

St. George's CE Primary School

Our School Motto - "Bringing faith and education together"

Newsletter
Monday 6th November
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Key Dates

Monday 6th November

[Primary Admissions](#)

Open Online

[Book Fayre](#) in the School Hall – 3.15pm

Wednesday 8th November

[Yr. 6 Height and Weight](#)

checks from 9:15am

[Open Morning](#) from 10:00am

Thursday 9th November

KS1 [Chatham Dock Yard](#)

Educational Visit

Music for Schools

Workshop for KS2

Friday 10th November

Sevenoaks School

[Football Tournament](#)

Monday 13th November

KS2 [Remembrance](#)

[Service](#) at 10:45am at St. Georges Church

Thursday 16th November

St. Georges [Football and Netball Festival](#) (pm)

[Parents Forum](#) from 2:30pm

Friday 17th November

[Children in Need Day](#)

Sunday 19th November

[Education Sunday Service](#) at St. George's Church from 10:00am.

Dear Parents/Carers

Mr. D. Jones, Headteacher

A Big Well Done to us All!

It is always nice when I can pass on some very positive news about St. George's School and this is just one of those occasions when we have been recognised by those who judge schools from afar!

Although we have been formally 'inspection free' for some time I can assure you that the school is constantly scrutinized from a distance. Already this term we received a visit from Improvement Advisors and Consultants which brings me onto a very encouraging letter this week from Patrick Leeson, who is the Director of Children's, Young People and Education for Kent.

Included in the letter is an offer of congratulations to the 'school community' as our pupil results and outcomes were 'outstanding' last year and well above the national results in Reading, Writing and Maths in Key Stage Two. Alas this combined score doesn't include Grammar and Punctuation where every pupil last school year achieved the expected score with almost a third of the class achieving 'beyond expected!' In addition Patrick highlights that our Added Value (progress) is especially high in national terms.

Results at the end of Key Stage One were also above the national picture and we also performed well at the end of the Foundation Stage. Of course, as I have said many times before, pupil outcomes in tests are only a small picture of what a school does but it is pleasing that this is recognised when we achieve so well. Perhaps I am most pleased to say that this is a profile of the school that continually achieves so highly. Finally, a big thank you to the entire school community, including parents, as strong pupil's results is down to everyone pulling together.

UP IN SMOKE!



There have been many very positive comments via the playground 'grape-vine' on how good this year's Wrotham Fireworks were. I can only concur with these thoughts. Once again, the guys made by the pupils at school stood proud on top of the bonfire. It was sad to see them disappear but there will be more next year to take their place. I understand from the Fireworks Committee that the school also gave a great deal of support through all the mums and dads throughout the day from setting up the fire and field in the morning to managing the entrance and selling raffle tickets later on. As they hinted they couldn't do it without our generous support!

I think it's getting a bit colder...

Brrrr..! There has been a definite 'coldness' in the air over the last weekend and we would therefore like to pass on the following reminders:- This will all be very familiar to you but please ensure the children come to school with a NAMED jumper/cardigan and a coat! Like all schools we tend to have lots of colds and coughs in St. George's at this time of year and much of this is down to children not having the appropriate clothing.

If (just if) the weather deteriorates we will make every effort to keep St. George's School open throughout the winter. As one of my staff said 'St George's never closes' so it will have to be 'Antarctic' type snow conditions to cause this decision to be made. However, just in case, we should experience severe weather conditions which force us to close, these closures will be announced via the Parent Text Service and then on the following radio stations:-

- KMFM - Frequency 96.2/101.6 FM
- BBC Radio Kent- Frequency 96.7/104.2 FM
- Heart FM- Frequency 103.1/102.8 FM

New Parents Open Morning YR Sept 2018

If you have a child due to start school next September, or you know anybody who does, please remind them that this **Wednesday 8th November** is our second Open Morning where parents are able to visit the school and see us in action from 10:00am.

Football v Borough Green

Our footballers were back in action on Tuesday when the team visited Borough Green for a local derby. Playing a slightly younger team the team's good form continued but, despite creating a number of chances, a single goal was enough to give victory to the home team. Despite a 3-2 defeat a number of players stood out including Charlie and Jack who played in (what seemed to them) man sized goals! Well done to all the players involved.

Wrotham Village Christmas Fayre 2017

Please keep Saturday 2nd December on your calendar as this is the date when the village comes together to switch on the Christmas Lights with the Christmas Fayre taking place along the High Street.

The big switch on takes place at 4:30pm but from 1:30pm the High Street turns into a Christmas Market with hot food and drink available, local produce on sale, and lots of other entertainment

Our School Values

As mentioned last week this term our school core value is COURAGE. Pupils have been working on their Value Display Boards around the school. Hazel Class informed me that they were intending to find as many synonyms based on **COURAGE**. It was surprising how many they discovered! Remember that these values hold our School together!



Coats Please!

Please can we remind parents/carers that ALL children should now be coming to school wearing a named coat!

Reminders!

Primary Admission 2018

It seems hard to believe that we are already talking about the next academic year (2018-19) but we really are!

From today the Primary Admissions website opens to allow parents of children who will be five (born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014) during the academic year to apply for a school place. If this includes you then you have until Monday 15th January 2018 to complete the application form which can be found on www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Children in Need Day Friday 17th November

For a £1 donation, children are invited to dress in their pyjamas/onesies. We look forward to seeing lots of nightwear from all the pupils (and staff!).

Online Safety

As the season of present giving is coming upon us soon just a note about 'Online Safety.' It 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 below 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, inappropriate content. <http://st-georges-wrotham.kent.sch.uk/e-safety/>