

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

Well it's certainly been a busy week here at St George's and it is great to have the sun shining again, filling us with hope for better things to come. We have been busy making plans and preparations to hopefully welcome back some of our EYFS, Y1 and Y6 children, on the 1st of June, providing that the 5 tests have been met and it is safe to do so. We all await with bated breath for the decision on the 28th May. Whatever the outcome – we are ready! Admin has been buzzing with surveys, emails, letters, phone calls and registers. Risk assessments and health and safety checks have been undertaken. Policies and rotas have been drafted and redrafted. The teachers have re-arranged classrooms to ensure social distancing; groups of children and adults have been arranged into social bubbles; pick up and drop off will be staggered via our newly marked out 2m waiting points and one way systems; break and lunch times will be taken in designated bubble areas; lunch will be in classrooms or outside areas; children have been allocated toilets to avoid cross contamination; equipment and resources will not be shared and will be cleaned after use and at the end of every day; hand washing and sanitisation will be frequent throughout the day and the children will be discussing the importance of our new arrangements on a regular basis. It will seem strange at first, but we are confident that our children will soon adapt to the new 'normal' very quickly, as they are incredibly resilient. The school is also closed over half term so that it can be deep-cleaned, and the water chlorinated, ready for the remainder of the Summer term. We are prepared to start bringing our community back together. Meanwhile, Father Richard has been in the vicarage garden recording his virtual home collective worship, 'a place to pause' which he invites you to attend on his Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgebickley/videos/vb.294730657309924/1123311274710893/?type=2&theater> This week he teaches us how the act of thanksgiving and how focusing on positive things rather than negative things, that make us want to moan or be angry, can help us. Remember to join him for spiritual guidance. Have lovely half term holiday from the whole St George's team.

Home schooling

Our teachers have enjoyed reading about all the learning that you have been doing at home and would like to acknowledge the following children: Mrs Marsh is thrilled with Freya for her drawings of mini beasts. Mr Kenny's Superstar is Kaaliyah for all of her hard work on the Bad-Tempered Ladybird, her pictures and writing were astounding! Kaaliyah always goes above and beyond, and he is so proud of her achievements with her home learning! Well done Kaaliyah! Mr Motton was delighted with all his birthday greetings, cards and present. He was also impressed with Leo for using his observational skills to look at baby grasshoppers and snails. Mrs Powell was delighted to hear that Bethany has been writing and sending letters, full of entertaining riddles, to keep family friends entertained. Mrs Lynch and Mrs Fage give a special mention to Mollie for sending in lots of photos of the amazing work she has been doing, including some work on Emmeline Pankhurst and a whole page of facts about Antarctica! She has been helping her dad to remodel the garden and walking her dog Boycie too! Miss Yielding is delighted to hear that Phoebe has done a variety of amazing activities and is working really hard during lockdown. Mrs Coad and Miss Newnham were blown away by Henrique, Issy and Sasha, as they have been working really hard on a film and trailer about Corona virus last Friday, despite it already being amazing and they wanted to keep improving it and adding to it. Miss Thorn really enjoyed reading Mervyn's letter that he had written to a neighbour asking them how they were and telling them about what he had been up to. Miss Callaghan enjoyed reading Olivia's fantastic information book on bees and seeing all her hard work in her maths! Mrs Murphy is impressed with Jack Garnett for his hard work on our crime and punishment unit and thoroughly researching the definitions of key words. Mrs Murphy also really enjoyed reading all the research that Yasmin had done on the Metropolitan Police. Mrs Williams and Mrs Lynch were pleased to hear that Eva has worked so conscientiously from the beginning of lockdown, taking responsibility not only for her own learning but also turning teacher and helping her brother with his too. Mrs Coyle is proud of Dominique for her comprehensive diary entry from the trenches. Mrs Chambers celebrates all the year 6 children whom have all been very positive and eloquent on the phone. Well done everyone, we love hearing and seeing what you have been up to. Keep the emails coming!

Book corner

Mrs Sawyer recommends: Radio Boy and the revenge of grandad. The World's youngest DJ is still the talk of the town. A town that's just about to turn against him....

You choose: Imagine you could go anywhere, meet anyone, do anything. Where would you live? Where would you sleep? Who would be your friends? What games would you play?.....Go on, YOU CHOOSE!

Internet Safety

Visit <https://www.webwise.ie/parents/covid19-online-safety-advice-for-parents/> for advice on how to strike a balance between online and offline activities, and you and your child have a positive relationship with technology, and the internet.

Challenge of the Week!

Starting this week, we will be setting a 'Challenge of the Week' for you all to get involved with!

Photography Challenge

Using resources around your house see if you can recreate a famous piece of artwork then photograph your images and send them to the home learning email boxes.

Look at the example below.

