

St. George's CE Primary School

Our School Motto - "Bringing faith and education together"

Newsletter
Monday 16th October
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Term 1 Issue 7



Key Dates

Monday 16th October
Offham Netball Festival

Tuesday 17th &
Wednesday 18th October
Year 6 Parents
Consultations

Wednesday 18th October
New Parents "Open
Morning"
KS1 Pirate Day

Thursday 19th October
Football v. Ditton (h)

Friday 20th October
Year 6 'ROAR' Day
H.S.A. Monster Disco
Term ends at 3:15pm

Saturday 28th October
WROTHAM FIREWORKS

Tuesday 31st October
Term 2 begins at 8:55am
Football v. Borough Green

Friday 3rd November
H.S.A. 'Silly Socks' Day
FLO Coffee Morning
Yr. 6 to T&M Council
Offices to take part in
Debate

Dear Parents/Carers

Mr. D. Jones, Headteacher

Many thanks for supporting all of the school community at Harvest by donating a huge mountain of goods to our own Food Bank. The retiring collections towards the Diocese Poverty and Hope Appeal raised a wonderful **£92.11**.

Once again Harvest time in school was a very busy affair, with two services, one in school for KS1 and the other at St. George's Church for KS2. At St. George's we view Harvest as a time for giving and once again everyone in our school community supported this in a big way! I was very taken by all those scarecrows made by our KS1 pupils which decorated the church so well.



Healthy Discussion

It was a very healthy discussion when Mrs Baylis and I met the Parents Forum last week. Topics of conversation included the results of last summer's parents questionnaire and the current Worship Questionnaire which was distributed last week (remember please to return them this Friday) and finally a discussion on homework and spellings.

I do thank those parents who have stepped forward to join this group and we will be meeting termly to discuss a range of topics.

A Bit of a Mud Lark at Swattenden!

Like the current weather looking outside my window today, the annual Swattenden Trip for Years 3 & 4 last weekend was once again blessed with warm autumnal weather, although the pupils and the staff still managed to get very wet and muddy, which was perhaps the whole point of the visit!

On top of the abundant food breaks, of which there seemed to be lots with mountains to eat, the 37 pupils all had a wonderful time and slept like logs (in the cars on the way home at least!)

The activities during the weekend were all outside, hard work and of course a lot of fun! These included a shallow river crossing, very high crate climbing, high and low ropes and building wooden bivouacs. This all meant that the days were long and nights were full of sleep.

A big thanks to the school staff; Mrs Rye, Miss Ryder and Mr Shield, who gave up their weekend to support this and of course Mrs Hall who has only been in school for a few weeks and is already getting a feel that this school isn't just about working inside a classroom and really enjoyed this residential with us!

Wrotham Firework Night

If you haven't already heard this year is the 48th Wrotham Fireworks Display. The event is to be held on **Saturday 28th October** with tickets available from the school office. Tickets can also be purchased on the gate priced at £6 for adults and £4 per child.



Somewhere new to wait!

At the start of the term our very good friends from the H.S.A. met to discuss projects to take on. As you know all schools are facing a squeeze in their budgets so I had a lot of ideas! The agreement was to revamp the existing bark Parents Waiting Area at the back of Maple Class.

Some of you will have noticed that the area is looking a bit different at the moment. Pete has been on his digger and tipper all last week preparing the ground for a new surface for parents to stand on whilst waiting at the end of the day. By the start of next term we will have 'proper' matting laid which we hope will not be quite so muddy and allow the rain water to drain away. So a very big thank you to you all as everyone has contributed to this project in some way!

November Book Fayre

Remember that after the Autumn Term Break we hold our Autumn Book Fayre on certain evenings after school. Details to follow & lots of bargains to be had.



This term we have been focusing on RESPECT - one of our six key values

Outdoor Wear

Throughout the autumn and winter months, we do try and allow children to have their breaks outdoors even when the weather is damp and cold. It is therefore important that all children bring in a coat to enable them to enjoy some fresh air each day. As teachers, we do see the benefits to learning in the classroom when children have had the opportunity to expend those excess energies outdoors during the day!

Head Lice!

We have been advised of several cases of head lice in school recently. Please remember to check your children's hair regularly by combing through with conditioner and a head lice comb. If we all check our children's hair regularly and treat it the lice will eventually disappear.

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.

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 note that we are holding two Open Mornings when parents/carers can come and look around the school and ask any questions they may have. These take place this Wednesday 18th October and Wednesday 8th November from 10:00am. Please book a space on your preferred date by contacting our school office.

Please remember that Term 1 ends this Friday, 20th October, with Term 2 beginning on Tuesday 31st October at 8:55am.