



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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A flourishing fellowship; learning today with God by our side

## WEEKLY NEWS

We hope you had a lovely half term with your families. We are delighted to welcome back our school community again and were very pleased with the government's decision for schools to stay open as it is vital for the children's education and wellbeing. We have unfortunately had our first closure of a class bubble due to a member of staff testing positive and we would really like to thank the parents of Class 6LC for their support and understanding. In these situations, the learning will continue and Mrs Chambers will be conducting daily remote learning for her class and the pupils went home with packs containing tasks and books. We were very impressed with the children's attitude and have also been extremely impressed with all of our children's adaptability, resilience and independence this week. The start of the day is calm with the children walking so sensibly and responsibly into their classrooms, where a member of their teaching team is waiting for them. The teachers report that the children are settling into their learning quickly and are enjoying their newly found independence. We are very proud of them. Also a big thank you to the parents too for adhering to Public Health England guidelines, wearing masks and keeping a social distance too when picking up and dropping off our children.

This week, we launched our new parents' evening system via School Cloud which has been successful. If you have not been able to make an appointment, please contact the school office or if there were any technical hitches please ensure you book a telephone appointment with your teacher.

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

### Diary dates

KS2 Parents' Evenings via School Cloud: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov KS2

KS1 Parents' Evenings via School Cloud: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov EYFS/KS1

Aquinas Advisory Council meeting: Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> Nov

School Photo deadline: online Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> Nov

Christmas Jumper Day: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec



### Stars of the week

The teachers held their first 'star of the week' collective worship, for this half term, in their individual classes and the stars were: KS2 - William, Akshera, Sophie, Darcy, Clara, Freddie, Marley, Issy for always thinking of others, showing excellent enquiry skills, a great attitude, using wonderful figurative language, displaying the school's virtues, and improved concentration. In KS1 - Elizabeth, Enzo, Florence, Andreas, Evie and Sophia for showing excellent effort, being kind and considerate, for showing fantastic progress, trying really hard and being a great friend.

## Friends of St George's

The Friends on

[thefriendsofstgeorges@gmail.com](mailto:thefriendsofstgeorges@gmail.com) are keen to hear your ideas for fundraising as unfortunately we will be unable to hold our annual Christmas fair this year. The Year 1 canopy, which was last year's fundraising project, was installed over the half term and looks amazing. It is already making a real difference to their outdoor learning for Year 1.

Message from the Friends

Thank you to the bakers of St. George's! Lots of pupils enjoyed a half term bake off in support of the school. The level of entries has been very high and it's been a pleasure going through and watching the lovely video clips and photos sent in. The friends are going through the difficult task of judging the wonderful goodies and hope to have year group 'star bakers' and a 'master baker' announcement ready for next Friday's newsletter!

### Enrichment opportunities

First News is urging everyone to play their part in Helping the UK Grow back. They have launched the #HelpingTheUKGrow challenge. All you have to do is plant something as a symbol of hope for our future. Whether it's plants in the garden, cress in a pot or a tree at school, upload your planting pics at [first.news/HelpingTheUKGrow](http://first.news/HelpingTheUKGrow). Share your photos, spread the word and challenge someone else to join in on social media using the hashtag #HelpingTheUKGrow.

### Life Savers Competition

Life Savers are running a maths competition to design new bank notes, please see the attached details.

### Marvellous Me

The office have given your unique code logs ins for Marvellous Me to your child this afternoon so that we can begin to share with you all the wonderful and exciting learning that is happening in our classrooms. It will be great to use any images and comments to enrich and instigate conversations about school and find out what the children have been learning during their day. We are so excited about using this app and know that you will be too.

Please remember to follow us on twitter so that you can share in all the amazing work that is happening in our classrooms: Twitter: StGeorgesSchBic