

St. George's CEP Newsletter

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'Bringing faith and education together'

Our value this term is FORGIVENESS

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

[Ephesians 4:32]

We have had some new faces join our school. I am always really pleased when we welcome in student teachers. It shows the depth of our staff that we can help mentor and support the future generation of teachers. Mr Burton and Miss Silk have been with us prior to the January lock down and we were pleased to welcome them back again. This week Miss Rush joined our team as a full time student teacher in Year 2. The children in Maple have welcomed her and she has had a great first week – she is going to be a great asset to Miss Gower's Year 2 team.

This week in school the children have continued to enjoy their work in school on 'The Journey' inspired by Aaron Becker's story. Our school well being mentors meet with Mr Jones this week and all commented on how much they enjoyed it and love the fact the book has no words so their imaginations can run wild! From a Headteacher's viewpoint I can see how much they've enjoyed it through their work. We are only ten days back together in school and their English books are full of daily chunks of writing. They have worked hard on their cursive script and you can see how quickly they've built up their stamina.

Next term all the children will receive new books for the summer term and all of key stage 2 will be writing in pen – I am so proud of them all!

While we still have another eight school days to go before the Easter break (last day of this term being Wednesday 31st March) we are planning for the summer term ahead. While we are still under restrictions any plans we make are subject to the Government's roadmap. However, on our return (Monday 19th April) we will resume class PE days. We will still be doing daily activity too. As soon as I can confirm details of the day allocated to your child's class I will let you know, this will be before we break up. **Please ensure your child has black or navy shorts and a house coloured t-shirt ready!**

Although a long way of planning the logistics yet, we have a provisional date for our annual sports day (Wednesday 31 June) – maybe a date to pop in your diaries. Here's hoping there will be more coming as we hopefully move forward with the outlined roadmap for us all.

Thank you for supporting the school in ensuring we can make sure the children enjoy more of the traditional things schools normally have planned by still following social distancing and wearing face masks on the school grounds at drop off and pick up times.

Mrs Rye

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EXTENDED SCHOOL DAYS

Every school day our school is open from 7.30am for our Breakfast Club and Mandy's After School Childcare closes at 5pm.

In addition we were able to start cross-country for Years 1-6 – thank you to the teachers who have volunteered to support this!

If you want to make use of any of our wraparound support please book through our school website <u>Community - St George's CE Primary School (st-georges-wrotham.kent.sch.uk)</u>

After Easter we are looking forward to welcoming back our music teachers – Chris Spring who takes children for guitar and Mr Thorton from Kent Music for Schools who teaches woodwind and brass instruments.

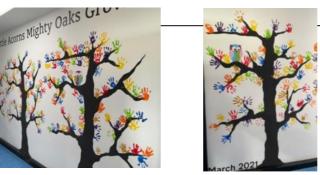
For more information on how to book lessons with them please email <u>admin@st-georges-wrotham.kent.sch.uk</u>

Some parents have enquired about after school clubs led by teachers. At this point we are looking at how we can support children's learning and this maybe working beyond the school day. We are also at a stage where we still required to work in 'bubbles' so at this stage we are unable to commit to running additional clubs as we may have in the past.

'FROM LITTLE ACORNS MIGHTY OAKS GROW'

Apologies if your child has come home with an odd coloured hand at any point last week but we have completed our feature wall – our trees decorated with every child's handprint. It looks lovely and the children enjoy pointing out their own hands to

each other!





And a BIG THANK YOU to Lily-Rose in Year 4, who over lockdown produced a beautiful painting which she's had framed and given to the school – a very thoughtful gift.

A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to everyone but in particular to Mr Jones and our well being mentors through school for receiving the Well Being Award for Schools. This is a fantastic award recognizing all the hard work and commitment we have as a school on supporting children's health and emotional well being.





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