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ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL MATTERS

St George's Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome to the January issue of **St George's Newsletter** – Happy New Year to everyone!

Our new play area is complete!



It looks absolutely fantastic and has created quite a stir at playtimes; the children have been itching to play on it. Watching the construction process over the course of the first week back was also a great experience for the children. The contractors also commented on how well-behaved and polite our children were, which is always a pleasure to hear when we have visitors to the school.

The sea and island theme on the bonded bark mulch looks really effective. Another big thank you goes to FoSG for helping us to fund this project. We can't wait to start designing Phase 2 of the play scheme project that will hopefully incorporate the mounds and the huts at the back of the field.

It has now been unveiled officially in our Opening Ceremony and the children are already getting huge amounts of enjoyment out of it.

On the 23rd January we have the Dog's Trust visiting us to inform us



be learning about how animals

about how to look after dogs and to keep ourselves safe around dogs that we don't know. Also, Swans will

helped humans during WW2 and Kingfishers will be focussing on the evolution of dogs linked to their current Science topic.

Starting the year as we mean to go on

The importance of reading was an item on the December Newsletter and sadly there are still a large number of children who are not reading at home. We cannot emphasise enough how important being able to read is. It is **the** fundamental building block that is crucial for your children becoming successful and engaged independent learners. It is also a great way to escape the real world and explore fantasy worlds and have adventures.

Evidence suggests that



children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and have a better understanding of other cultures. In fact, **reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.** We realise that home life is busy with lots of things to juggle, but if time is short, then please prioritise their daily reading and simply log it on the Home side of their reading record.

Please encourage your child to complete their 15 minutes of reading at home **EVERY** day. It doesn't have to be their reading book, it might be following a recipe, the instructions of a board game,

reading a magazine or sharing bedtime stories together. All reading of any kind counts.

Sad news...

Emma Rosling has taken the sad decision to resign from the post of Lead MDSA at lunchtime. We will miss her greatly in and around school and wish her all the best. Therefore we have a lunchtime vacancy that



needs to be filled. If anyone is interested in applying, please contact Laura in the office for further details and to declare an interest.

The week of the 4th Feb is **Mental Health & Wellbeing Week.** To

promote this with our learners, KS2 will be having a Mindfulness Workshop to help to promote good mental health.

Tuesday 5th

February is **Safer Internet Day** and



in addition to our usual e-safety learning that we regularly do with the children, there will be an addition focus on this day to promote online safety.

Dates for your Diary

- Sat 26th Jan** – Messy Church
- Fri 8th Feb** – Parent Goldbook
- Thurs 14th Feb** – end of Term 3
- Fri 15th Feb** – TD Day
- Mon 25th Feb** – Term 4 begins