

# St. George's CE Primary School

Our School Motto - "Bringing faith and education together"

Newsletter  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
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Dear Parents/Carers

Mr. D. Jones, Headteacher

Save  
the  
Date



## Key Dates

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January  
First day of Term 3

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January  
Swimming begins for  
Hazel + Group 1 Maple  
Class

Wk. beginning 15<sup>th</sup>  
January – all extended  
school clubs begin

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January  
Family Service from  
10:00am

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January  
H.S.A. Termly Meeting  
from 3:30pm

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January  
Yrs. 5 & 6 Multi-Skills at  
Offham (pm)  
H.S.A. Movie Night

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January  
Parents Forum from  
2:30pm

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January  
KS1 Multi-Skills @ Platt  
(pm)

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
FLO 'Coffee Morning'  
from 9:00am

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February  
Twilight Maths PIE

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
Term 3 ends at 3:15pm

# ROAR!!!



Our very good friend from the Lions Club joined up with another group of 'very good' friends, '7 billion Ideas' to sponsor and challenge primary school pupils to design and invent objects which will change the world.

A number of schools were invited to take part across the southeast of England and following our own internal school final, Nehemiah, Ellis and Rory from Sycamore Class travelled to Wakehurst Place near Crawley for the ROAR final!

As they said afterwards "it was a very big event!"

The boys presented their work to the six judges who were representatives from the Lions Club, Wakehurst and Seven Billion Ideas. There were tough questions to be answered throughout the day.

Their idea was based around a Skatepark, made of recycled materials which would engage children rather than have nothing to do.

Although they weren't placed in the final, they represented the school well and had a great day!



## Happiness and Smiles!

Sorry but I just couldn't resist finding some photos from last week's Nativity plays! As we can see from the picture having FUN and being loud was by far the most important part of the productions.



As you will have already read in previous newsletters we say a fond goodbye and thank you to Mrs. Ellis, our SENCO, this week but we also need to say another 'enormous' thank you and good bye to **Mrs. Julie Gates** who has led St. Georges Pre-School for too many years to remember. Numerous pupils now at St. George's and in fact many pupils who are now at secondary school should all say a very big thank you to Julie and her team in setting them up for later life.

A show of hands in the hall recently demonstrated just how many ex-Pre-School pupils we have - 75% perhaps...!

Backed up by research I have always been a great believer that education starts early and as such the foundations which any Pre-School makes is essential to the success both in the transition to mainstream school and later in life. Judging by the results of this school and the fact that we receive so many 'rounded' pupils in the main 'ready to learn' is a credit to Julie. Long will she be missed and remembered.

Of course, time never stands still, and as such plans are already 'afoot' to ensure that our Pre-School continues on its upward curve.

Julie herself has been instrumental in appointing her successor and we wish our new Pre-School Leader, **Katherine Stanley**, the very best in her new role in our very special village starting in January. A 'new start' for a 'New Year' perhaps.

### *Admissions to school in September 2018*

If your child is due to start school in September 2018 you can make an online application for at [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola) and a booklet explaining the admissions procedure is also available online. If you have any questions please contact the school office, the Primary Admissions Team on 03000412121 or email: [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk)  
The closing date for applications is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

### **Parents Association Meeting...**

Please try to find the time to attend! The next H.S.A. Meeting will be held on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January** at 3:30pm in the school hall. Please find the time to attend. We are well on the way to achieving our goal of a new curtains for the hall but every little bit of support will bring this total abit nearer!

### **Crib Service!**

Some of you will already know that St. George's Church and the school have a very close relationship. Each year on Christmas Eve, this year *Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December*, Edward leads a crib service which is intended to pass on the real Christmas messages to children which are often forgotten. The service begins at 4pm and will include a lot of child involvement, ending at 5pm.

### **Clubs Next Term ....**

As normal, letters will be sent out very early next term detailing a range of sports and club activities for Terms 3 and 4. It will help us with the general organisation if you can return completed forms as soon as possible, so we can finalize numbers for all activities. Most clubs will start in the week beginning **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January** unless otherwise stated on the letters.

### **E-Safety**

With Christmas fast approaching, children are often delivered lovely new devices from Father Christmas, many of which link to the internet. **Please make sure that you are aware of how to keep your child safe online.**

The school website has a comprehensive page which should support you with this:

Please click on <http://st-georges-wrotham.kent.sch.uk/?s=e-safety>

### **School Dinner Money Payments**

Please ensure that all school meals are paid for by the end of term. Caterlink do not allow debt and we are invoiced directly for any unpaid meals at the end of each term. Unfortunately, the school budget does not stretch to feeding the children so all meals must be paid in advance. Thanks for your cooperation.

### **Swimming**

Next term it is the turn of Hazel and Maple classes to swim at White Oak Swimming Pool in Swanley. The first swimming session starts from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January. As always our swimming slot is between **2:00pm** until **2:30pm** which in turn means that we should, traffic allowing, arrive back at school at approximately **3:15pm**. Just in time for the weekend!