

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



Term 3 – Week 4  
Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Families,

I would like to say a huge well done to all of the children who took part in Young Voices last Friday. The children were beautifully behaved and performed the songs with great enthusiasm. All of the adults were very proud of how well the children represented our school.

Well done also to Squirrel Class for their fantastic worship this morning! The children spoke to their audience about resilience and how we can overcome our difficulties and not give up. The children spoke very clearly and the singing was great too!

You should have received a letter by email this afternoon regarding the strike action taking place next Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, when we will be open to all children. Please contact the school office if you have any questions about the letter and its content.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Palmer

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

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



Hedgehogs	99%
Badgers	94%
Squirrels	98.39%
Owls	94.33%
Foxes	95.67%

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



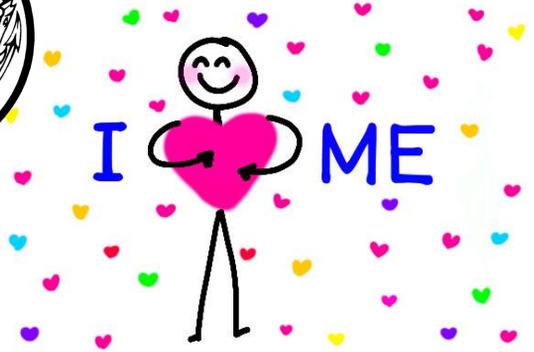
# For Information

Saint George's Parents  
Association

'Love Yourself

Non-Uniform Day'

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February - £1.00



You may have noticed in the dates for your diary section that we are having a '*Love Yourself*' non-uniform day on 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 can find it listed under 'Primary Love Yourself Non Uniform Day'. All money raised will be used by the SGPA for future events and treats for the children.



If you have any old tea cups, saucers, plates, teapots, cake stands or pots and pans and you are wondering what to do with them.....then wonder no more! Please drop them at the school office and we will put them to good use!

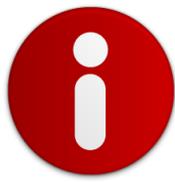
The SGPA would also like donations of:  
World Book Day Costumes \* Christmas Jumpers \*  
Unwanted Christmas/ Birthday Gifts \*

The SGPA will then sell the costumes and jumpers and gifts to raise funds for future events and treats for the children.



We wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who has donated items to us so far this term. The children.....and staff, really appreciate it!

# Thank You!



## For Information



## TCS Mini London Marathon Saturday 22 April

We are really excited to announce that Saint George's Primary Phase have secured a number of places at the TCS Mini London Marathon! This event takes place the day before the official London Marathon and all children will cross the world-famous finish line on The Mall!

For every Primary Phase child who crosses the finish line, we will receive £10 for the school!

Although we have arranged the places this is a non-school event and any child taking part must be accompanied by their parents/family members, as school representatives will not be in attendance.

To reserve your space please email [bianchetn@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk](mailto:bianchetn@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk)

Key information can be found below, with further information at-  
<https://www.tcslondonmarathon.com/the-event/tcs-mini-london-marathon>

- Children in Year 3 and above can complete the route on their own, but children in Years R – 2 need to be accompanied by an adult
- All children will need to be collected from a safe and secure zone by the Finish Line
- Event takes place on Saturday 22 April, finishing on The Mall
- 1 mile distance for Reception to Year 7 – from 11am through to 2pm (exact timings confirmed nearer the time)
- Free to enter
- Free medal for all children who finish
- **Please only request the places you need. If entrants don't use the places, it means other children miss out.**

# Young Voices 2023



Last Friday we took forty-five excited singers to the O2 in London for the Young Voices concert! It was an amazing experience for all the children and adults involved and the singing was incredible! We sang and danced our hearts out, along with eight and a half thousand other children, and arrived back at school at 11pm feeling very tired but extremely pleased with ourselves!

We are so incredibly proud of all the hard work our young singers put into this concert and of their fantastic behaviour and wonderful performances throughout the very long and tiring day!

We also got to perform the world famous hit *Proud* with pop legend **Heather Small** herself and this was recorded on the day for a charity single so please do go and grab yourselves a copy!

We can't wait to go back to the O2 next year! A huge well done to all of the children – and adults – who took part!



# This week in school



## Chinese New Year

We learned about the Chinese New Year in lots of different ways.

**Hedgehogs** listened to the lunar story and found out how the Chinese new year is celebrated. They then took part in activities linked to the Chinese New Year; including tasting a variety of Chinese foods, exploring the smell, texture and taste etc, discussing foods they have or may not have tried before, expressing their thoughts, likes/dislikes. They tried their hand at painting Chinese marks, forming symbols linked to some of the animals from the lunar story.



**Owls** also explored the story and tradition of the Chinese New Year and then wrote a first person account of their Chinese New Year!

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## Police Visit

On Tuesday we were very excited to receive a visit from two community police officers – and their van! The officers spoke to all children about Stranger Danger, Why Police wear Uniform and What to do in an Emergency. The children then had the opportunity to ask questions and have a look in the police van!



# School Values Awards

Who has been demonstrating our school values this week?



**Arlea** for showing *creativity* in her habitat work about penguins!



**Lizzy** for showing *creativity* when building landmarks of London!

**C**reativity

**H**onesty

**R**esilience

**I**nclusion

**S**tewardship

**T**hankfulness



**Stella** for showing *creativity* in her amazing singing & dancing at the O2!



**Caden** for showing *resilience* with a determined & positive attitude across her learning!



**Alecia-Rose** for showing *resilience* by contributing to all lessons with confidence & courage!

# Our stars of the week!



**Hedgehogs**

**Teddy** for helping his friends with their coats!

**Badgers**

**Max** for his amazing independent maths work!

**Squirrels**

**Isabelle** for her fantastic progress in maths!

**Owls**

**Brooke** for her determination in maths!

**Foxes**

**Dexter** for showing resilience and bravery!

We wanted to give **Stanley** from **Foxes** a special mention this week as he appeared on Cbeebie's 'Yaka Dee' this week with his dance club! Well done to Stanley and all our Stars of the week!

# Dates for your Diary: Terms 3 & 4

<b>Term 3</b>	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	York Community trip to Woodlands Park
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>	
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>	<b>First day of term 4</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Wizard Stories Event – further information to follow
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Parent Voice Meeting 2pm
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Book Week
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 Afternoon Tea – further information to follow
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b>	<b>Trust Development Day – school closed to pupils</b>
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Year 3 & 4 Anglo-Saxon Workshop – further information to follow
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>



## RESILIENCE

Thank you to Squirrels for explaining all about this term's value – Resilience – in their fantastic worship this morning!

# ✧ The Voyage of Light Festival ✧

If you are looking for something different to do this weekend, why not check out Gravesham's Voyage of Light Festival, taking place tonight and tomorrow between 5:30pm - 8:30pm.

'The Voyage of Light' is a series of installations and exhibitions in a range of places including St George's Arts Centre, Town Pier Square, St Andrew's Arts Centre and Gravesend Borough Market – see map below - all designed to reflect our heritage and riverside location.

Full info can be found at - [www.visitgravesend.co.uk/whats-on/winter-light-festival/](http://www.visitgravesend.co.uk/whats-on/winter-light-festival/)

