

St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Could you help us out at Forest School?

We are looking for a **volunteer to support our Monday morning Forest School sessions** for Years Five and Six (9.00-12.00). If you are able to help, please contact the school office.

We would also appreciate any **(used) wellies** you may be able to donate. We like to keep a selection of wellies in school for children who forget theirs and our stock is running low, particularly in the bigger sizes (11+).

Welcome back to St George's for the start of the Spring term! I hope you all had a restful, peaceful and healthy Christmas and New Year. It has been lovely to welcome all the children back to school this week and hearing all about their Christmas break.

At the moment, we are not getting together for whole school Collective Worship but it is still taking place in classrooms. This week, the children have taken part in two assemblies focusing on the start of the new year.



On Wednesday, the children were challenged to look back on the year 2021 and think about their favourite moments and proudest achievements. We then thought about new year's resolution and the expression 'turning over a new leaf'. We thought about the example set by Jesus, who always gave others the chance to change and succeed.

On Thursday, the children found out all about Epiphany, which marks the twelfth day of Christmas and celebrates the Wise Men's visit to the baby Jesus. They learned about the significance of the gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh, which symbolise love, joy and peace.



There is so much to look forward to this term. The children are enjoying getting stuck into their learning again, with some exciting topic lessons happening across the school as part of our new Dimensions curriculum. We will also be preparing for the important Christian festival of Easter towards the end of term - hopefully we will be able to gather in the church for a service this time.

Home-School Communication

As you know, you are able to contact teachers directly via Seesaw (Tapestry for Reception). Please ensure this communication is focused around quick, day-to-day classroom matters where needed. If you have concerns you wish to discuss, please use Seesaw/Tapestry to request a phone call or meeting with the teacher. For any wider concerns, please contact the school office to make an appointment to speak to me.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Keitch

Online Safety: Save the Dates

There are two virtual Online Safety workshops for parents coming up next month which I would like to draw your attention to:

The Two Johns Facebook Live Event



Date: Thursday 3rd February

Time: 6pm

Please visit the EST ESafety Facebook page for further information

The Two Johns have provided parent, pupil and staff workshops for us and many other schools in the local area in the past. Their training is now online and available to all rather than delivered to specific schools so please do take the time to attend if you can.

STEM Learning Online Safety Parent Workshop



Date: Tuesday 8th February

Time: 7.30 - 8.30pm

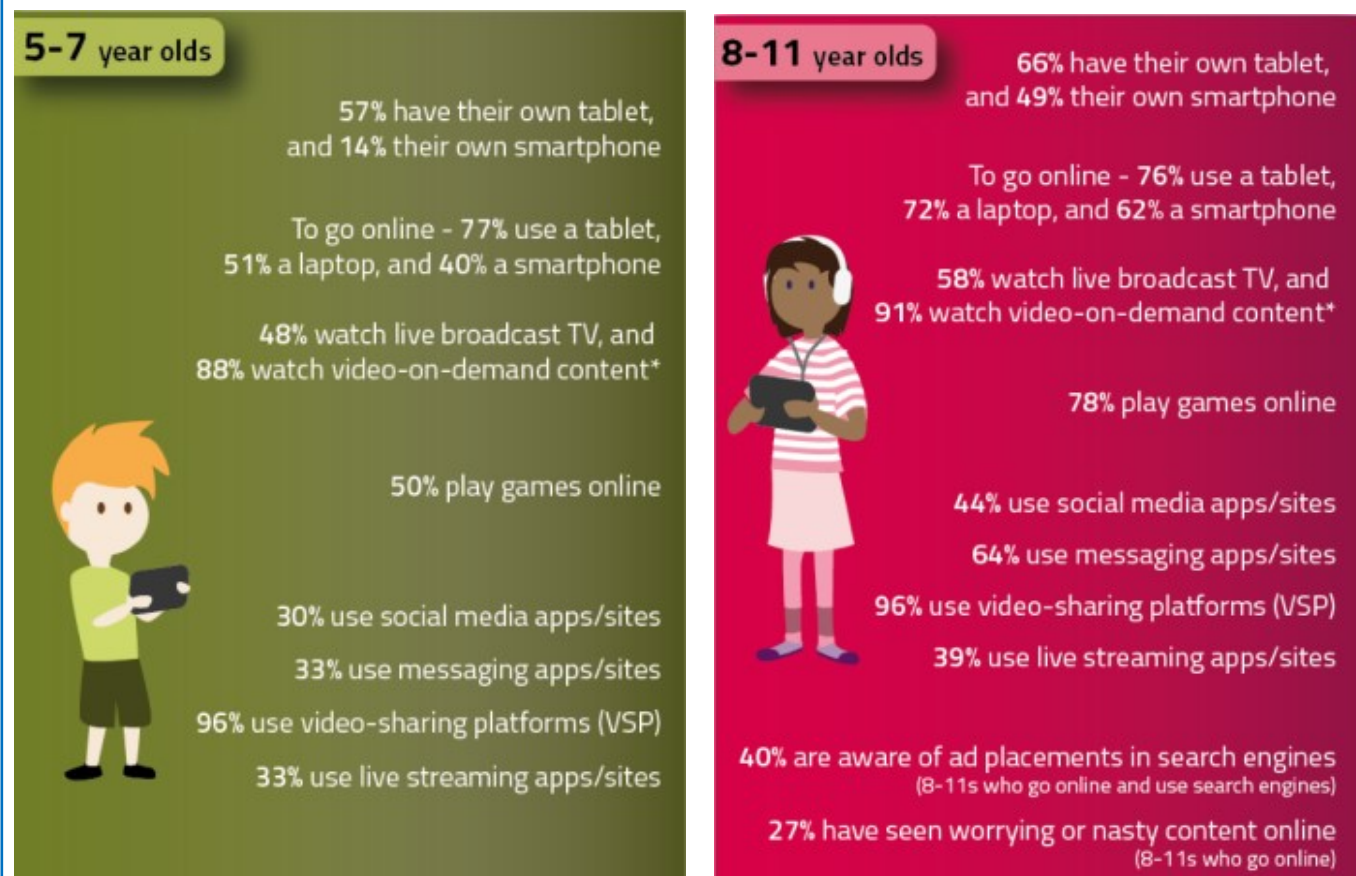
Online - details to follow. I hope to be able to share a link with you directly.

Online Safety resources

Don't forget to look at the resources on the E-Safety page of our school website <https://www.st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk/e-safety/>

The most recent resource to be uploaded is the latest [OFCOM report on Children's Media Use](#) - it makes for very interesting reading.

This infographic is taken from the report.



Winter has arrived and the temperature is dropping! I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about our Severe Weather procedures.

We also report severe weather closure to the Local Authority. On the Essex County Council website there is a list of school closures which can be found here: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/emergency-school-closures>



All menus can be found on our website:
<https://www.st-georges-pri.essex.sch.uk/school-lunch-menu/>

St George
Primary Lunch Menu
Autumn 2021

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

Star of the week

Imogen - for your enthusiasm and effort in Phonics

Alexander - for always being polite and caring towards all your friends

Adara - for superb effort in your writing and being kind to your friends

Millie A - for making an excellent effort with your holiday recount

Charlie - for excellent concentration and getting involved in our new topic, 'Athens vs Sparta'

Matthew - for your brilliant contributions towards our learning sessions

Tulip - for all round excellent attitude and fantastic presentation in all your work

Kourtney - for consistent wonderful teamwork and helping your classmates

Explorers

Everyone in Explorers who helped Mrs Thorington pack the lego away at the end of playtime. Thank you!

Luca - For being polite and for lining up nicely

Elsie - for settling in so well to the lunchtime routine, showing amazing manners and being polite

Jasmine - for always being helpful and considerate

Explorers

Jacob - for making great progress in your reading

Alice - For working hard in Phonics

Ellis - for excellent improvement in your reading. Well done for reading over the holidays too!

George - for paying close attention to the model haikus and magpie-ing from them.

