

Saint George's Church of England Primary Phase Weekly Newsletter



Term 2 – Week 4

Friday, 25th November 2022

Dear Families,

The children in years one to four have been working really hard this week completing their 'special booklets' as part of our Assessment Week and we are all very proud of how hard they have worked. Well done everyone! Thank you to the parent representatives who attended the parent voice meeting yesterday. It is always good to hear parent's ideas and to work together as a community to drive our school forward. At the end of last year we asked for your Saint George's Primary Phase 'hearts and wishes'. These were thoughts about the things you love about our school and things you would like to improve. Over the next few weeks, we will share these in our newsletters and how we are going to try to fulfil your wishes.

Hearts – "I like that there are lots of after school clubs" "I love the playground and my friends." "I love the community feel between children, parents and staff" "I love that the school is clean and welcoming"

Wishes – "I would like more school trips for the children" What have we done? We have created a yearly overview for trips and each year group will take place in a school trip linked to their learning, this is being funded by the SGPA. We are continually looking at enrichment opportunities for the children that would be cheaper than a trip such as visitors to the school. Last term we thoroughly enjoyed our dance enrichment from Urban Strides.

"It would be lovely to have more musical instrument lessons" What have we done? From year three, all children will learn to play the recorder. We are also looking at the offer of private music lessons to our pupils.

We look forward to seeing those of you who are attending the Mayor's advent service at Saint George's church this Sunday. Please arrive between 3.20 and 3.30pm and we will congregate outside the church. Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Palmer

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Well done Owls – Attendance Ted will be visiting you next week!

Hedgehogs	85.33%
Badgers	90.67%
Squirrels	95.16%
Owls	96.67%
Foxes	95.33%



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

Updates from Last Week

Festival of Light Parade

You may remember reading about the lantern making workshop that our Owls and Foxes took part in a few weeks ago. Last Friday the children took their lanterns to Gravesend Town Centre to take part in the Festival of Light Parade. It was a magical evening filled with music, dancing and even snow!



You can see more photos and the official video at the links below

<https://youtu.be/vXscVC8KBYU>

<https://www.cohesionplus.com/gravesham-festival-of-christmas-lights-back-with-a-festive-bang/>



Children in Need Total

Thank you so much for supporting us with our Children in Need fundraising last week. We raised a FANTASTIC - £290.35!

Well done everyone!

This week in school



Road Safety Day

This week started with Road Safety Day. The children had a special worship and talked about how to keep safe on the roads. Here are some ideas for you to try at home!



Sing, listen, learn

Invent new verses to Wheels on the bus, such as "The children and the grown-ups all hold hands, all hold hands, all hold hands".



Red means stop, Green means go!

Talk about road safety at snack or meal time with traffic light fruit. Strawberries, satsumas and kiwis do the trick and can be lined up to look like red, amber and green lights. This is a great way to teach children that red means stop. hand.

Activity Sheets Older children may enjoy completing the following activity sheet – [Road Safety Worksheet](#)

Fox Class Worship

Our Year 4s were very excited to welcome their parents into school this morning for their class worship. The children shared photos and stories about their recent trip to Rainham Marshes and finished with a brilliant, and incredibly catchy, song!

Each class will have their own worship that parents are invited to attend. Please keep your eye on the dates for the diary section to see when yours is!





For Information



This Christmas

As we near the end of November and the start of the festive season, we know that some of you may be thinking about 'thank you Christmas' gifts for staff. Whilst we are always really grateful for your kind generosity, we know that so many people are struggling this year and we want you to know that we do not expect presents! Our job is a pleasure, and watching the children learn and flourish is a privilege.

Although there is no expectation, we realise that you, or your children, may want to give something to a member of teaching staff. Instead of a gift for us this year, perhaps you might consider donating to 'The Community Cupboard', a charity which provides food and support to the local community. This is of course down to parental choice.

If this is something you would like to do, The Community Cupboard would be extremely grateful for any food donations, as well as toiletry items. Maybe you would prefer to donate a Christmas present? If so, please can we ask that it is wrapped and labelled with the age and gender of the child the gift is suitable for. They would also appreciate gifts for adults and ask that they are wrapped and labelled with the gender that the gift is suitable for. The children and staff will put any gifts under our Christmas tree until they are collected by members of The Community Cupboard Team.

All donations and gifts will be collected by the Team on Friday, 16th December and will then be handed out to the families they work with in time for Christmas.



The Community Cupboard provides food and grocery support and are able to signpost individuals & families to local agencies and support systems. If you, or anyone you know, are struggling, please go to -

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



For Information



Bauble Competition



Our Sixth Formers were keen to raise money for charity this Christmas and have also decided to support The Community Cupboard. They thought that a fun way of doing this would be to create a competition for our Primary Phase. On Monday they will send home a letter with a template for children to design their very own Christmas bauble!

The competition costs £1 to enter and the Sixth Formers will be counting the money and choosing the winners!



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

Christmas Jumper Sale!

We will be having our Christmas Jumper day on **Friday, 9th December** when all children can come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper instead of their school jumper or cardigan. Christmas Jumper day is in support of the charity Save the Children. In return for wearing the jumper you can choose to donate at our JustGiving page - [SGS Christmas Jumper Day](#)

If you have any jumpers that your children have grown out of and you are not sure what to do with them – we would gladly accept them! We are planning to hold a Christmas Jumper sale on **Friday, 2nd December**, where you can pick up a pre-loved jumper in return for whatever donation you can afford to give. Any proceeds will be donated to Save the Children.

Make the world better, wear a sweater!





For Information



You may remember that the community that collected most points last term was our **Green Community, Salisbury!**

They have met with Mrs Palmer and have decided that their prize is a trip to Woodlands Park on the morning of Thursday, 15th December.

Reminders

THIS SCHOOL IS A



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



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



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.



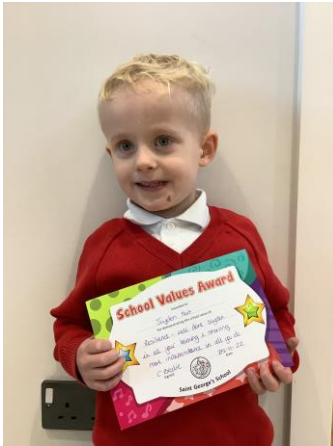
Please do not allow your children to bring toys or football cards into school with them!

Primary Staff Briefings

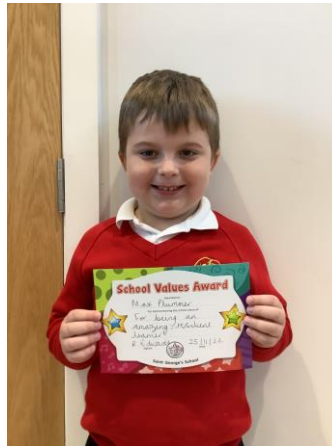
Please be aware that that all Primary Staff meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.15am – 8.30am meaning that the office will be unmanned during this time!

School Values Awards

Who has been demonstrating our school values this week?



Jayden for showing *resilience* in his learning and showing more independence in everything!



Max for showing *resilience* in his amazing learning!

Creativity

Honesty

Resilience

Inclusion

Stewardship

Thankfulness



Amelia-Rose for showing *creativity* in her beautiful leaf study drawing!



Jayan for showing *inclusivity* by always working well with his peers & being a super role model!



Artem for showing *resilience* in his learning and thinking about his work!

Our stars of the week!



Hedgehogs

Millie for being amazing in all she does!

Badgers

The Whole Class for doing so well in their assessments!

Squirrels

Fjion for her fantastic singing in choir!

Owls

Isla-Rose for showing perseverance across her learning!

Foxes

Phoebe for fantastic effort in her writing!



Dates for your Diary: Term 2

Term 2	
Sunday 27 th November	Mayor's Carol Service at Saint George's Church, Choir & Vocal Training Group only
Friday 2 nd December	Non-Uniform Day – bottle & chocolate donations for Christmas Fayre
Friday 2 nd December	Year R 2023 Open Morning – fully booked!
Monday 5 th December	Year R 2023 Open Morning (Contact Primary Office to book a place)
Monday 5 th December	Carol Service at St Mary's Church (see letter dated 22 November, sent to choir & vocal training group only)
Tuesday 6 th December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal at 1.45pm – parents bringing younger siblings to watch this performance
Wednesday 7 th December	Nativity Performance at 1.45pm – Hedgehogs and Badgers parents invited
Thursday 8 th December	Nativity Performance at 1.45pm – Hedgehogs and Badgers parents invited
Friday 9 th December	Christmas Jumper Day – See information included in this newsletter
Friday 9 th December	Santa's Grotto organised by the SGPA
Monday 12 th December	Whole School Trip to Pantomime at Woodville Halls (see letter dated 4 th October)
Tuesday 13 th December	Christmas Carol Concert at 2pm – Squirrels, Owls and Foxes parents invited
Wednesday 14 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 15 th December	Green/Salisbury Community trip to Woodlands Park
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas Fayre after school, organised by the SGPA
Friday 16 th December	Last day of term 2 – finish at 1.15pm After School Club until 3.00pm (must be pre-booked)

Don't forget! Next Friday is non-uniform day. Children may wear their own clothes in return for a bottle or chocolate donation for our Christmas Fayre!