

Northam St George's Weekly News

Friday 9th February 2024

www.northamfederation.devon.sch.uk/st-georges-infants

stgeorges@ventrus.org.uk



Headteacher's message

Growing, achieving and flourishing together in mind, body and spirit.

Dear Parents/Carers,

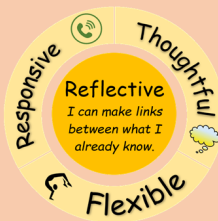
This week we have completed our parent teacher meetings for nearly all of our classes. It has been very pleasing to see such high levels of engagement with these meetings and to hear the positive feedback from parents about their children's learning. If for whatever reason you have missed your appointment, please speak to your child's teacher or contact the school office to rebook.

Our whole school attendance remains a challenge at St George's. Despite a slight rise since December, we have seen a decline over recent weeks. I appreciate that children do get poorly from time to time but it is vitally important that children attend school regularly to maximise their learning opportunities and ensure that they are better prepared for the next stage of their educational journey. If you are having any troubles getting your child to school, please contact us and we will support where we can.

Finally, we had a non-uniform day today to raise money for new playground equipment. I am pleased to report that we raised £103. Thank you kindly for your support.

Have a restful half term break,

Phil Lewis (Headteacher)



School Diary Dates

Wednesday 21st February	Juniper Swimming
Monday 26th February	Reception Weighing & Measuring
Wednesday 28th February	Sycamore Swimming
Wednesday 6th March	Juniper Swimming Cherry—Dental Nurse Visiting
w/c 4th March	World Book Day Date to be confirmed
Wednesday 13th March	Sycamore Swimming
Friday 15th March	School Disco
Thursday 28th March	Easter Service

Spring Term	2nd Jan—28th Mar 2024
February Half Term	12th—16th Feb 2024
Non Pupil Day	19th Feb 2024
Easter Holiday	29 Mar—12 Apr 2024
Summer Term	15th Apr—23rd Jul 2024
Bank Holiday	6th May
May Half Term	27th—31st May 2024
Last Day of Term	23rd July 2023

Around The Classes

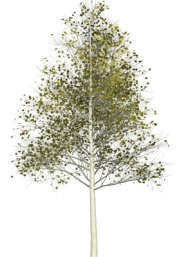


The Woodlands (Aspen Class and Beech Class)



This week in the Woodlands we have been looking at the cartoon 'trapdoor' in Drawing Club. The children have been making monsters from toilet rolls and playdough. We have drawn and labelled monsters and had a lot of fun making various meals for monsters in our mud kitchen.

The children have been making pancakes and adding their favourite toppings. Everyone enjoyed eating them! We have talked about Lent leading towards Easter. In maths we have been looking at joining two groups together as the start of addition. Well done everyone with reading books. Everyone has been bringing them in everyday and reading lots at home.



Cherry Class

We have reached the end of another half term! We have enjoyed meeting with parents this week to talk about the children's learning and progress. They have made us all very proud and we are so pleased with the progress they have made since starting in year one in September. Well done everyone! Next term we will be arranging a date for you to come in and look through your child's books with them so that you can see all the wonderful learning that has been taking place. We will confirm a date for this after the half term holiday. Have a great week!



Sycamore Class and Juniper Class



Year two have had an enjoyable last week of the term. In English we have been learning about recount writing and the features of this type of writing. The children have learnt that the reason why we know about the events of the Great Fire of London is because of Samuel Pepys' diary. This tells a recount of the events. On Thursday the children wrote their own recount as if they were Samuel Pepys. We were really impressed with how well the children applied the features of this type of writing and also how well they remembered the events. In the afternoon the children made a model of London and created flames with facts to show what they have learnt. We have really loved hearing how much the children have enjoyed the history learning this term during parent's evening. What has been your child's favourite thing they have done this term?

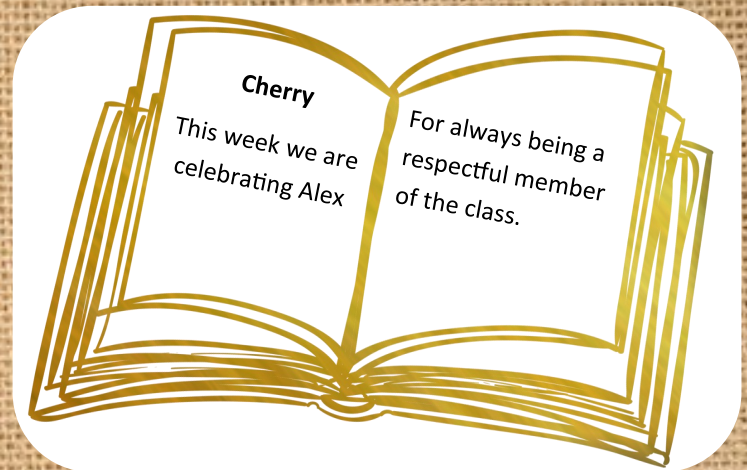
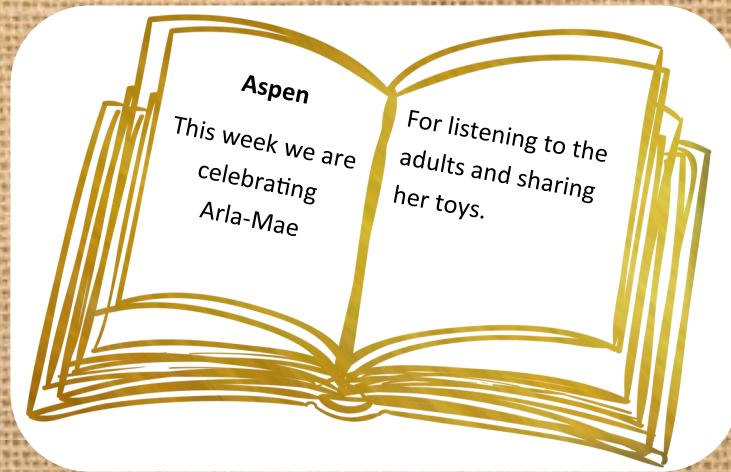


The Dunes Class

In the Dunes this week, we have been imagining what it would have been like to experience the Great Fire of London. We made characters to role play this, and thought about what we might have seen, heard and smelt. In Art, we created paintings of Tudor houses. In PE, we started to learn tennis skills and practised balancing the ball on the racket. We also made pancakes!



Golden Book



Notice Board



Weekly Attendance



Being around teachers and friends in a school environment is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care.

That's why school attendance is so important and why the Government is committed to tackling the issues that might cause some children to miss school unnecessarily. *The Education Hub Blog 2023*

Our weekly class attendance below.

Woodlands - 94.81%

Cherry - 98.72%

Sycamore - 91.2%

Juniper - 86.11%

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned



Our Happy Place Ltd is looking for Holiday Club Staff.

I'm looking for someone who can work a selection of days throughout the Easter and Summer school holidays. I'd like to recruit someone who is proactive, able to use initiative and can work alongside other people well. Ideally, I'm looking for someone with Childcare experience, but this isn't essential. All job offers are subject to an enhanced DBS check. The hours will be 8.30-4.30 on the days you are required to work with great rates of pay and reduced childcare throughout the holidays for the right candidate. Please get in contact with Jemma if you are interested and would like application forms.

Email: ourhappyplaceltd@hotmail.com
Call: 07368 425219



Our Happy Place Ltd is looking for Bank After school Club Staff.

I'm looking for someone who can work as bank staff to cover staff sickness and Holidays throughout the school year for after school club. You could be required to work at short notice but if you have a school aged child, they will be able to attend club free of charge on the days you work. Ideally, I'm looking for someone with Childcare experience, but this isn't essential. All job offers are subject to an enhanced DBS check. The hours will be 3 -5.30 on the days you are required to work with great rates of pay. Please get in contact with Jemma if you are interested and would like application forms.

Email: ourhappyplaceltd@hotmail.com
Call: 07368 425219

