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ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL MATTERS

St George's Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome to the March issue of St George's Newsletter!

St G's is on the up!



We were so excited to receive a letter from Wiltshire County Council confirming that last year's KS2 SATs results

put us in the top performing schools in the county! To read the whole letter, please follow this [link](#).

Rockin' the Dance Festival!

Thanks to Miss Kersey and her troupe of amazing dancers, St George's was able to take part in the 2019 West Wilts Dance Festival that is



held in Bath every year. This year's theme was 'Love' and it is true to say that although we were the smallest group at the festival, we definitely had the biggest hearts.

The children's performance was amazing on such a large stage in front of a packed Bath Pavilion. The choreography had a modern hip-hop twist to it and we had lots of compliments from other teachers and children from different schools about how superb their performance was. Here's looking forward to next year already!

Persuasive Letter Writing Pays Off!



A huge thank you goes to the

Islington Motor Group in Trowbridge who responded to the incredibly persuasive letter that Alfie wrote to them to ask for support in raising funds

for new play equipment. Alfie is going to help Mrs Hunt choose some new equipment to help make playtimes and lunchtimes even more enjoyable.

Animal Antics in Kingfishers' and Herons' Class

Both classes welcomed some unusual visitors to



their classroom last week. Keepers from Longleat brought along snakes, tarantulas, an armadillo, pancake tortoises and a tegu. They explained how each animal had special traits that enabled them to adapt to their environment and hide away from predators. The children said it was great to be able to see the animals up close and study their features.

Saving up for Phase 2 has begun!



We have all seen how excited the

children have been with the new playground equipment that was added to our outdoor environment after Christmas. We have had a design put together for the next phase and FoSG have this as their next big project to help us purchase. By coming along to FoSG events you are helping us to raise funds for this vital update to our outdoor play provision for the children. It would be great if we could have this next phase installed or planned in before the end of this academic year.

Parking at Drop Off and Pick Up Times



We have recently had a request from a villager that parents who park in Highfield

Close and St George's Road think

carefully and do not park across driveways or across corners. Thank you for your assistance with this.

The Smarties Challenge A HUGE thank you to all of you who supported FoSG's Smarties Challenge and of course, a big thank you to FoSG for organising it. Well done to the winners of the prize draw, we hope you enjoy your Boomerang passes! In total, FoSG have managed to raise **£258.53** to start off our mission to raise funds for Phase 2 of the playground scheme.

Red Nose Day – 15th March

The theme is 'funny hair, funny face' and so school uniform will be worn but with a silly hairstyle and / or face paint with a £1 donation given for all those who decide to take part. There will also be a sponsored Danceathon that the children will take part in at the end of the day.



Parents evening this term is scheduled for Monday 25th and Wednesday 27th March. Keep your eyes peeled for notification that the booking system is up and running and ready for you to make an appointment.



Dates for your Diary

Chocolate Bingo – Weds 3rd March
Easter Service – 2pm on Thurs 4th April at St George's Church
Parent Goldbook & Open Classrooms – Fri 5th April at 2.45pm
Term 4 ends – Fri 5th April
Term 5 begins – Tues 23rd April



Don't forget to sign up to Easyfundraising. This is the easiest way of raising money for school because it is not your money you are donating. You carry on buying what you normally would from any of 100s of retailers / providers from Ebay and Amazon, to takeaways, to holidays and we will earn money. To register click [here](#).

Staying Safe Online



Thanks to all of you who came to the Parents Online Safety Talk. If you were unable to attend but would like to find out more,

please follow this [link](#).

FoSG Facebook Page

If you want to be kept up-to-date with all of the great events and activities that



FoSG organise and to make Posts that you would like to share with other parents and carers, join the FoSG Facebook page. To find it, please search for 'Friends of St Georges School Semington' and make a request to join the group.

Thank You from the Children's Society



We have just had a lovely email from the Children's Society saying thank you for raising £38.35 At our

Christingle service that we had in December.



Eyes down for a full house!

Yes, we are heading towards Easter and it is time to start

thinking about getting ready for FoSG's **Chocolate Bingo** event that will be held on Wednesday 3rd April at 3.30pm in the school hall. The prizes are all in the form of Easter eggs and we would love as many children and adults to take part as possible. Donations of chocolate and Easter eggs to act as prizes would be much appreciated and can be brought into school week of 1st April.

Our Art Projects have begun!



We are all very excited as our Art Projects with Mrs Crabtree have begun! The first groups of children have decorated their pebbles and are ready to teach the other children in their classes how to create an amazing design and then reproduce this on their own pebbles. A big thank you goes to all of those people who donated pebbles and acrylic paint to make this project successful. A special thank you to Mrs Gwyn for convincing Lowden's to donate a huge quantity of pebbles.

Every child in the school will get decorate their own pebble and then we are going to go out into the village for the children to 'hide' their pebbles for others to find, enjoy and then re-hide ready for someone else to discover!

We all had a fabulous World Book Day



this year and even all the grown ups

dressed up! The children took part in lots of reading activities and every class

focussed on a picture book as a stimulus for the whole day. For example, Ducklings have been



'Wild Things' and Herons have been trying to figure out why 'The Crayons Quit'. Kingfisher and Swans loved sharing a story book with the younger children and Kingfisher

took part in a Book Swap.

Bedtime Stories & Reading Workshop

A huge thank you to all those parents and carers who returned to school for our Bedtime Story



and Reading Workshop! Forty nine of our children were represented by an adult at the Workshop, which is an amazing 55% of the school population which shows how important we all feel that reading is

for the children. The children had a great time hearing some of the classics like 'Going on a Bear Hunt'.

