

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



Term 3 – Week 5  
Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

Dear Families

We have had a lovely week in school this week and the children have been enjoying the brighter weather. Thank you for your support on Wednesday when some of our staff were striking. The children enjoyed their non-curriculum day in school and all worked very hard, they particularly enjoyed watching the secondary phase performance of 'The Twits' in the afternoon.

Year 4 have nearly completed their first term of swimming lessons. All of the children are making good progress and are really enjoying taking part in these lessons with their friends.

Next week York Community (yellow team) are looking forward to their trip to the park as their reward for achieving the most community points last term. I wonder who the winning team will be this term?

Children's Mental Health week is next week and the children will be carrying out lots of learning and activities around this theme, finishing with 'Love yourself day' on Friday.

Wishing you all a great weekend!

Mrs Palmer

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

*Well done to Squirrels – Attendance Ted will be visiting you next week!*



Hedgehogs	93.33%
Badgers	97%
Squirrels	99.35%
Owls	99%
Foxes	95.67%

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



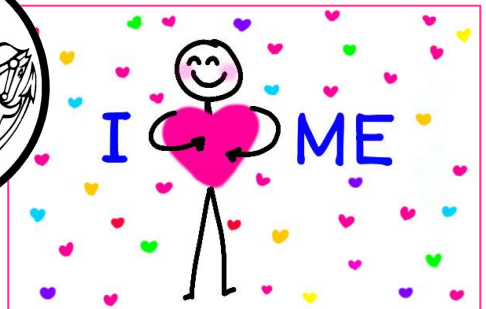
# For Information



**Mother's Day Activities, 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
To celebrate Mother's Day, we would like to invite all of our lovely mums into school on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March for a Mother's Day activity hour. You and your children can complete some Mother's day craft and share tea and cake together.

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

**Saint George's Parents Association**  
**'Love Yourself Non-Uniform Day'**  
**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February - £1.00**



Just a reminder that we are having a *'Love Yourself'* non-uniform day next Friday - 10<sup>th</sup> February. Children can wear anything that they 'love to wear' and feel comfortable in (provided that it's suitable for school of course!) We are asking for a £1.00 donation in return for wearing non-uniform, which can be paid via the Arbor shop. You will be able to find it listed under 'Primary Love Yourself Non Uniform Day' and once it is live we will let you know.



# This week in school

## Year 4 Making Bird Feeders

Fox Class enjoyed learning about birds on Wednesday! They used lard, bird seeds, mealworms and bread to make their bird feeders, along with cheerios and string! The children then took their finished feeders to Forest School and hung them up ready for the birds to enjoy!





# iRock @ The Primary

The Primary were treated to a very special musical performance today! Rory from iRock played various different musical instruments for all of our children and sang some of their favourite songs!

He then formed a mini rock band with four volunteers, who performed 'We Will Rock You' for everyone.

If your child enjoyed the visit from iRock and would like to take part – please see the flyer below for information on how to sign up!



# iRock @ The Primary

WOULD YOUR CHILD  
LIKE TO JOIN THEIR  
OWN ROCK BAND?



Register your interest today!

visit [www.irockschool.com](http://www.irockschool.com) or call 0330 174 2655

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Today your child got to experience a taste of what it's like to be in a rock & pop band! This letter will tell you how your child could experience being in a band every week by a visiting iRock teacher. Depending on interest, our weekly in-school rock & pop band sessions could be starting at your school very soon!

Our band lessons are not only fun but they can massively help develop your child's life skills: boosting confidence, supporting wellbeing, developing social skills and even helping to improve their academic performance.

#### How it works:

- There is no experience necessary to join and all of the instruments are provided by iRock.
- Your child can choose from drums, keyboard, electric guitar or vocals (subject to availability). They'll play the same instrument every week and join their band mates in 30 minute weekly lessons.
- Lessons are held during the school day and are led by one of our experienced band coaches who will guide your child through every session.
- Lessons are available from Reception to Year 6 with children grouped by age. Children choose their band name and learn their favourite songs.
- The band sessions build towards a concert at the end of each term, a great way to show you just how far they have come.
- **\*NEW\*** Your child can achieve a brand new music qualification, regulated by RSL awards. More information about our new qualification coming soon!

The highlight of your child's week for £35.95 a month (no payment in August). Our iRock subscription is designed to give parents full flexibility rather than having to commit to a whole year or term. The subscription guarantees a minimum lesson quota of 33 lessons in each academic year.

You can register your child's interest today by visiting [www.irockschool.com](http://www.irockschool.com), email [info@irockschool.com](mailto:info@irockschool.com) or call **0330 174 2655**. Places are offered on a first come first serve basis.

Kind regards,

Joshua Franklin  
Founder



I haven't seen our child this inspired for a long time. His dad and I are very impressed and this is really helping his confidence!

PROUD PARENT



REGISTER  
NOW!







## For Information



Saint George's Primary has signed up for **The Big Battery Hunt!** This is a nationwide battery recycling programme for schools funded by Duracell. Its aim is to increase the number of batteries currently being recycled in the UK. **You can pick up a special Big Battery Hunt recycling box from the school office** and then start filling it with old batteries (AAA, AA, C and D batteries only).

Once you have collected as many batteries as possible, count them up and write the number you have collected on the top of the box. Then simply drop the box back to the school office.

The school that collects the most batteries before the 23<sup>rd</sup> June will win £3,500 towards garden and outdoor equipment!

**Let the Big Battery Hunt commence!**

Each year about 600 million batteries are thrown away!

More than 20,000 tonnes of batteries end up in landfill sites!

It can take 100 years for a battery to decompose & they can leak harmful chemicals into the soil.

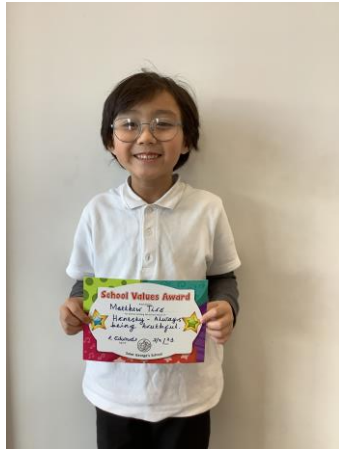
So instead of throwing your batteries away – why not recycle them!

# School Values Awards

Who has been demonstrating our school values this week?



**Evie** for showing *stewardship* by always helping her friends with their work!



**Matthew** for showing *honesty* by always being truthful!

**C**reativity

**H**onesty

**R**esilience

**I**nclusion

**S**tewardship



**Luna** for showing *stewardship* by washing up the paintbrushes after art!



**Emerson** for showing *resilience* by working so well with his partner during input!

**T**hankfulness



**Kaka** for showing *stewardship* by always working super hard and helping others!

# Our stars of the week!



**Hedgehogs**

**Jayden** for his fantastic work in maths!

**Badgers**

**Ella** for her amazing 'time' work!

**Squirrels**

**Samuel** for his fantastic listening skills and wonderful manners!

**Owls**

**Elsie** for her super participation and learning across her learning!

**Foxes**

**Marnie** for working super-hard and being a superstar!



# Dates for your Diary: Terms 3 & 4

<b>Term 3</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	York Community trip to Woodlands Park – don't forget your child's coat!
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Love yourself, non-uniform day! See information in this newsletter
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Last day of term 3 – Finish at 3.10pm
<b>Term 4</b>	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	First day of term 4
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Wizard Stories Event – see email sent 31/01/23
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Parent Voice Meeting 2pm
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Book Week
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Fire Brigade Visit
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2023	World Book Day – Children to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023	Book Fair – further information to follow
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Science Week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Mother's Day Activity Hour – see information in this newsletter
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Trust Development Day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parent Consultations – further information to follow
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parent Consultations – further information to follow
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Badger Class Worship 9.15am – Parents invited to attend
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Year 3 & 4 Anglo-Saxon Workshop – see email sent 02/02/23
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Year 4 Kingswood Residential Trip Meeting for parents 6.00pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Last day of term 4 – Finish at 1.15pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	<b>Deadline for Year 4 Kingswood Residential Trip Payment</b>
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	<b>Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils</b>

**Thank You!**

Hedgehog Class would like to say a HUGE thank you for the donations they have received for their classroom and outdoor area. They are busy sorting through everything and are very much looking forward to putting these to good use next term.