

St. George's CE Primary School

Our School Motto - "Bringing faith and education together"

Newsletter
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Key Dates

Monday 25th September
Family Service to include
Year 5 Bible Presentation
from **10:00am**

Tuesday 26th September
Music@ Malling Concert
at the Discovery School,
West Malling

Thursday 28th September
National Poetry Day

Tuesday 3rd October
Yrs. 3&4 Cross Country at
Ightham

Friday 6th October
Swattenden Weekend -
depart **12:00pm**
Festival of Light from
5:30pm

Monday 9th October
Harvest Festival
KS1 from **9:15am** in the
school hall
KS2 from **11:00am** at St.
George's Church

Thursday 12th October
Provisional date for
Parents Forum

Friday 13th October
School Cross Country

Dear Parents/Carers

Mr. D. Jones, Headteacher

It has been quite a week for our new pupils in Oak Class. It is not often that every single child settles into school with ease but this year it has been the case. By last Wednesday the gradual transition from Pre-School to school ended with all the pupils now starting full time school. For these pupils they will finally leave education sometime around 2031! As I mentioned to the parents last week this is just the beginning of the journey.

Two wonderful events took place last week involving these pupils including a Parent & Child lunch where the menu was pizza and ice-cream which is always a winner. It was lovely to see the parents eating with their children

To end the transition we welcomed the pupils into our school with a very special Worship at St. George's Church with Revd. Edward supporting the school in presenting each child with their first Bible. To make it even more special the pupils from Sycamore Class accompanied the pupils down to the church and were present when the bibles were handed out. As you can see below Katie and Ava spent time together admiring this very special book.



Reporting Sickness

Just a quick reminder that when you leave a message on our Absence Reporting line, please ensure you include your child's Class and ideally a reason for the absence (just saying "ill" or "unwell" is not sufficient for our records).

Sevenoaks Vine Cricket Taster Day

Along with Lawn Bowls we seem to be taking up a number of sports just as the season ends. Last week it was the turn of Sevenoaks Vine Cricket Club who came into school to both promote their own cricket club but also give all the pupils in the school a chance to hit willow to ball! It was a glorious day full of sunshine and running!



Harvest Time Again!

With the Autumn Equinox taking place last Friday (22nd) it seems that the weather has suddenly decided to turn colder and slightly more autumnal. With the change of season we celebrate with our very own Harvest Festival which will take place on **Monday 9th October.**

Tradition has it that our festival takes place the Sunday after the villages own celebration, so we should all be feeling in the giving mood. This year the pupils from school have been asked to contribute with the making of scarecrows which will decorate the church!

With the school now at almost full capacity there will be two celebrations. For Oak Class and KS1 from **9:15am** in the school hall. Then from **11:00am** KS2 classes celebrate in the church with a service led by Revd. Edward Wright. Everyone is welcome.

This year our chosen charity is one which our local church is supporting - the Rochester Diocese Hope and Poverty Fund 2017. This charity supports good causes both in Kent and internationally in particular projects which help to empower disadvantaged people to be self-sufficient. Any monies collected will be put towards this good cause.

Festival of Fusion and Light

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer advertising our annual Festival of Light which is to take place on Friday 6th October from 5:30pm in the Market Square.

Sports Captains this year are Charlie and Macie



Parents Forum

The Parents Forum has been running for two years now and has proven to be very successful in allowing the school to work together with our stakeholders.

Last year discussions took place on how we can improve our school, communication, delivering messages to parents and how the school is doing in terms of achievement. The overwhelming feeling was that it was a great success and had a positive impact.

Once again we are keen to continue this Forum, which will be a gathering separate from the Parents Support Group, which meets termly on an agreed morning. Meetings are held each term (6 meetings a year) with a set agenda and should not last more than an hour.

We require one parent per class and I do believe that a number of parents have taken up the challenge and stepped forward already and we thank them enormously for their offer, but there are still a few spaces to fill.

If you are interested in becoming one of these parents this is a fantastic opportunity to volunteer to come and practically support our school. If you are interested please pop your name into the school office: we still need a parent rep for Maple, Cedar, Willow & Hazel classes.

Our first meeting has been planned for Thursday 12 October at 2.30pm

BIG TARGETS AHEAD!

Many thanks to everyone who kindly gave up their time to attend the annual Home School Association meeting last Thursday. For the school it was wonderful to see so many of our parents so keen to work together for the benefit of everyone in the school.

Reminders!

Online Safety

<http://st-georges-wrotham.kent.sch.uk/staying-safe-online/>

Online safety is vitally important to ensure children stay safe whilst accessing the internet. To learn more about the risks facing our children when they use computers, please follow the link above to access lots of useful websites including:

Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP)

a police agency tackling child abuse on the internet. This website includes a unique facility that enables parents and young people to make reports of actual or attempted abuse online. **Internet Matters**, an online portal giving tips on protecting children from online grooming, privacy, cyberbullying, identity theft and inappropriate content.

Extended School Clubs

As you know all school clubs began last week and we have been delighted with the uptake as these clubs are extremely popular. Although we do our best to squeeze everyone in on occasions there just isn't enough space! Which is why I am asking that if your child decides for whatever reason that the activity isn't for them please could you let the office staff know as soon as possible. This will then mean that another child can take that place.

Punctuality: Please remember that all pupils must be in their classroom by **8:55am** for registration. Late arrival hinders school organisation and more importantly, hinders your child's learning. Please be on time!