

Dear Parents and Carers



Welcome to this week's edition of the St George the Martyr school newsletter.

Please read on and enjoy hearing all about our extra special World Book Day celebrations last week.

Best wishes
Mrs Rebecca Harris Headteacher and Miss Taryn Jackson, Deputy Headteacher

Go shine in the world as Jesus did, with compassion, honesty and integrity.

School Uniform Policy



It is important to remind ourselves of the benefits of wearing our school uniform.

It not only gives us a sense of pride and identity as members of our school community but also prepares us for the real world where dress codes are an integral part of many workplaces.

We have notices that some children have been wearing PE joggers with logos. Please note that joggers need to be plain and **logos are not allowed.**

Thank you for sticking to the school uniform.

Games and PE Kit:

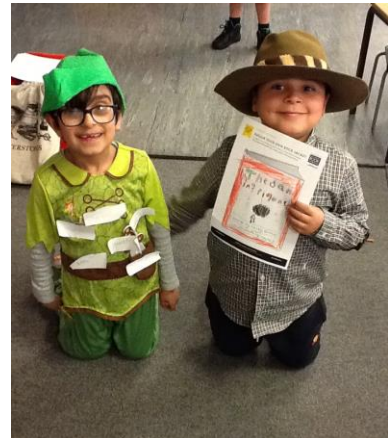
- Black Plimsolls or trainers.
- White PE t-shirt with school logo
- Plain red PE shorts.
- Grey jogging bottoms (no logos please).



World Book Day at SGTM

St George the Martyr had a fantastic world book day celebration on Friday 10th March. The children and staff alike looked amazing in their costumes and everyone was so impressed with how knowledgeable so many of the children were about their chosen characters. Over the course of the day, we enjoyed lots of free reading time, in addition to our structured daily reading practice and Destination Reader sessions. The children explored the school library and our book corners at leisure and every class participated in a survey to make St George the Martyr even more of a 'reading school'. We discussed how we can make reading even more fun and shared ideas about new books to read.

KS1 enjoyed a 'draw-along' with the author/illustrator duo Swapna Haddow and Sheena Dempsey, where they drew 'Dave Pigeon', brilliantly, whilst being inspired to write and illustrate their own stories. KS2 participated in the 'Great Footy and Booky Quiz', hosted by top sports presenter Kelly Somers with Football School authors Alex Bellos and Ben Lyttleton.



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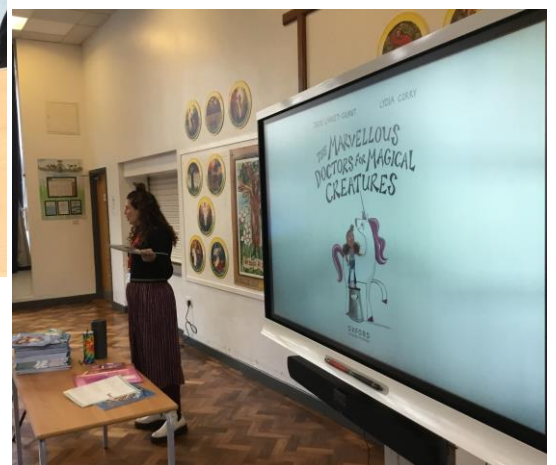
We were very lucky to have children's author Jodie Lancet-Grant join us to read and talk about her latest book 'The Marvellous Doctors for Magical Creatures'. This was a very active assembly visit; we danced, we moved and some of the children were lucky enough to discover what their magical creature's special powers would be. The main character in this book is a very determined girl. We all spent some time thinking how we are all uniquely special and with determination we can achieve anything!

Another highlight of the day was the teacher reading race. When the bell sounded, the teachers ran to a different class to read a book. No one fell over, but there were a few near misses in the corridors and plenty of laughs. The teachers enjoyed spending time with different classes and the children were able to sit back and enjoy some fabulous new books read differently by different teachers (see below).



World Book Day at SGTM

Finally, in our survey, most children agreed that reading is 'cool' and most children said they 'loved' being read to – from Nursery to Year 6. This weekend, we hope you can find the time to snuggle up and read a book together and create some special memories.



GOLD STAR OF THE WEEK

Chloe



Throughout the academic year, this person has consistently demonstrated a thirst for knowledge and a genuine love of learning. She has shown remarkable progress in all subjects, particularly in English and Maths, where she has consistently challenged herself to produce spectacular work.

Her enthusiasm and positive attitude towards learning have been an inspiration to her peers and a credit to the school. We are all very proud of Chloe, and we have no doubt that she will continue to shine as a star learner in the years to come.

Congratulations Chloe!

Royal Academy of Music workshop



The prestigious Royal Academy of Music recently visited the school to brighten up Wednesday for Year 6 students!

The day started with a fantastic workshop, during which the talented musicians shared tips and tricks on playing instruments and singing in harmony.

After the workshop, the children sang beautifully in front of their peers and we also enjoyed an electrifying concert by the Academy's ensemble - showcasing their incredible talent and leaving a lasting impact on the young audience.

It was a truly unforgettable experience for all involved!

Collective Worship



This week we started thinking about a very important time in the Christian calendar – **Holy Week**.

We began by reminding ourselves that this special time is preceded by Lent which lasts for 40 days. This was how long Jesus spent fasting in the desert, not giving into temptation from the devil.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday was the time when Jesus went into Jerusalem riding triumphantly on the back of a donkey. The people welcomed Him like a King and threw coats and palm leaves on the ground for the donkey to walk over, just as a red carpet would be put on the ground for a King or Queen today. Read on and join in with our discussions we had below at home.

Why did Jesus enter Jerusalem triumphantly?

- Jesus entered Jerusalem triumphantly because the people wanted him to be King of the Jews.

- He entered Jerusalem, which was the city of kings and upon their coronation, kings would usually ride in on a horse.

Why would they do this?

- To distinguish themselves from the rest of the people.
- However, Jesus was not a typical King. He was described as the Prince of Peace so he chose to ride on a donkey and not a horse.

Why do you think Jesus chose to ride a donkey and not a horse?

- Jesus was humble and didn't want to show off.
- Jesus did not ride just any donkey, but He chose to ride on a donkey that no one had ever ridden.

Why was this special and significant?

- It was an honour for Jesus to be the first to ride the donkey.
- This is part of Jesus showing people that He was their King.

How is Palm Sunday celebrated?

- In some churches palm crosses, made from palm leaves, are given out to everyone.
- In some churches children will make palm crosses from strips of paper.
- Many churches will have a procession in or around the church while people sing songs of praise and wave palm leaves.
- This is to help them imagine what Jesus' entry into Jerusalem might have been like.



The second key day we talked about was **Maundy Thursday.**

We discussed and acted out how Jesus chose to wash the feet of his disciples and how at the Last Supper he broke the bread and shared the wine, learning about how:

- In some churches on Maundy Thursday the Priest will wash the feet of twelve members of the church, remembering that Jesus washed the feet of his twelve disciples.
- King **Charles 111** will be giving gifts to 12 people this year.

Why 12 people?

- This represents the 12 disciples.

Why did people have their feet washed when entering homes?

- There were no buses, trains, cars so people used to walk very long distances and the roads were very dusty, so when people arrived at someone's house, the servant of the house would wash their feet.
- The disciples walked to the outskirts of Jerusalem to a place called the Upper Room, to have what is known as the Last Supper with Jesus
- When they arrived, they started complaining that there was no servant there to wash their feet.
- To their surprise, Jesus filled a bowl with water and washed each disciple's feet and dried them carefully with a towel

Why do you think Jesus washed the feet of his disciples?

- Jesus wanted to teach his disciples his commandment about loving one another and showing them the importance of humility, loving and serving others.
- Peter, one of the disciples, was very cross and said Jesus should not be doing this.

How is the Last Supper remembered?

- The Last Supper is remembered every Sunday in most Christian churches with a communion service

What happens in a communion service?

- The priest breaks bread and pours wine and gives it to the people, just like Jesus did at the Last Supper.
- Next week, we will be exploring **Good Friday** in our Collective Worship.

Information for Parents

Do you have any questions about school life?

We are of course, really happy to answer any questions about school, no matter how small. Do phone the school office to ask questions or ask to arrange an appointment to speak to the class teacher. You can also speak to myself or Miss Jackson (Deputy Headteacher).

A member of the office staff will also be available in the playground in the morning. If you are worried about something, see us straight away. Don't let a little worry turn in to a big one. We also like to hear your good news. It helps to keep us going with a smile.



**Mrs Rebecca
Harris**
Headteacher

Prayer

*Dear God,
Thank you for the many
amazing people who
inspire us, so that we too
can achieve great things
in our lives.*

Amen

This week in **Destination Reader lessons KS2** children have been

Clarifying



To clarify something is to try to understand the meaning of what you are reading.

There are 2 parts:

- Identifying or admitting being stuck on a word or idea.
- Working out how to solve the problem.

Information for Parents

Messy Cathedral Saturday 1st April 10.30am – 1.00pm

St Paul's Cathedral invites families to a **FREE** session of activities for all ages, including crafts, singing and storytelling, the theme being the days of Holy Week. All that fun will culminate in a Holy Communion.

Tickets on www.eventbrite.co.uk



Rev Jamie is happy to invite you to a free Easter holiday event "Easter Eggstravaganza" at St George the Martyr Church from 11.30am - 2.30pm on Monday 3rd April. This is a chance for kids to get stuck into some Easter arts, crafts, games (and dancing!) plus make their own yummy lunch and get their face painted! Parents can chill in the comfy seats with hot drinks and biscuits or alternatively join in the fun!

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Information for Parents

SEND Parents Day

With Camden Parents Forum and SENDIASS

For Camden parents & carers of children & young people with special educational needs & disabilities (SEND).

Join us to hear from speakers, meet other parents & give your feedback!

CAMDEN Special Parents Forum

SENDIASS Camden

All welcome!
For more information email: CamdenSPF@kids.org.uk

WHEN Friday 24th March, 10am-2pm **FREE LUNCH!**
WHERE Greenwood Centre, Kentish Town, NW5 1LB.

Together for better outcomes – with Camden managers of SEN education, Social Care & Health services.

Camden SEND Strategy – what's next for families?
Martin Pratt, Deputy Chief Executive, Camden.

Doing it yourself – Emma Colverd founder of Safehaven Basketball club

Give your feedback to Camden.
What's working?
What needs to change?

Book your **FREE** place NOW!
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/camden-send-parents-day-tickets-559600118017>

This is event is for Camden parents & carers only. We are unable to provide a crèche or any children/young person's provision.

Camden Learning Kids Giving disabled children a brighter future

Islington and Camden Parental Support Project

We're inviting all parents and carers in Islington and Camden to join in our events and services aimed at helping improve the lives of young people aged 11-18 (25 for those with disabilities) and their families.

Join a webinar covering a series of important subjects

Child and Criminal exploration.
How to reduce the risks of child and criminal exploitation and how we can safeguard our children together.

Teen dating abuse.
How parents and carers can identify signs around abusive and coercive behaviour amongst young people.

Summer programme.
Together we can reduce the risks and keep young people safe during the summer and beyond.

Social media awareness.
Training and how to supervise young people safe online, as well as information about IT, Zoom, Microsoft Teams and more.

County line training.
Understanding how county lines operates, and how to reduce the risk of grooming.

To sign up to our events, scan the QR code



Please see below key dates for your diaries this term:

March

- Monday 20th March: Year 2 School Trip to Nightingale Museum.
- Monday 20th March: Year 5 to Kentish town Primary to watch the Shakespeare performance
- Wednesday 22nd March at 9.30am: Year 4 parents - Stations of the Cross and Easter Collective Worship at the Church.
- Friday 24th March Year 4 School trip to Tower Bridge.
- Tuesday 28th March 10:40 - 11:40am: Year 6 - KS2 Concert at the Barbican.
- Friday 31st March: School breaks up for the Easter holidays at 2.00pm.

Weekly Awards

Star Learners / Christian Value certificates

Class	Star Learners	Christian Value
Nursery	Lina	Aya
Reception	Ezra	Aliyah
Year 1	Alex	Luna
Year 2	Maryam	Harry
Year 3	Abidah	Noori
Year 4	Arya	Mason
Year 5	Alina	Ambreen
Year 6	Maryam D.	Hugo

Reading

CLASS	PERCENTAGE
Year 1	98%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	90%
Year 6	98%