



Saint George's Church of England Primary Phase



Fox Class 2022/23



Hello and a very warm welcome to Fox Class at
Saint George's Church of England Primary Phase!

Our aim is to continue to create happy, independent and confident learners who look forward to coming to school and enjoy challenging themselves! Parents and children can often be apprehensive when starting a new school year, but we at Saint George's will continue to ensure that children are well cared for and that the ongoing relationships children build with both their peers and adults in school enable them to feel safe, secure and ready to learn.

The following adults will be working with your child during their time in Year 4:

Class Teacher: **Miss Hazel**

Teaching Assistant: **Miss Konstantinov (Miss K)**



Transition from Year 3 to Year 4

Children will continue their journey from Year 3 by providing them with a smooth transition with minimal disruption. This will help them to simply continue their fantastic learning from where they left off in Year 3. They will have many opportunities for increased independence and responsibilities in Year 4 and all children will have the opportunity to be a classroom or worship monitor throughout the year.

The beginning of the school day

The school gate will be opened by a member of staff at 8.35am and closed at 8.50am and you will continue to walk your child directly to the classroom door. Please encourage your child to take responsibility for carrying their own bags into school.

If children have been to Breakfast Club, they will be brought to the classroom by a member of the Breakfast Club team.

Once the school gate is closed at 8.50am, any late children should be taken to the school office where they will need to be signed in late.

The end of the school day

As you are aware, the school day ends at 3.10pm. A member of staff will open the school gate onto the playground and you will collect your child from the classroom door. All adults collecting your child will continue to need a keyring pass before they can access the school. If you have lost any of your keyrings, please contact the school office for replacements. No child will be allowed to leave school until a designated adult is there to collect them. If somebody different is collecting your child from school, please let the office know or write a note in your child's contact book and a temporary pass will be allocated. Please see the school office on arrival to collect the pass. Any children attending After School Club, will be taken to the club by a member of the Year 4 team.



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If you wish to discuss a matter concerning your child, please can you do so after school rather than in the morning, or during our **weekly Open-Door session, held every Friday.**

Daily Routine

Once your child has entered school and independently sorted their belongings, they will carry out an early morning task. This will be linked to Maths or literacy skills that the children have been learning. The morning will begin with Collective Worship followed by a spelling session and then an English session. After playtime there will be a Maths session followed by a reading session.

During the afternoon, children will carry out two hours of predominately Foundation Subject Learning such as Science, History, Geography, Music, Art, Design and Technology, Computing, PE and RE.

You will need to pay for milk if you wish for your child to have it, using the website <http://www.coolmilk.com>.

Your child will need to bring a bottle of water into school each day. This can be refilled in school as needed throughout the day. Please ensure your child's water bottle is named. Your child will have access to their water throughout the day as needed. Please do not put water bottles in book bags as they tend to leak.

Please continue to provide your child with a piece of fruit for snack time.

School Meals

You can of course choose to send your child in with a packed lunch. Please send all packed lunches in a clearly named lunchbox so they are not misplaced. If your child is having a packed lunch, please ensure you provide them with a healthy and nutritious choice of food, avoiding any fizzy drinks. Please also be aware that we are a nut-free school.

In addition to universal free school meals, if your family is in receipt of certain benefits, you are also eligible to apply for free school meals/pupil premium



funding via the Kent County Council website

(<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>).

This funding is available from the government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the qualifying benefits and means that we receive a payment of **£1320** per year for our school to fund valuable support like extra tuition and additional teaching staff. If you cannot access the online form, please contact the school office.

Reading

We will be introducing Accelerated Reader to our school over the next couple of weeks and more information will be shared with you in due course. It is still very important that children continue to listen to a wide range of stories to develop their language and reading skills.

When your child reads their allocated school reading book please date and comment in their yellow reading record book. Children are expected to read at home on at least five different days each week in order for their fluency, comprehension and vocabulary to develop at a desirable pace.

Please ensure your child has their reading book and reading record book as well as their contact book, in school **every day!**

Computing

In Year 4 they will be learning how to apply their knowledge and understanding of networks, to appreciate the internet as a network of networks which need to be kept secure. They will identify the input device (microphone) and output devices (speaker or headphones) required to work with sound digitally. Pupils will create programs by planning, modifying, and testing commands to create shapes and patterns. Pupils will consider how and why data is collected over time. Pupils will consider the senses that humans use to experience the environment and how computers can use special input devices called sensors to monitor the environment. Learners will develop their understanding of how digital images can be changed and edited, and how they can then be resaved and reused. They will



consider the impact that editing images can have and evaluate the effectiveness of their choices. They will explore the concept of repetition in programming using the Scratch environment. Their final project will be to design and create a game which uses repetition, applying stages of programming design throughout.

P.E

Every week your child will continue to have two timetabled PE sessions which will continue to include team games, dance and gymnastics. During the Autumn and Spring Term, PE sessions will take place indoors and in the Summer Term we will mainly be outside for PE. Please ensure your child always has their PE kit in school and that **every** item in their PE kit is named. It will be sent home at the end of each term to be washed and then please return it at the beginning of the next term. Please ensure earrings are removed or covered with tape before coming to school on PE days. Fox Class PE days are **Mondays and Tuesdays**.

Forest School

In Year 4, children will continue to take part in weekly forest school sessions, so it is very important that they have the following **named** items in school;

- Waterproof all in one suit
- Pair of wellington boots
- Warm coat, hat and gloves for cold weather
- Light waterproof jacket for warm weather
- Sun hat for hot weather

Fox's Forest School Day is Friday.

Music

In Year 4 all pupils receive a whole class 30-minute recorder lesson alongside an additional 30-minute whole class music lesson covering listening skills, performance and composition. The children will be provided with a school recorder for their lessons.



Homework

At Saint George's Church of England Primary Phase we feel that children's home work should be fairly flexible, therefore more able to fit in with busy family lives, whilst at the same time, developing parental links with school and their child's learning.

Our home learning will be as follows:

- Each term children will bring home a termly homework grid made up of six activities.
- We encourage families to support pupils to complete at least one task a week.
- The pupils will continue to use a homework book to complete their work. Children will be praised and acknowledged for their home learning efforts.
- There will be practical and creative ideas too, which can be brought into school, shared with each other and displayed in class.
- **All pupils are expected to read at home on a daily basis** – please record reading in children's reading record books on each day that you read with them. Encourage your child not to rush through their books too quickly and to take time to read and talk about their books to enhance language and comprehension skills.

Behaviour

All children are expected to show positive behaviour. Together, they will create a set of classroom rules which we expect the children to follow. These will include things such as: no running in the classroom, using kind hands and feet, saying kind words, etc. We will reward children for demonstrating things such as sharing and turn taking, respect, resilience, inclusion and trying their best. We also have class rewards where we celebrate whole class achievements. Reward points will continue to be issued using Class Dojo. At Saint George's Church of England Primary Phase, we focus on positive behavior-management.



Playtime

Children will have access to the school playground at morning break time and lunch time. They will have access to a variety of outdoor games and equipment to play with at lunch time. There is daily access for all children at Quiet Club run by Miss Parker and Library club run by Mrs. Palmer. In addition to this, children attend the specific clubs they have signed up for. We do expect children to attend regularly each week to a club they have signed up for and registers are taken to monitor this.

Accidents

Unfortunately, accidents do happen within school no matter how careful or safety conscious we are.

If your child does have an accident during the day, an accident form will be sent home the same day detailing the accident, time of accident as well as any treatment carried out. Any bumps or injuries **of a serious nature** will result in the parents/carers being notified immediately.

Please ensure all emergency telephone numbers are updated regularly in the school office. If your child is unwell, we will want to get hold of you quickly and easily.

Open door/parental support

We will continue to hold weekly Open-Door sessions where you will have the opportunity to come into the classroom, look at your child's work, speak with staff, input into our parent voice display. These sessions will take place on a Friday.

Here at Saint George's Primary Phase, we always welcome parental help and there will be regular opportunities to spend time with your child in school. Information of these events will be sent home with your child. If any parents would like to help out in class on a regular basis, please speak to Miss Hazel.



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We hope this information has answered some of your questions and provided you with an insight into Fox Class! If you ever have any worries or concerns, however small or silly they may seem, please speak with Miss Hazel.

We look forward to developing positive and productive relationships with you during your child's time in Year 4 as we continue on your child's journey through Key Stage Two and beyond!

Warmest wishes

Miss Hazel and Miss Konstantinov

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2022-2023 Term Dates for Primary and Secondary Phase.

Term	Start	Finish	Bank holidays which fall within the term
Term 1	Thursday 1 st September 2022	Thursday 20 th October 2022	
Term 2	Wednesday 2 nd November 2022	Friday 16 th December 2022	
Term 3	Wednesday 4 th January 2023	Friday 10 th February 2023	
Term 4	Monday 20 th February 2023	Friday 31 st March 2023	
Term 5	Tuesday 18 th April 2023	Friday 26 th May 2023	Monday 1 st May 2023
Term 6	Monday 5 th June 2023	Friday 21 st July 2023	



Development Days (School closed to pupils. Dates correct as at 27th June 2022)

Friday 30th September 2022

Tuesday 1st November 2022

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 20th March 2023 (Trust Day)

Monday 17th April 2023

Monday 3rd July 2023