



# St George's Newsletter

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*"For in thee, O LORD, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God"- Psalms 38:15*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, welcome back and a happy St George's Day to you all! We surprised the children with an ice cream van this afternoon as a mark of celebration for the day! There was ice cream for all, with signature St George's Day Red and White stripes!

This week, the sun has shone and it has helped us all to feel motivated and enthusiastic in all areas. We are committed to continue to ensure the safety of our entire school community and thank you for your continued support in adhering to our COVID-19 Risk Assessment.

I would also like to say a personal thank you to those parents/ carers who are completing the twice weekly lateral flow tests at home. It really does help us all feel a little safer in these uncertain times, and even more so as we begin our journey both within school, and our personal lives, to normality once again. (*A little reminder that children of primary age do not need to do the twice weekly tests.*)

I am pleased to note also; and hope it will give you some comfort, that we have had no bubble closures since our return on the 8th March. We are also looking forward to re-starting our swimming lessons for Years 3 and 5, with all necessary precautions in place.

*I hope the sun continues to shine over the weekend for us all.*

Best Wishes,

Mrs Shirley Atkar and the family of St George's

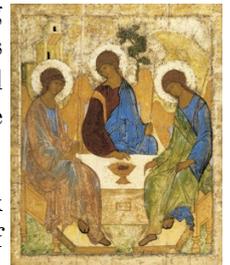


## Collective Worship



Following the sad news we all received during the Easter holidays of the passing of HRH Prince Phillip, Mrs Atkar began this weeks Collective Worship by talking about The Duke of Edinburgh's life, many achievements and contributions to society, both nationally and world wide. We discussed the sadness and loss felt when someone we love departs this world, but how we always have our memories of that person to take with us moving forward.

Father Sam led us in worship on Wednesday where we started to think about the topic of Friendship, which we are exploring this term, by hearing the story of Abraham meeting God as three mysterious figures (*Genesis 18:1-15*). We looked at an icon by Andrei Rublev of this story. In it there is a space for another person at the table, since we are all invited into a life-long friendship with God.



## St George's Day Service at St Georges Church

On Sunday 25th April, there will be a service held to celebrate St George's day in worship. Fr Douglas Machridiza (Area Dean, Handsworth & Central Birmingham) will be attending to preach at the 10.30am service. There is no need to book.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

## Important Information– SA COVID-19 Variant in Ladywood

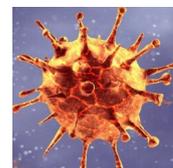
You may have heard on local news that there have been an increasing number of confirmed cases of the South African variant in the Ladywood, Jewellery Quarter and Soho areas of Birmingham. PCR home testing kits should have been sent to all households residing within these areas.

We, as an education setting within this area, have also been sent kits and have encouraged all staff to undertake these.

We strongly advise, and encourage you all (with our school and wider communities best interest and safety in mind) to ensure, that if your address falls within these identified areas, that members of your household over the age of 16 complete the PCR test for this variant.

You should take the test even if:

- you have no symptoms of coronavirus
- you've had a vaccination for coronavirus
- you've tested positive for coronavirus previously (but not within the last 90 days).



More information and a postcode checker can be found on the government website [here](#).

## Letters Coming Home and Important Dates Coming up

- ♦ Swimming is re-starting next week at Ladywood Leisure Centre for Y3 and Y5. Year 3's swimming day will be Tuesday, Year 5's Friday. **Y5– Please return slips back ASAP.**
- ♦ **MAY DAY: Monday 3rd May-** School will be **closed** on this Bank Holiday Day.
- ♦ **POLLING DAY: Thursday 6th May-** St George's School is a designated Polling Station for Local Elections. School will be closed for this reason. Further details of online learning/activities for the day will follow soon.

## Stars of the Week:

*A superb start to the Summer Term, with so many fantastic comments from all our teachers and TA's.*

*Our Stars this week are:*

**Rec-** \*Mina\*- For creating an obstacle course in the playground, with a range of objects, and inviting others to share it.

**Year 1-** \*Eleanora\*- For her maths work using a number line to solve problems.

**Year2-** \*Evie-Rai & Renoir\*- "Pat was very impressed with how efficiently you worked together with your partner during our algorithms lesson to give each other clear and accurate instructions."-Miss Drayton

**Year3-** \*Chelsea\*- For her enthusiasm about reading at home and spreading this by recommending the books she has read to other children in the class.

**Year4-** \* Anastasios\*- For making the 'A' choice when witnessing something unkind happening to another child.

**Year5-** \*Hamza\* -For his growth in confidence. Asking thoughtful questions while reading 1:1.

**Year6-** \*Simona\*- "Simona has settled in after the Easter Holidays really well - she comes in every morning with a big smile and is always ready to learn."-Miss Duggins

## Workers of the Week:

*A very busy first week back with lots of hard work from all! Our workers this week are:*

**Rec-** \*Emma\* -For showing excellent effort during Guided Reading - using her phonic knowledge to sound out phase 3 words

**Year 1-** \*Denico\* -For some fantastic work in Guided Reading

**Year2-** \*Abia\* - For having such an amazing attitude towards all her lessons on Wednesday that she reached gold on our positive learning behaviours chart.

**Year3-** \*Lawrence\* -For showing great resilience with his Reading Karate chart and overcoming many obstacles to his reading time

**Year4-** \*Shaniye\* - For working really hard in science to classify animals using a Venn Diagram.

**Year5-** \*Jessica\* - For excellent contributions in all our lessons this week: sharing her mathematical thinking, wide vocabulary and stories related to her faith

**Year6-** \*Zoe\* - "I was so impressed with Zoe's Create work. She designed an outfit that represented her and put lots of effort in, both visually and symbolically!" - Miss Duggins

## Little Dragons– Welcome Back!

We are pleased to inform you that we have now re-opened our before and after school club 'Little Dragons'. We hope this will help some of our parents as we begin our exit from lockdown and return to some level of normality. We will be sending out a booking form shortly via email, along with more details of this service. If you would like to use Little Dragons please complete the booking form and return it to the front office.

