

Saint George's Church of England Primary Phase Weekly Newsletter



Term 1 – Week 3

Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Families,

I hope you have all received your letter inviting you to our meet the teacher meetings. Please book a slot online using the link included in the letter, (also included in this newsletter), if you would like to take advantage of these meetings. I am sure you will find these very beneficial. Well done to the six year five children who represented our school at the Able Writer's Day this week. The children found it a very positive experience and were challenged throughout the day to make their writing as best as it possibly could be! We look forward to the Able Writer's Maths day that is happening in a few weeks' time. This week you will also have received a letter regarding our Harvest celebrations over the next couple of weeks. If you have any donations as outlined in the letter, please hand these to your child's class teacher or the school office.

As we move into Autumn and the weather becomes colder, we would welcome any coats, gloves, hats and scarves; children's or adults that are no longer needed. The donations would be offered to our Saint George's family first and then to the local community. Please send any coat donations to the school office. I thank you in advance for your support.

Finally, I would like to remind you all that Friday, 29th September is a staff development day and school will be closed to pupils. Have a lovely weekend! Mrs Taylor

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Well done Squirrels – So close to 100%!

Hedgehogs	92.95%
Ladybirds	97.32%
Badgers	98.4%
Squirrels	99.7%
Owls	99%
Foxes	95.7%
Woodpeckers	98.7%



For Information



Settling-In Meetings

**Tuesday, 3rd, Thursday, 5th
& Friday, 6th October (Year 2 only)**

You should all have received a letter by email inviting you to make an optional 5-minute appointment with your child's teacher on the dates above. These meetings are to discuss how your child has settled in, and to ask any questions about the year ahead.

To book your appointment, please go to:

[SchoolCloud - Saint George's Church of England School](#)



**Harvest Festival
Donations by
Friday, 6th October**



As mentioned in our letter earlier this week, we are collecting for 'The Community Cupboard', a charity which provides food and support to the local community. If you would like to make a donation to this worthwhile cause, please send any items to school with your child, or drop them off at the school office.

Further information about The Community Cupboard can be found at

<http://www.thecommunitycupboard.co.uk/>

School Photo Day – Tuesday, 10th October

The Primary children's school photos are being taken throughout the school day on Tuesday, 10th October.

We are working with a new company this year – Carmel Jane Photography – and you will receive an email prior to the 10th October asking you to register with them. If you have more than one child at Saint George's Primary or Secondary, and would like them to have a sibling photo, please email

primary@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk

to confirm the names and forms of the children you would like to be photographed together. Please note that this is for siblings only. We are not able to offer this to cousins and friends.



Flu Vaccinations – Wednesday, 11th October

The school nursing team will be visiting the Primary to deliver flu vaccinations. Full details were sent by email on 26th July, and on 19 September to New Year R parents – please refer to the letter included with these emails for further information. To consent, please go to

www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms no later than Thursday, 5th October



Our dates for your diary section will return next week!

School Uniform

Our school uniform is very important to us. It helps us to feel part of our School community and be ready to learn. We thought it would be helpful to remind parents of our uniform policy and expectations.



The school colours are red, black and white. All pupils are required to wear school uniform. School jumpers and cardigans carry the school logo and can be purchased from the school office.

Winter Uniform

- Red V-necked jumper or cardigan with school logo
- White collared plain polo top or white shirt
- Black skirt, tunic or trousers
- Black or white socks
- Black or red tights
- Black school shoes
- Black fleece with school logo (optional)

Summer Uniform

- Winter uniform can be worn
- Red V-necked jumper or cardigan with school logo
- White collared plain polo top or white shirt
- Black shorts
- Red and white gingham -checked dress or skirt
- Black or white socks
- Black school shoes

All items of uniform and PE clothing should be clearly and individually named.

Footwear

Children are expected to wear sensible footwear. All children should wear black shoes which are flat, to enable them to run and play safely. Trainers are not allowed apart from during outdoor PE sessions.

Coats

The colour of the coat is parental choice, but during the winter months it should be warm and waterproof. Black fleeces with the school logo may be worn during colder weather.

Jewellery

No jewellery should be worn to school, except religious jewellery and stud earrings—**no hoop earrings please**. Stud earrings will need to be removed for PE lessons. If studs cannot be taken out, in the first six weeks after piercing, they should be taped using Micropore tape. Tape will need to be provided by parents and kept in your child's PE bag. Staff are not permitted to remove or replace earrings.

From year three children may wear an analog watch to school.

Medical bracelets

Children are permitted to wear Medic-Alert bracelets.

General Appearance

Children are expected to come to school clean and tidy. No make-up or nail varnish should be worn.

Hair

Any child with hair below collar length, must have their hair tied back for school. This reduces the risk of headlice and enables children to carry out practical tasks without hair getting in their faces. Children should not wear excessively large hair accessories. Small hairbands, clips and bows should be in the school colours of red, white, or black.

Considerate Parking Please!



We are very lucky as a school to have car parking facilities on site for parents and carers.

As our school continues to grow, there are more children, adults and vehicles than ever before on site, and we need to ensure the continued safety of our school community.

Please can we ask that anyone using the car park, and surrounding areas, adheres to the following:

1. Driving slowly and carefully in the school locality.
2. Ensuring that you are parked in between the line markings for each parking bay.
3. Parking considerately to maximise the use of space.
4. No double parking.
5. No obstructing walkways when parking.
6. No parking on grass verges.
7. Walking to and from school when you can.



Thank you for helping to keep us safe!

Able Writer's Day

On Wednesday this week, six children from Woodpecker Class travelled by minibus to Horton Kirby Primary School to take part in a special workshop with author Cliff McNish.

The children were inspired to produce some fantastic written work and we are very proud of them all!



Well done to Stanley, George, Phoebe, Kaka, Janelle and Pam! Could you be famous authors in the future?



School Values Awards

Who has been demonstrating our school values this week?



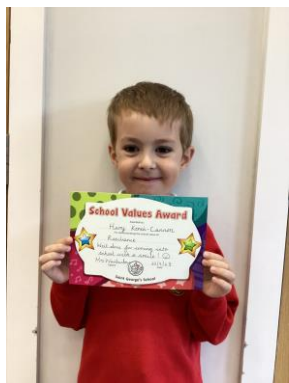
Willow for setting a great example in *stewardship* by tidying the class!



Louis for showing *stewardship* by playing nicely with his peers!



Frankie for showing *resilience* by being brave & taking on new challenges!



Harry for showing *resilience* by coming into school with a smile!



Sienna for showing *resilience* in her mature attitude to learning!



Meshach for showing *resilience* in his writing tasks this week!



Rubie for showing *resilience* by not giving up in maths!

Creativity Honesty Resilience Inclusion Stewardship Thankfulness

Our stars of the week!



Hedgehogs

Zoe for demonstrating & following the class rules!

Ladybirds

Joshua for his never-ending enthusiasm!

Badgers

Annie for always trying her best & being ready to learn!

Squirrels

Tommy for his super spellings!

Owls

Woody for his super effort & perseverance in writing!

Foxes

Jack for his fantastic work in maths & geography!

Woodpeckers

Frank for always setting such a fantastic example!