



At St George's we are proud to be one family of lifelong learners who know that they are special to God. Our family is built upon a strong sense of belonging and mutual respect. Our community gives our children the freedom to flourish and succeed.

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Newsletter - Friday, 18th September 2020

A flourishing fellowship; learning today with God by our side

### WEEKLY NEWS

It almost feels like we have had a second chance at the summer this week. The sun has been shining, (a lot!) the children and staff are smiling (a lot!) and we are very impressed with the learning and positive attitudes of our school community. Our reception children have completed their first two full days, so we are now fully operational with all our children attending full time. They have settled in incredibly well and are certainly enjoying being part of our St George's family. Year 1 are enjoying the free flow structure of their learning and even came dressed as their favourite real-life hero as part of their topic learning, we had Captain Tom, doctors, nurses, scientists and suffragettes.

On the subject of dressing up, thank you all for supporting our fund raising for Jeans for Genes day. We raised £580. This year is the 25<sup>th</sup> year that Jeans for Genes Day has been raising funds to help children affected by some of the most serious and life-threatening genetic disorders. There is still time to donate on School Comms, if you would like to.

We hope you have a lovely weekend - the St George's Team

### Friends of St George's

If you are interested in joining our, 'Friends of St Georges' to see how you can help and support with this year's projects, please contact them on

[thefriendsofstgeorges@gmail.com](mailto:thefriendsofstgeorges@gmail.com)

They are keen to hear your ideas for fundraising as unfortunately we will be unable to hold our annual Christmas fair this year.

### Staff News

In line with our Christian ethos, it is important that we all learn to live well together. All the staff members started their restorative justice training this week and they have been using their new techniques to help our children to; solve conflicts; explain their feelings; consider other points of view; identify how to make amends and choose alternative paths in the future. We are confident that the restorative justice approach will enable our children to have a voice and form respectful relationships with one another. We are sure you will agree that this is a valuable life skill that they will use throughout their lives in the future.

### Diary dates

**Virtual presentations:** sent home on 18<sup>th</sup> September

**Parent forum:** 2<sup>nd</sup> October

**Half term:** 19<sup>th</sup> October until 2<sup>nd</sup> November

**Parents' Evenings** will be postponed until after half term, format of meetings to be confirmed

### Stars of the week



The teachers held their first 'star of the week' collective worship, for this academic year in their individual classes and the stars were: Kaalliyah, Thea, Aiden, Kaan, Dylan, Victoria, Isabella, Eve, Aidar, Peter, Anna, Tyler and Leah for displaying the virtues of fellowship, love, trust and also being respectful, thoughtful, co-operative and communicating well. Well done to them all.

### Sad news

It is with sadness that we inform you that one of our previous members of staff, Sarah Colegate, passed away this week. As she was part of our community for many years and a very valued member of our EVFS team, we know that you will join us in sending our deepest sympathy and condolences to her family at this very challenging time.

### Enrichment opportunities

The makers of The Secret Lives of Four Years Old are looking for children with wit and wisdom to give their perspective on the world for a new programme for a major broadcaster. They are looking for children between the ages of 5 and 10 years old who are smart, funny and opinionated who can offer a fresh take on the world around us. Please apply by emailing [newsat5casting@RDFTelevision.com](mailto:newsat5casting@RDFTelevision.com)

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