tuesday 1st February. The children were sitting on the carpet listening to a story when they heard a loud siren. Suddenly two police officers came into our classroom and arrested Mrs Styles! We all went outside to investigate and discovered Mrs Styles in the back of the police van; poor Mrs Styles! We soon realised it was just pretend and Mrs Styles was let out of the van.

DC Phil Riches-Weedon from the Essex Police Intelligence Team and PC Dave Bishop from the Colchester Policing Team introduced themselves and let us explore the police van and try on some hats and vests. Some children were even handcuffed!

We then went inside to learn more about the different police equipment. We were very excited to be able to radio central control and get a message back!

The children had a brilliant time and learned so much about the police which linked to our topic - Help is at Hand. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Riches-Weedon for organising the visit and to PC Dave Bishop (or Big Bish as he is known) for coming in and talking to us.



Adventurers News

Mr Shiplee from Manningtree High visited Adventurers last Wednesday and the children learnt all about how quickly sugar can dissolve, depending on the temperature of the water. The children thoroughly enjoyed his visit and recorded their findings to compare at the end.



Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Poppie - for your interest in our sessions and your growing knowledge of plants and trees on site.

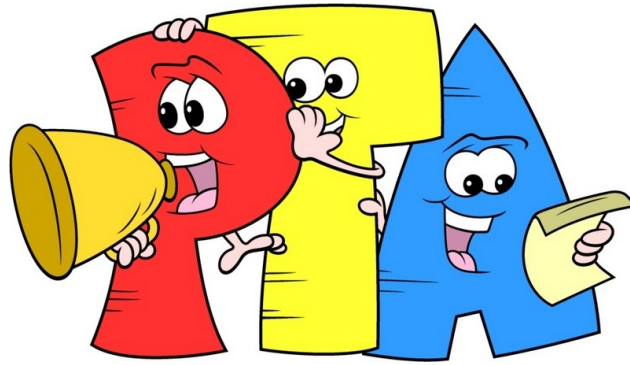
Zak - for your enthusiasm when practising a new skill; whittling with a butter knife.

Zach and Barnaby - for working well together to create a shelter and using it imaginatively in their role play.

William - for being confident in tying a reef knot, and being kind and helping others to learn it.

Izzy, Jasmine, Ellie and Ben - for cooperating and working as part of a team to build a shelter, each practising a reef knot to attach the tarpaulin to trees.

Year 6 - for excellent behaviour and listening skills around the fire pit today. Well done!



New trim trail update

I pleased to announce that we are ready to ahead with the building of the new 'trim trail' to replace the existing one that has come to the end of its life. Thanks to all your hard work to raise funds this has been made possible. Combined with a £2000 grant that was awarded from the Parish Council we now have the funds to go ahead with the project. We will announce more details as to when the new trail will be built and opened in the next few weeks.

Again, thank you for all your support.

Dates for the diary

The sponsored Pancake Flip is returning this year, to be held on the 4th of March. A letter and sponsorship form is coming homing today.

We will be holding two Movie nights in March; info will be coming out after half term.

Friday Tuck Shop

The tuck shop on Friday is now up and running again, so please support this if you can. It is run by children from Year 6 and the money raised goes towards their leavers' event in the Summer term.

Stikins

Just a reminder that if you are ordering Stikins labels to use the school fund fundraising number 19516 when you place your order. For every order placed the PTA receives a small percentage.



After half term, we will be continuing with the same school lunch menu.

Week beginning 21st February will be Week One of the three-week rolling menu.

All the menus can be found on our school website

<https://www.st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk/school-lunch-menu/>

Dates for your Diary

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

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

Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day (with dressing up!)
Week Beginning 14th March	Parent Consultations (details to follow - please do not try to book your appointment yet!)
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

**The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service presents
Virtual eSafety Parent Workshops with**



eSafetyTraining
'The 2 Johns'

Tuesday 15th February 2022

or

Tuesday 22nd February 2022

8.00pm – 9.30pm

*These **free** parent's workshops will look at the online world and how our young people are using it. How they are navigating around restrictions and using the internet without the parent's knowledge.*

This includes :

- Favourite apps and games.
- Dangers they face
- How young people are being influenced online
- Solutions that parents can adopt to help keep their children safe.
- Stranger Danger message that parents are familiar with and make it ready for 2021



To book your place now please call us on **0300 247 0013**

Monday – Friday 9am-5pm

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