

Saint George's Church of England Primary Phase Weekly Newsletter



Term 2 Week 5

Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Families,

We are in full swing in the run up to Christmas at Saint George's Primary Phase! The children are busy preparing for their upcoming nativity plays and carol concerts and we cannot wait to share all of our hard work with you over the next few weeks. I am sure you have been hearing lots of Christmas songs being practised at home too! Please ensure your child is coming to school with a coat each day along with a hat and gloves as the weather turns much colder.

As we approach the last few weeks of term two, please can I remind parents and carers the importance of being on time for school each day. Our gates open at 8.35am and close at 8.50am. This gives the children a good window to get into school and prepare for their day ahead, with early morning work and registration planned for. We have noticed that several children are arriving after 8.50am and are therefore late. Please make sure you leave enough time to park and walk your child to school in the morning and that your child is through the gate by 8.50am. From Monday, anyone arriving after 8.50am will be directed to the school office to sign your child in late and we will be monitoring lateness closely, addressing any persistent late comers. It is extremely important your child is on time to school, so they are ready and prepared for their day of learning ahead of them. I thank you for your support in ensuring all of our children arrive to school on time.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Taylor

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK Well done to Foxes!

Hedgehogs	95.67%
Ladybirds	96.67%
Badgers	94.84%
Squirrels	94.84%
Owls	98%
Foxes	98.71%
Woodpeckers	98.06%

Inspiring Girls Workshop

Our year 3, 4 and 5 girls took part in an 'Inspiring Girls, Bright Sparks' Workshop on Monday. They talked about famous inspiring women past and present, such as Frida Kahlo and Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock and what makes them so inspiring.



The girls were then encouraged to think about their own special talents, or 'bright sparks' and how they could use them to be anything they want to be!

Careers Fair

There was further inspiration for our year 3, 4 and 5 children on Thursday, when they went to a careers fair over at the Secondary Phase. The children spoke with lots of exhibitors from different industries to get an insight into working life and possible future careers!



Supporting The Community Cupboard this Christmas



It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas here at the Primary and we have lots of exciting events and activities to look forward to!

Over the next few weeks at school, as well as enjoying the excitement and magic of Christmas, we will also be thinking about those less fortunate than us.

As you are aware, we supported The Community Cupboard back in October, when we collected donations for them as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations. We have decided to support them once again for Christmas. They are now supporting more families than ever before and are in desperate need of food and toiletry donations.

If you would like to donate any items, please hand them in to the school office or your class teacher by Friday, 15th December.

We will also be taking coat donations for The Community Cupboard. If you have any warm coats that you or your children no longer use, please drop them off at the school office and The Community Cupboard team will make sure that they are passed on to those in need of them.

Whilst we appreciate your continued support and generosity, we know that many families are currently struggling financially. Please only donate items if you are in a position to do so.



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/>

Christmas Jumper Day Friday, 8th December



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

As you will have seen in the 'Dates for Your Diary' section, we will be having our Christmas Jumper day on **Friday, 8th December** and 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 their jumper, the children can put a suggested donation of £1.00 into our collection buckets on Friday morning.



Pre-loved Christmas Jumpers

If you have any Christmas jumpers that your children have grown out of, or no longer like, please donate them to our pre-loved Christmas jumper collection! All of next week there will be a rail in the office reception, where you can pick up a pre-loved jumper in return for whatever donation you can afford to give.

Make the world better, wear a sweater!



School Christmas Lunch

Friday, 8th December is also the date for our School Christmas Lunch!

Children can choose from turkey with all the trimmings or a veggie parcel, followed by a mince pie or a chocolate muffin. They can of course choose to have their packed lunch as usual if they prefer. There is no need to pre-order, the children can let their teacher know on the day what they would like to have. School Christmas lunches for children in Year 3 and above will be charged at £2.40 as normal.

School Values Awards

Who has been demonstrating our school values this week?



Albie for showing *stewardship* by helping around the classroom without being asked!



Nola for showing *creativity* in her fantastic story writing using her phonics!



Annie for showing *resilience* by being brave when she hurt her wrist!



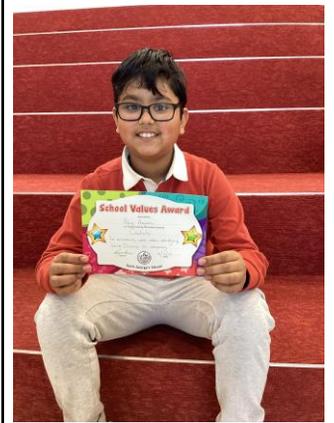
Leo for showing *creativity* in his amazing iRock performance this morning!



Luna for showing *resilience* by always trying even when she finds things tricky!



Rosie for showing *creativity* in her writing this week!



Afiq for showing *creativity* when studying vector drawing in computing!

Creativity Honesty Resilience Inclusion Stewardship Thankfulness

Our stars of the week!



Hedgehogs

Phoebie for always listening well in class!

Ladybirds

Ava for reading her tricky words!

Badgers

Jemima for always doing the right thing!

Squirrels

Max for being such a brave boy during his iRock performance!

Owls

Ivana for always contributing in lessons!

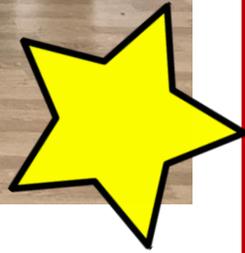
Foxes

Jack for settling in so well this term!

Woodpeckers

Luke for his excellent contribution during RE!

Even more stars than usual!



We would like to say a huge well done to all our iRock stars for their fantastic concert this morning! You all showed such bravery, confidence and talent when you performed for the whole school and your parents this morning. You definitely rocked!



And another huge well done to Betti, Afiq and Luna for being runners-up in a whole-school competition to design a Trust Christmas Card. Fantastic work!



Dates for your Diary: Term 2

Term 2	
Monday, 4 th December	Ladybird Class Reading Café at 2.30pm (please see email sent 24/11/23)
Tuesday, 5 th December	NCMP for Year R children (please see letter 9/11/23)
Tuesday, 5 th December	Hedgehog Class Reading Café at 2.30pm (please see email sent 24/11/23)
Friday, 8 th December	Christmas Jumper & School Christmas Lunch Day! Please see information included in this newsletter
Friday, 8 th December	Carol Concert for Years 2, 3 and 4 at 2pm – (please see email sent 29/11/23)
Monday, 11 th December	Dress Rehearsal for Year R and 1 Nativity at 1.45pm – Parents with small children & babies invited to attend (please see email sent 23/11/23)
Tuesday, 12 th December	Year R and 1 Nativity at 1.45pm – Parents invited to attend (please see email sent 23/11/23)
Wednesday, 13 th December	Year R and 1 Nativity at 1.45pm – Parents invited to attend (please see email sent 23/11/23)
Friday, 15 th December	Worship with 'Creepy Claws'!
Friday, 15 th December	Primary trip to see the pantomime Snow White at Woodville Halls (please see email sent 10/11/23)
Monday, 18 th December	Year 5 & The Salvation Army Christmas Carol Concert at 6.30pm (further information to follow)
Tuesday, 19 th December	Elf Day! (please see email sent 24/11)
Tuesday, 19 th December	Santa's Grotto (please see email sent 24/11)
Wednesday, 20th December	Last day of Term 2 – School finishes at 1.15pm



Poppy Appeal Fundraising Total!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

We are delighted to confirm that we raised a fantastic

£425.80

which will help fund expert advice & guidance, recovery & rehabilitation, and transitioning back into civilian life for those who have served.

Ellenor Christmas Fair at Saint George's Secondary Phase

ellenor.^x *hospice care in your home or ours* CHRISTMAS FAIR

Come along to ellenor's Christmas Fair and enjoy traditional food, drink and festive music. Pick up some locally made Christmas gifts for your family and friends or bring the children to visit Santa in his grotto, there's something for everyone!

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MEADOW ROAD
GRAVESEND
DA7 7LS

11AM
UNTIL
3PM

SATURDAY
2 DECEMBER
2023

We will be holding a Christmas Centrepiece Making Workshop at the Fair. This must be booked in advance. Places are limited. To secure your place visit www.ellenor.org/workshop

SUGGESTED DONATION OF £1 ON ENTRY, CHILDREN FREE

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