

# Saint George's Church of England Primary Phase Weekly Newsletter



Term 5 – Week 1

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Dear Families,

I would like to wish you a warm welcome back to Term Five! I hope you all had a fabulous Easter break and are looking forward to the term ahead. All of the children have settled back in to school extremely well and the week has been full of new learning and exciting activities such as our author visit today and the Saint George's Day Parade.

There are two teacher strike days planned over the next two weeks; the first next Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and the second on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Currently the school will be open to all of our children, with adults within school supporting each class on these days. If these plans change we will let you know as soon as possible.

I am sure lots of you have heard already that I got married over the Easter holidays. Thank you for the warm wishes and congratulations that I have already received. I will be using my new married name in school which the children have already been remembering very well, even though it is very new and strange for some! I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Taylor

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

*Well done to Foxes!*

*Attendance Ted will be visiting you next week!*



Hedgehogs	96.67%
Badgers	98.67%
Squirrels	97.42%
Owls	96.99%
<b>Foxes</b>	<b>99.35%</b>

WHAT'S THE BEST DAY TO COME TO SCHOOL?

**EVERY DAY!**



## For Information

### Term 4 Winning Community



Congratulations to our **Red Community Rochester**, who collected the most points in Term 4. They will be meeting with Mrs Taylor shortly to choose their reward!

### Value this term



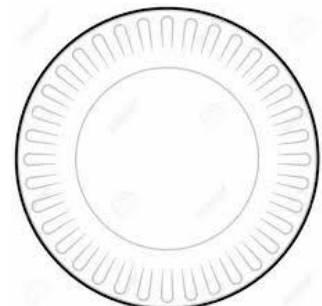
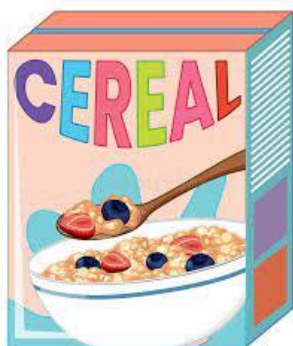
As you know, we focus on a school value each term. This term our value is **Stewardship**.

### Cardboard Boxes and Tubes for Hedgehog Class!



Please can we ask for donations of cardboard tubes, paper plates and cardboard boxes as Hedgehog class will be designing and making their own marble runs this term!

We can't wait to see their creations!





## For Information

### Class WhatsApp Groups



We are aware that most classes have parent WhatsApp groups and whilst they can be a fantastic way of communicating with other parents, the subject matter discussed can sometimes make other parents feel uncomfortable. Please can we ask that any concerns regarding children and behaviour are discussed with the class teacher, and not on the class WhatsApp group. Thank you for your support!

### Parking at Drop-Off and Collection

You may have noticed that a member of the Primary Team has been patrolling the car park at pick-up this week. We want to ensure that everyone using the car park is parking in the bays, rather than blocking the walkways, zebra crossings or other cars. If an area is not marked as a parking bay, please do not park there, as you will be asked to move.



### Trading Cards

Please can we ask that children do not bring Match Attax cards or any such Trading Cards into school. They are causing unnecessary distraction & disagreements!

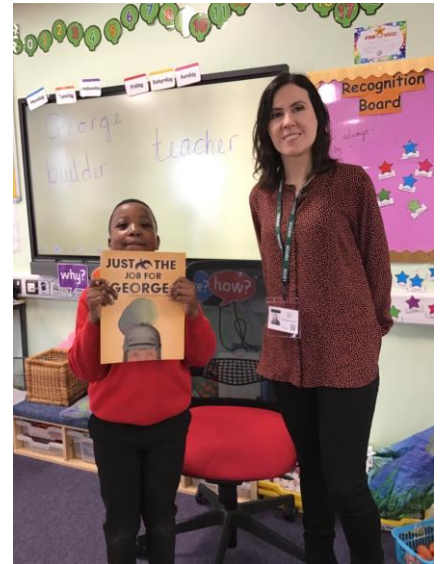


### Air-Up Pods

Lots of children are now bringing the air-up water bottles to school. They are very keen to taste different flavour pods & have started to swap pods with each other. Please can you remind your child that they should not be doing this, as it means that they are also sharing germs!

# This week in school

## Author Workshop



To celebrate St George's Day Chantalle Edmunds, author of 'Just the Job for George' visited the Primary today to deliver workshops for children in Years R-2. George was brought to life for the children as Chantalle talked about her book, which imagines what other jobs St George could have done if there weren't any dragons left to fight! The children were encouraged to write and draw their own ideas for George. We loved Maira and Archie's ideas of George as a ballet teacher or ice hockey player!

## Saint George's Day Parade



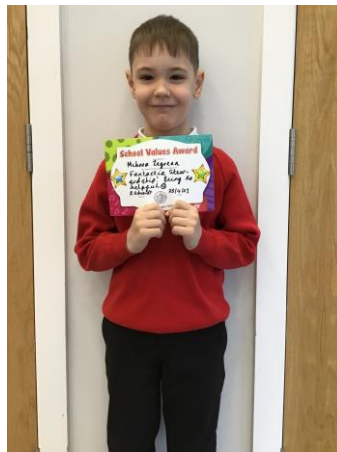
Years 3 and 4 braved the wet weather and took part in the Saint George's Day Parade through Gravesend Town Centre. Luckily the rain didn't spoil the atmosphere, and a fun time was had by all!

# School Values Awards

Who has been demonstrating our school values this week?



**Jayden** for showing *creativity* by making a fantastic rollercoaster outside!



**Mihnea** for showing *stewardship* by always being so helpful!



**Woody** for showing *resilience* in his English lessons and independent work!



**Aanya** for showing *stewardship* by working well with others and building *resilience*!

**Creativity**

**Honesty**

**Resilience**

**Inclusion**

**Stewardship**

**Thankfulness**



**Janelle** for showing *inclusion* by being a great friend & fantastic shoulder partner!

# Our stars of the week!



**Hedgehogs**

**Matilda** for helping her friends and starting a brilliant game of the floor is lava!

**Badgers**

**Alice** for her amazing writing about koalas!

**Squirrels**

**Stella** for her fantastic discussions about art and artists!

**Owls**

**Isaiah** for settling into his new class so well!

**Foxes**

**Alex** for a fantastic effort with his writing!

# Dates for your Diary: Term 5

Term 5	
Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> April	School Council visit to Halling Primary School
Tuesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3 Trip to Kent Life (see letter sent 15 <sup>th</sup> March)
Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Teacher Strike (school planning to be open)
Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Teacher Strike (school planning to be open)
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> May	King's Coronation Day (further information to follow)
Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year R Vision Screening (only for those who have opted in)
Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> – Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Residential Trip to Grosvenor Hall
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Owl Class Worship – 9.15am (Owl class parents invited to attend)
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photos for all Year Groups
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Trip to Shorne Country Park (see letter sent 30 <sup>th</sup> March)
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Year R Hearing Screening (only for those who have opted in since first screening)
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Trust Storytelling Event (further information to follow)
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term 5. School finishes at 3.10pm.
Term 6	
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June	First day of term 6!



*Good Luck for tomorrow to all our mini London Marathon runners!*