

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

It has been another week of peaks and troughs on our Covid 19 rollercoaster. Whilst it has been lovely to see familiar faces joining our EYFS, Y1, Y6 and key worker 'bubbles' we were also devastated by the Right Hon. Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson's announcement to 'drop plans' for the return of Years 2 to 5 before September. Once again, we await further guidance on this issue but please be assured, we have not forgotten about this huge part of our school community and are thinking about and planning all the ways we can stay connected and support our families throughout this challenging time. Lots of parents of Y2, 3, 4 and 5 children have booked 'motivational chat' appointments and they have been really uplifting for the children, parents and teachers alike, so please do book your appointment if you have not already done so. These meetings are conducted at a social distance and are made via the class email boxes or when the teachers call for their bi weekly 'check ins'. The Y2 to Y5 teachers have also sent out video links today, to support the home learning, and so that the children can also see their lovely smiley faces too.

Summer Reading Challenge

This year's Reading Challenge has been adapted to take account of the disruption caused by Covid-19 and the impact of social distancing on schools and public libraries. To support parents and carers with children already learning at home, the Summer Reading Challenge 2020 has launched earlier than usual, on 5th June. This year the theme for the Challenge is the "Silly Squad" – a celebration of funny books, happiness and laughter. The Challenge website will be free to access and there is a place for children to rate and review their books and work towards their reading goal. It will also feature video content, games, quizzes, digital and downloadable activities to incentivise and encourage children and their families to take part in the Challenge at home. Sign-up through the reading agency website <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Home schooling

Our teachers have enjoyed reading about all the learning that you have been doing at home and have been pleased by the lovely things that been happening here in school too. Therefore, would like to acknowledge the following children: Mrs Goodacre is impressed with Ivy and Mila for their constant kindness, unfaltering focus and amazing independence in all their work. Mrs Desborough is very impressed with all the EYFS children especially Thomas and James who have conquered skipping this week. Mrs Marsh loves Helena's smile and positive attitude which really brightens her day. Mrs Freeman is delighted with Belle who has helped and supported the new children in her 'bubble'. Mrs Hatton would like to mention Dylan, Finley, Annabelle and Aiden for their fabulous learning attitudes. Mrs Powell praises Isabella for working really hard and being so helpful in the key worker bubble this week. Mrs Fage was thrilled with Regan's amazing story about Mars and Finley who filmed an incredibly informative power point about cheetahs. Miss Yielding congratulates Phoebe as she has received a Blue Peter Badge. Mrs Satulenko says well done to all the children in the key worker Bubble C who have returned to school this week and have settled in well. Charlotte has worked hard on her fractions and Aydun has written a detailed recount of a story using alliteration. Miss Thorn applauds Georgia for her fantastic work in computing. She has made a brilliant power point about coastlines and beaches as well as creating her very own website with a friend. Miss Callaghan is super impressed with all the work Victoria has done including growing her own herbs! Miss Newnham loved Eva-Rose's beautiful and poignant story. Mrs Coyle is really impressed with Lola's positivity and her bright and cheerful demeanour which is motivating everyone in her 'bubble'. Mrs Chambers is delighted with Scarlett's attitude as she applies herself 110% to everything she does. Well done everybody who has a mention this week.

Pause for Prayer

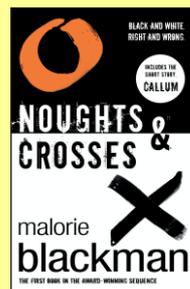
Remember catch up with Fr Richard and his Pause for Prayer message this week.

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Book corner

Mrs Sawyer recommends: It's ok to be different. Every child is unique! Whether they are big or small, short or tall, like to dance, sing or bike. Perhaps they have a special need or are from a different ethnic background. Maybe they wear glasses or talk differently. The truth is that all children are different, and their individuality should be celebrated, not shunned. This inspiring book does just that.



Mrs Alexis recommends: Noughts and Crosses, a book she read with her (then) best friends. She says, 'It is such a great story and really brought us closer as friends of different races. I re-read it recently when I saw the tv show on the BBC.'

Art Challenge of the Week!

Draw around your arm and hand using pencil. Go over your outline with a thick black marker.



Choose any art material you have to hand and decorate your hand, making it as visually exciting as possible. Think about colour and pattern.