



St. George's CEP Newsletter

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'Bringing faith and education together'

'Letting our light shine' (Matthew 5:16)

Our value this term is FORGIVENESS

"Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you". [Ephesians 4:32]

We have reached the end of the first week after the half term break. The start of a new term focused on our value of **'forgiveness'**. We also enjoyed lots of fun in our annual Pancake Races – a BIG well done to our Key Stage 1 winner Maggie and our overall Pancake Champion for 2023 Victor! Shrove Tuesday provided the perfect chance to revisit the meaning of Lent and how Christians give something up for 40 days. The children had some interesting choices – giving up chocolate, TV and gaming. You might want to check in with them and see what they chose and if they've managed to last until the end of this week let alone the end of term! Lent is also a time to allow Christians a chance to turn over a new leaf – a bit like the flipping of our pancakes!



In other news!

It was great to see families together in school at our Family Education mask making workshop! Looking forward to more as the year progresses.

In classes across school there has been some exciting learning. Beech Class have been burning homes in their lessons focusing on The Great Fire of London and Maple Class have explored practical Maths tasks. Check out some photos later in the newsletter.

Mr Lopez has been working with our older classes in PE. With the Year 6s, he focused on developing their leadership skills. As a result, some of them will be putting these into action over the upcoming Fridays, with our Key Stage 1 classes, as they have planned an Inter-house Multi Skills afternoon for each of them. Keep an eye on dojo when these classes need an additional PE kit day!

Next week is World Book Day (Thursday 2nd March) – can't wait to see you dressed as your favourite characters.

Respect Courage Kindness Forgiveness Hope Honesty

You can find out about what's going on at St George's in a variety of ways:

Visit the school website: www.st-georges-wrotham.kent.sch.uk/

Follow us on twitter: @StGeorgesKent and Instagram: stgeorgesceprimary_wrotham

Keep up to date with newsletters on our website and keep an eye on the class pages



Attendance this week:

Oak (Year R): 91.3%
Beech (Year 1): 90.9%
Maple (Year 2): 95.4%
Cedar (Year 3): 79.3%
Willow (Year 4): 97.9%
Hazel (Year 5): 96.7%
Sycamore (Year 6): 98.8%



Times Tables Rockstars this week

No winners this week as Mr Jones was setting his challenge after the half term break. I believe most number of coins might be the next announcement – so get jamming!

WATCH OUT FOR MORE NEWS VIA DOJO FROM OUR MATHS LEAD MR SHIELD ABOUT WORLD MATHS DAY COMING SOON!

Dojo Points Winning House this week is:

ST. PATRICK'S

100% Badges and Certificates were handed out for term 3 attendance – well-done to **51%** of our children who achieved this! This means they were in school EVERY day through term 3 - this is a fantastic achievement!

We also had **60%** of our school meeting our 96%+ target in term 3.

Stand out class of the term was **CEDAR** class with **20** of the children having **100%** attendance and **23** in total over **96%**, WOW!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS and was an area highlighted on our Ofsted report to improve.
“Some pupils do not attend school regularly enough, despite leaders’ efforts to reduce persistent absence. These pupils miss vital learning.”

Those with attendance below 90% are classed as ‘persistent absence’. Parents are asked to work with the school by attending meetings with the Headteacher so we can evidence school and home working together. This supports parents when the school receives our visit with the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) and they discuss our PAs.

For Your Information

At this point, Thursday 2nd March is still a planned strike day for members of the National Education Union. However, we expect to be fully open. If there are any changes, we will let you know as soon as we can.

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Our week in pictures...



St. George's Church of England Primary School Helpful Dates for Term 4



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Monday 27 th February:	Cricket coaching Year 1 & 2
Thursday 2 nd March:	WORLD BOOK DAY – dress as a book character KS2 Football (Away) vs Valley Invicta
Friday 3 rd March:	Year 2 Inter-house afternoon KS2 Football (Away) vs Ryarsh
Monday 6 th March:	Class Worship in Church (Led by Year 4) Cricket Coaching Year 1 & 2
Wednesday 8 th March:	WORLD MATHS DAY
Thursday 9 th March:	KS2 Netball Match vs St. Katherine's (away)
Friday 10 th March:	Year 1 Inter-house afternoon
Monday 13 th March:	Science Week
Tuesday 14 th March:	Science workshops for the school
Wednesday 15 th March:	Love 2 Dance performance at the Stag Theatre KS1 Football Play & Learn (West Malling) KS2 Football (Away) vs West Malling
Friday 17 th March:	Year R Inter-house afternoon
Wednesday 22 nd March:	Year 3 to 5 Tower of London visit
Tuesday 28 th March:	Year 1 to 5 Parent Consultations
Wednesday 29 th March:	Lunch Box on a budget Workshop
Thursday 30 th March:	Year 1 to 5 Parent Consultations
Friday 31 st March:	Last day of Term 4

Term 5 starts Monday 17th April

PE, Swimming & Forest Schools Days Term 4

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PE	Beech & Cedar Year 1 & 3	Beech & Maple Year 1 & Year 2	Willow Year 4	Maple - Year 2 Hazel & Sycamore Years 5 & 6	Cedar Year 3 Non swimmers in Years 5& 6
Swimming					Swimmers from Years 5 & 6
Forest Schools					Willow Year 4

Reminders!

- Reporting an illness – please call the school office on 01732 882401 before 9.30am if your child is unwell and unable to attend school. Please also advise the school office of any medical appointments prior to their date
- Medicine in school – if your child requires medication to be given in school you will need to complete a form <https://forms.gle/SazXueNtqAo9jVGAA> and hand it into the school office with the medicine
- Leave of absence – if your child needs to be out of school, other than for illness, then a request for absence form needs to be completed <https://forms.gle/FcLY8T5475qVrTc47>
- Please park responsibly and legally – school coaches for educational visits and swimming are often having to stop in dangerous locations to inconsiderate parking on double yellow lines or on corners
- **Classroom doors** close for registration at 8.55am as worship begins at 9am. Arriving at the school entrance gates at 8.55am means your child will need to enter in the main reception to be signed in and will have to go into worship late