

# St George the Martyr C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17th November 2023  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

A reminder that this year we are asking for one contribution towards visits out and visitors in school. This is £15.00 and covers all visits out and workshops in school. We will not request contributions for each individual trip. This makes it much simpler for parents. Please pay the £15.00 contribution on Parent Pay. Thank you to the many parents who have already done this.

Please have a look further on for information on how to keep your child safe online when using the internet at home.

With best wishes, Mrs Whiteley (Head of School) and Mr Webb (Executive Headteacher)

## History: Year 2's Great Fire of London workshop

Year 2 participated in a fantastic workshop where they learnt even more about what life would have been like during the Great Fire of London.

Year 2 demonstrated our values of 'excellence' and 'respect' through fantastic behaviour and engagement during the day.

## This week was Anti-Bullying Week.

Please talk to your child about what they learned in assemblies about Anti-Bullying.



Please also take a look at the 'Is it Bullying?' poster below, that we regularly share with the children and use these ideas when talking to children about bullying.



**Is it Bullying?**

When someone says or does something *unintentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's...

**Rude**

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's...

**Mean**

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they *keep doing it* - even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset, that's...

**Bullying**

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Our key message is to always **tell an adult** if you have a worry, or if you feel you are being bullied.

The children at St George the Martyr are able to name **many trusted adults**, who they could speak to if they are worried about bullying.

I have received and read the St George the Martyr CE Primary School newsletter of 17.11.2023

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND YOUR CHILD MIGHT WIN A PRIZE :)

### Important dates for your diary...

Tuesday 21st November—School photographer in

Thursday 23rd November—9.05am—Year 4 Parents Working Alongside Children

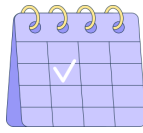
Friday 24th November—9.05am—Parent Coffee Morning

Tuesday 28th November—10.00am—Music Concert for Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2; 2.00pm—Music Concert for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

Friday 1st December—Non-uniform day

Monday 4th December—Last week of after school enrichment clubs

Thursday 7th December—10am—Nativity performance for Y2 parents, 2.30pm—Nativity performance for Reception and Y1 parents



### Attendance...

A huge congratulations to both **YEAR 2 and YEAR 5** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** last week with **99%**!

Our attendance bear, George, will live in both the Year 2 and Year 5 classrooms next week.

*Well done Year 2 and Year 5!*



### Are you interested in being a parent governor?

If you would like to find out more, please speak to Mrs Whiteley, pop in to the office or email us at [admin@stgeorge.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stgeorge.camden.sch.uk) and we will invite you to some training on the role to help you decide if it is something you'd like to do.

*Do you have a child who will be ready to start Reception or Nursery next September? Or do you know anyone else who does?*

Applications to Reception must be made through [eadmissions.org.uk](http://eadmissions.org.uk) by 15th January 2024 as well as applying to the school directly.

If your child is currently in St George the Martyr's Nursery then you must still apply.

**Our Nursery is completely free for full time places – please tell your friends and family!**

Please find a link below for the 'Every Child Reading by 7'



booklet. This booklet is full of top tips to help young children develop their language and a love of reading. Please do have a read!

<https://camdenlearning.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/ECR7-Booklet.pdf>

### Parent Information Coffee Mornings

This half term, we are continuing our weekly Coffee Mornings where we will share information and advice on a range of really useful topics.

Next topic: Bullying

*Would you like to hear some advice on what to do if you think your child is involved in bullying or being bullied?*

Then come along to our Coffee Morning on **Friday 24th**

**November at 9.05am.**

Hot drinks and biscuits will be provided.

All parents welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.



### Person of the Week!

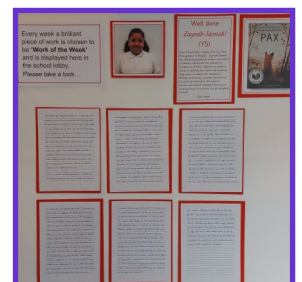
Nursery - Jason  
Reception - Kadinah  
Year 1 - Owen  
Year 2 - Arham  
Year 3 - Taseen  
Year 4 - Edwin  
Year 5 - Mason  
Year 6 - Amaya



### Work of the Week...

Every week a great piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby.

Year 5 have been reading 'Pax' by Sarah Pennypacker. Zaynab-Jannah has written a fantastic retell from one of the character's perspectives. She has included a range of adventurous verbs and emotive language. Her presentation is also superb!  
*Well done, Zaynab-Jannah!*



### Don't let a little worry turn into a big one...

If you or your child are worried about something or have any questions, please phone the school office and book an appointment to see their class teacher, Mrs Whiteley or Miss Bhoday. **We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.**



Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to this week's coffee morning about online safety.

We discussed the kinds of programs and apps children are currently using and the age limit for each. We discussed useful ways to keep your child safe online.

Parents also shared helpful ideas on how they already manage screen time. *Please watch the YouTube video from **Internet Matters** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=caX\\_wpyGnwQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=caX_wpyGnwQ) for more advice on online safety. For further information, please visit <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/> and <https://www.internetmatters.org/>.*

Please find some of the key information that was shared during the Coffee Morning below.

Do look at the 'Important dates for your diary' information to see when our next Coffee Mornings are coming up. All parents are welcome to join us for these sessions.

### What can you do to keep your child safe?

Teach your child to talk to an adult if they see something that upsets them or confuses them.

- Block the content
- Set parental controls and manage their access
- Report inappropriate content
- Monitor what your child is doing, through apps and the browser history
- Talk to your child and show them that you want to know what they are doing.

### Did you know?

Studies found that students who spent more than two hours a day on TV or gaming, suffered a decline in academic achievement.

Other research suggests that moderate use (around 4 hours a day) of any screens (phones, tablets, TV, etc.) can lead to lower psychological well-being.

For children especially, it can be difficult to turn off a video game or put away a tablet/laptop. It is important that adults set boundaries around this.



### Child-friendly Internet search engines



[www.swiggle.org.uk](http://www.swiggle.org.uk)

**Top tip** - set these as the home-page on your child's tablet or laptop.

### How to manage time spent gaming...



- DO** ✓ **GET YOUR WORK DONE FIRST**  
You can then spend time enjoying gaming knowing that your work has been done.
- DON'T** ✗ **LOSE SLEEP OVER IT**  
Sleep is important as it impacts on how you feel, think and behave the next day.
- DO** ✓ **SET A TIME LIMIT**  
This can help ensure you don't spend too much time gaming. All things are best in moderation.
- DON'T** ✗ **SPEND TOO MUCH TIME ON YOUR OWN PLAYING IN YOUR ROOM**  
Playing with other people in person and spending time with others is important.
- DO** ✓ **GET EXERCISE**  
Be sure to get enough fresh air and physical activity regularly. Don't replace exercise and sport with gaming.

## St George the Martyr Church



### Our Prayer of the week

Dear God,

You come to share the Good News of God's Kingdom with the whole world.

May your love reign in our hearts always.



Amen

St George the Martyr Church offers a '**Parish Pantry**' with free non-perishable food and toiletries.

Anyone is welcome to simply pop in and help themselves.

The 'Parish Pantry' is open 10am-2pm on Tuesday-Thursday and 10am-12pm on Sunday.

