

Saint George's Church of England Primary Phase Weekly Newsletter



Term 4 – Week 1
Friday, 24th February 2023

Dear Families

Welcome back to term four, I hope you all had a lovely half term! The children have come back refreshed and eager to learn, and we have a busy and exciting term ahead of us!

Please look out for upcoming events for this term on the 'Dates for your diary' section below and contact the school office if you have any queries.

Next Thursday, 2nd March is the second strike day for teaching staff. I can inform you that after looking at staffing we are able to open. I will let you know as soon as possible if this changes.

This afternoon we had our parent voice meeting. Thank you to those parents who attended and represented parents within each year group. We will collate the minutes of the meeting and share key points with you all next week.

Have a lovely weekend! Mrs Palmer

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

*Well done to Foxes – super close to 100%!
Attendance Ted will be visiting you next week!*



Hedgehogs	90.44%
Badgers	95%
Squirrels	97.41%
Owls	96%
Foxes	99.33%

WHAT'S THE BEST DAY TO COME TO SCHOOL?
EVERY DAY!



For Information

Upcoming deadline dates for payments & return of forms

Year Group	Activity	Deadline date for payment / return of form
Year 3	2024 Residential Trip	Friday, 24 th February
Year 2	Tate Modern Trip	Wednesday, 1 st March
All years	Parent Consultations	Friday, 3 rd March
Years 3 & 4	Hysterical History Anglo-Saxon Workshop	Wednesday, 22 nd March
Year 4	2023 Residential Trip	Thursday, 30 th March

General Reminders

THIS SCHOOL IS A



Please do not send your children to school with any nuts or snacks and treats that contain nuts.



Please do not double park anywhere in the car park, outside the office, or on the pedestrian crossing.

Anyone seen double parking will be asked to move.



Please be mindful of our 5mph speed limit. There are lots of children and we need to ensure everyone's safety.

INCLUSION

This term's value is INCLUSION!

This week in school

Our first week of iRock!

25 of our primary phase children had their first taste of being in a band today, when Chris from iRock came to coach the children.

We can't wait to hear the bands perform later this term!



Wizard Stories Workshop

We were hoping to share some photos of our much-anticipated Wizard Stories Workshop. Unfortunately our storyteller had to leave early as he wasn't feeling very well. The good news is that everyone still had lots of fun. If you paid for the workshop, don't worry, you will be refunded!



World Book Day Thursday, 2nd March 2023

We are so excited for World Book Day next week and can't wait to see all the children, and staff, dressed as characters from their favourite books!

We will be taking part in lots of different activities throughout the day, and of course reading our favourite books!

Please don't spend lots of money on a costume for your child, home-made costumes, or outfits that you already have at home will be just fine!

Donated Costumes

Alternatively, we still have quite a few costumes available for you to purchase in return for a donation to the school fund. Please pop into the office if you are interested.

Pre-loved book sale

We have also received a number of pre-loved books, which we are planning to sell after school next Tuesday and Wednesday, in return for a donation to the school fund.



Usborne Book Fair

To promote reading for pleasure and to encourage our pupils to read more broadly, we are having a school book fair on Friday 3rd March.

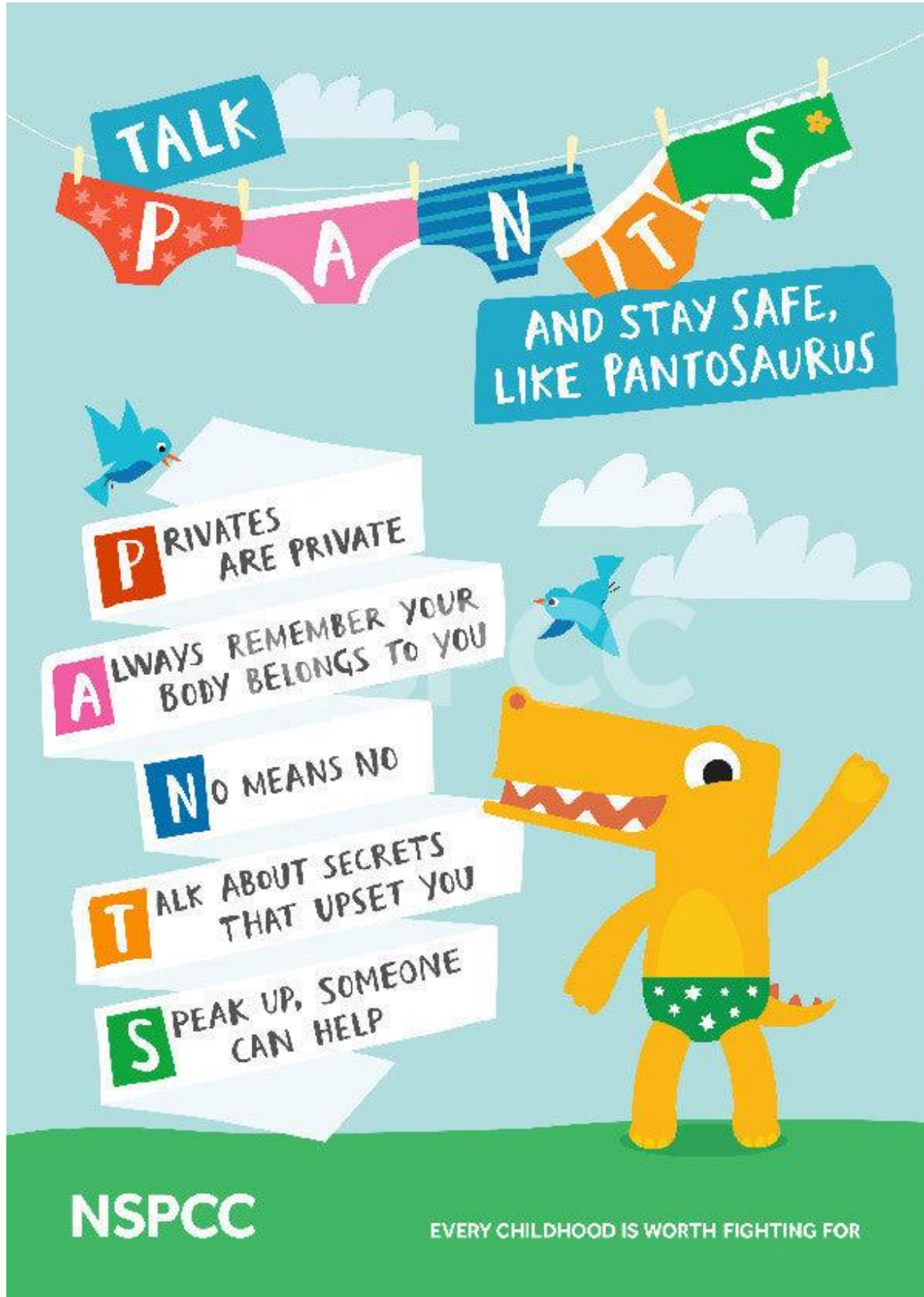
The book fair is being organised in conjunction with our local Usborne Partner, Laura Nicholls, and every book purchased will go towards brand new **FREE** books for our school.

Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total book fair sales value raised in **FREE BOOKS** to the school. So, for every £600 of books purchased, we will get £360 in FREE Usborne books for our school!

The Book Fair will run in the School Hall and will be open during school hours for pupils and at the end of Friday for parents to visit too. Pupils will be able to view the books during the day and parents can then pay by card for the chosen books when they visit after school.

Talking PANTS

Here at the Primary we use NSPCC Talking Pants to educate our children and help them feel safe. Further information, including a singalong with pantosaurus can be found at [Talking Pants](#)





Autism Awareness

Would you like to:

Understand and look at the various principles of autism and the different aspects that can be present.

Learners will discuss:

- The basic principles of autism and the different aspects
- Different expert theories and understanding of the spectrum
- The diagnosis process and how to go about it
- Behaviour management, support and coping strategies

Venue: :Saint Georges Church of England Primary, Westcott Avenue, Gravesend DA11 7HP

Dates: 1st, 8th 15th and 22nd March 2023

Time 09:30

To book a place please email SEND@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk

We want you to enjoy learning with us. To help us provide the best possible experience for you, please let us know if you or your child have any disabilities or particular support needs.

**FREE, fun &
informal courses**

School Values Awards

Who has been demonstrating our school values this week?



Abigail for showing *stewardship* by being kind & praising others!



Maira for showing *thankfulness* by always having amazing manners!



Lois for showing *inclusion* and kindness to all of her classmates!



Phoebe for showing *resilience* by staying focused

Creativity

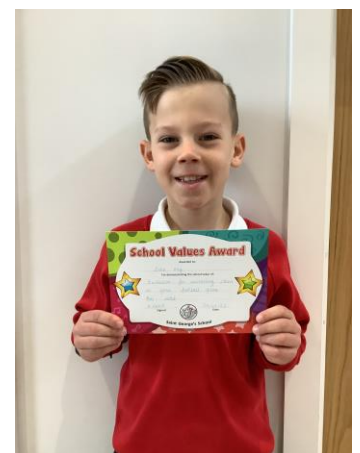
Honesty

Resilience

Inclusion

Stewardship

Thankfulness



Evan for showing *inclusion* by working with all of his team mates at football club!

Our stars of the week!



Hedgehogs

Brody for being brilliant in maths!

Badgers

Issy for being so brave coming into school every day and trying so hard!

Squirrels

Emily for her fantastic independent writing!

Owls

Josh for his fantastic effort in maths and English!

Foxes

Afiq for participating well in all lessons!

Dates for your Diary: Term 4

Term 4	
Monday 20th February 2023	First day of term 4
Monday 27 th February 2023	Book Week
Monday 27 th February 2023	Fire Brigade Visit
Thursday 2 nd March 2023	World Book Day – Children to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book
Friday 3 rd March 2023	Book Fair – see information in this newsletter
Monday 13 th March 2023	Science Week
Monday 13 th March 2023	Visit from FizzPop Science
Wednesday 15 th March 2023	Mother's Day Gift Shop – see letter sent 03/02/23
Thursday 16 th March 2023	Mother's Day Gift Shop – see letter sent 03/02/23
Friday 17 th March 2023	Mother's Day Activity Hour – see timetable below
Monday 20 th March 2023	Trust Development Day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 22 nd March 2023	Visit from author of 'I want to go to space' – further information to follow
Wednesday 22 nd March 2023	Parent Consultations – see letter sent 20/02/23
Thursday 23 rd March 2023	Parent Consultations – see letter sent 20/02/23
Friday 24 th March 2023	Badger Class Worship 9.15am – Parents invited to attend
Wednesday 29 th March 2023	Year 3 & 4 Anglo-Saxon Workshop – see email sent 02/02/23
Wednesday 29 th March 2023	Year 4 Kingswood Residential Trip Meeting for parents 6.00pm
Thursday 30 th March 2023	Last day of term 4 – Finish at 1.15pm
Thursday 30 th March 2023	Deadline for Year 4 Kingswood Residential Trip Payment
Friday 31 st March 2023	Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils



We look forward to seeing our lovely mums (or nannies, aunties, childminders) on Friday, 17th March at the times listed opposite!



Year Group	Activity Hour Start Time
R – Hedgehogs	9.00am
1 – Badgers	10.00am
4 – Foxes	11.00am
2 – Squirrels	1.00pm
3 – Owls	2.00pm