

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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### WEEKLY NEWS

We hope you are all well and full of optimism and hope for the Summer holidays. This week the school is all abuzz with arrangements for the new academic year. Teachers are planning for the return of all children in September (all being well) and thinking about their learning environments. You will have received an email indicating your child's new teacher and which classroom they will be in, this afternoon. If you have not received your email for whatever reason, please let us know.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the people who have already donated to our 'Not the Summer Fair' fun fundraising event, where the staff of the school have agreed to carry out a range of challenges in return for your cash donations. We have a few more volunteers joining with the fun: the Midday Supervisors' team (Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Harper, Mrs Saxty, Mrs Hockley, Mrs Alhakim, Mrs Lidbetter, Mrs Meynell, Mrs Bouwer, Mrs Scenling and Mrs Richards) are going to do their shift wearing their tiaras and crowns as they all love being a princess and the Inclusion team (Mrs Fahey, Mrs Payne and Mrs Georghiadis) are going to wear silly headwear. The children will be witness to the staff's commitment to brighten their day and there will photos on display upon your return to school. The running total of donations so far is £850 and this money will be used to provide an outdoor learning area for our Year 1 children along with other projects that benefit all our children, so please donate via the Gateway, no matter how big or small the amount you can give, we are very grateful.

On the subject of putting smiles on faces, we would like to tell you about the Community Senior Letter Writing Project that we have signed up for. Elderly residents of care homes are feeling very lonely during this unsettling time and they love to receive letters from young people so we intend to send letters and drawings to them. This may be all it takes to put a smile on their faces and brighten their day. While our children are at home or at school during the COVID-19 outbreak, this is a great project as is the perfect way to alleviate any boredom they may be feeling. It can help unleash creativity and to put thoughts and feelings into writing. This teaches valuable life lessons, such as compassion for those in vulnerable situations, selflessness as we carry out good deeds for the benefit of others, and to be mindful of others in these uncertain circumstances. Please pop any letters or art work you would like to send into the boxes outside the main office school doors and Mrs Ardern will deliver them to Sloane House Nursing Home. See the attached writing tips.

**Pause for Prayer:** Remember catch up with Fr Richard and his Pause for Prayer message this week. He teaches us about community, faith and fellowship with St George's Churches 156<sup>th</sup> birthday which is known as the Dedication Festival. Follow the link <https://www.facebook.com/294730657309924/posts/3062255473890748/?vh=e&d=n>  
 Have a lovely weekend – the St George's Team

### Home schooling

Our teachers have enjoyed reading about all the learning that has happened at home and have been pleased by the lovely things here in school too. We appreciate that it is hard to stay motivated, so please be kind to yourselves and do what-ever you can, 'a little a day, goes along way'. The teachers would like to acknowledge the following children: Mrs Marsh is super pleased with Georgina for being such a well-mannered and delightful member of her bubble. She is a friend to everyone! Mrs Desborough is proud of Tamyra and Copper for their resilience and determination when throwing the javelins. Mrs Powell nominates Zachary for his hard work on his Spanish project especially his El Matadors dance. Mrs Satulenko is impressed with Phoebe who always contributes in discussions and has written some brilliant similes and metaphors in literacy and Katie who always works hard trying her best all the time. Miss Callaghan congratulates Benjamin for his wonderful matador dance with his brother Zachary and for his fantastic presentation for cultural week. Miss Newnham is impressed with Hannah for smashing her times tables, trying so hard in her literacy and maintaining a positive, 'can do' attitude. Mrs Sawyer is pleased with Lacey for showing such resilience and positivity. Mrs Williams and Mrs Lynch loved Freya's Mexico project, those churros looked delicious! Evangelina is working really hard in the Y5 group and showing compassion and empathy during group discussions. Pierre has slotted in so well with our little Year 5 group and trying hard with his work too Mrs Murphy is pleased with Daniel, for his well-written application for a job role in Year 6 and Georgie for thinking carefully of role that he would fulfil well. Mrs Chambers says, 'Well done to Peyton for always being such a ray of sunshine - our lovely smiley girl.' Mr Delasaux gives a massive shout out to JY bubble. They have worked tirelessly in PE and their behaviour, attitude and effort has been exemplary. In particular, Jon and Aarron have been

a real help during lessons. Well done to you all and remember to share your home learning via the class email boxes. Excellent examples will form part of our Living and Learning in Lockdown displays that Mrs Sawyer is preparing ready for September.

**Practical Wellbeing for everyone:** This week we have opted for a child friendly A-Z of things to promote and think about, as lockdown eases. Why not pick one each day and talk about it as a group over mealtimes? We have also included a blank copy for children to fill out with their own ideas. you might be surprised what comes up!



### Art Challenge of the Week!

This week's challenge takes inspiration from the artist Wassily Kandinsky. The aim is to study the relationship between colour: choose a palette of 7 colours, any art medium can be used; divide your paper 4 squares by 3; sketch circles in each box and add a different composition of colour in each box.

Have fun!

