



St. George's CEP Newsletter

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'Bringing faith and education together'

Our value this term is KINDNESS

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other,
just as Christ forgives you. - Ephesians 4:32

VISION & LEADERSHIP

As Headteacher of a primary school you spend a lot of time developing your improvement ideas and designing curriculum plans but the reason behind this is to drive the vision for your school. It is more than just academic achievement. At St. George's we strive for every child to reach their full potential, be inquisitive, develop awareness of the world around them and have compassion for others but this can only be done through a journey that supports every child to being a lifelong learner.

One area of this journey, I believe, is vital for every child at St George's is for them to have the opportunity to be leaders. In Covid-19 times pupil voice is as important as ever but we are having to be creative in the ways we can now do this.

This week we are introducing Class Ambassadors in every class. Each day a child becomes the Class Ambassador. They are encouraged to develop their speaking skills by explaining what is happening in class, reporting ideas of improvements and choosing the Class Ambassador Dojo Star Award to name but a few. Children are very different; some will be naturals at this role and others will take some support and scaffolding in developing their confidence in developing these skills.

Our aim is for every child to build confidence in being able to become leaders in our school, this will help them as they move through our school and on into their future.

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

Importance of Outdoor Learning at Forest Schools

Last week was a great way to share the importance of hands on learning. Cedar Class (Year 3) have been enjoying the book 'The Boy With The Bronze Axe' which they used to learn more about the Stone Age. I was then invited to see their 'hands on' learning about Skara Brae and hear their knowledge of facts and information come pouring out after having a stone age day with Mark from Forest Schools. In their 'tribes' the children built their own stone age homes, created stone age weapons, learnt why they were used, understood how fire was made and made chalk paintings.... I think they enjoyed it and their knowledge was incredible!



While Year 3 enjoyed a hot day this was a complete contrast to Year 6 Forest school's day! By the time the children get to

Year 6 they have developed excellent independence and understanding of how to use tools correctly and for the right purpose. They have been lucky enough to have some of their forest school sessions on the Wild Times Forest School site itself where they will be able to develop independence and responsibility as well as learn life skills in an outside environment.



BITS & BOBS!

The weather certainly through a range of warm sunshine to rainy downpours reminding us all we are in the Autumn Term. Please make sure your child has a NAMED waterproof coat in school EVERY day as we do encourage a lot of outdoor learning.

Thank you for your patience as we work out default fonts on our school website! It's certainly churned out some interesting fonts to challenge our reading skills – we are working hard on sorting this out!

If you haven't already, please book a parent consultation – any problems doing this online please call the school office who will be happy to help!

Don't forget the PTA AGM on zoom at 4:30pm, for an invite please email stgeorgespta2020@yahoo.com EVERYONE welcome to join – please sign up!

STAFFING UPDATE

The time has come, a little earlier than she planned, for Mrs Lyle to start her maternity leave. We wish her lots of rest and look forward to future announcements of a new addition to the family. Mrs Foreman will be taking the class full time until a newly appointed teacher can start after half term.

We are also in the middle of appointing a new Teaching Assistant in KS2 after Mrs Binckes resigned in the summer holidays taking up a new job outside of teaching. We wish her well! The process of appointing any new staff member takes a little longer in challenging Covid-19 times but we hope to make an announcement next week.

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