

# APRIL 2022

## NEWSLETTER

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### Our value for the next half term is Responsibility.

Some questions to ask your child:

- Why is it important to take responsibility?
- Do you consider yourself to be a responsible person? If so, why?

### Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have settled back at school and it is so lovely to see so many smiling faces each morning on the playground. We have moved on to a new Topic 'Those Who Came Before Us'. If you continue to read through the newsletter, you will be aware that the children from Reception to Year 5 had a wonderful 'wow' in day to launch our new History Topic. Thankyou so much for encouraging your child to get into the spirit and dress up appropriately.

At school, we have introduced our new school value of 'Responsibility' and we have linked our 'visible consistency' of 'Being Really Responsible', to our school value. It is my pleasure to show visitors around our school as the behaviour across the school is of a really high standard.

The children are wearing their school uniform with pride and a reminder to parents/carers that we are encouraging the children to wear a short sleeved cotton shirt rather than a polo shirt. The cotton shirt is cooler for the children when the weather gets hooter. Our summer dresses look so smart and they are available to be purchased from the school office matched to the actual retail price.

Can I thank all the children, parents/carers for buying so many raffle tickets for the Easter Egg raffle. The raffle made £206.00 for school funds. This money will be spent on resources to support the children. We are in the process of enhancing our reading books to reflect 'diversity'. This money will be spent wisely.

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We will be joining the staff and children at Upper Arley school to celebrate this occasion. We have exciting plans ahead and will be sharing these with you very soon.

A huge congratulations to Ayden in Year 6. After taking part in the 'Biggest Youth Football Tournament', he was awarded the 'Golden Ball Award' for scoring an amazing goal from a direct corner. He met Danny Murphy an ex professional England and Liverpool football player. Well done Ayden, and we look forward to hearing about your future successes.

The children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be bringing home an Easter egg today. These eggs have been gifted to the children at St George's from 'Home Start'. We have strong links with 'Home Start' and we liaise with them regularly to support our parents and carers with Early Intervention. You will notice that the children in Nursery and Reception children are not bringing an Egg home today as they were given an Easter egg as part of their Easter egg hunt following their trip to the Arley Arboretum.

Over the weekend, please ask your children about our 'Big Frieze'. We have been working with the Worcestershire Diocese and using some super resources to support the teaching of Religious Education. The Big Frieze is the bible timeline and we will be focusing on this during the summer term.



We have a relaxing Bank Holiday weekend and I do hope you enjoy spending time with loved ones in the sunshine.

Kind regards



Mrs Clare Snape  
Headteacher

# Attendance April 2022

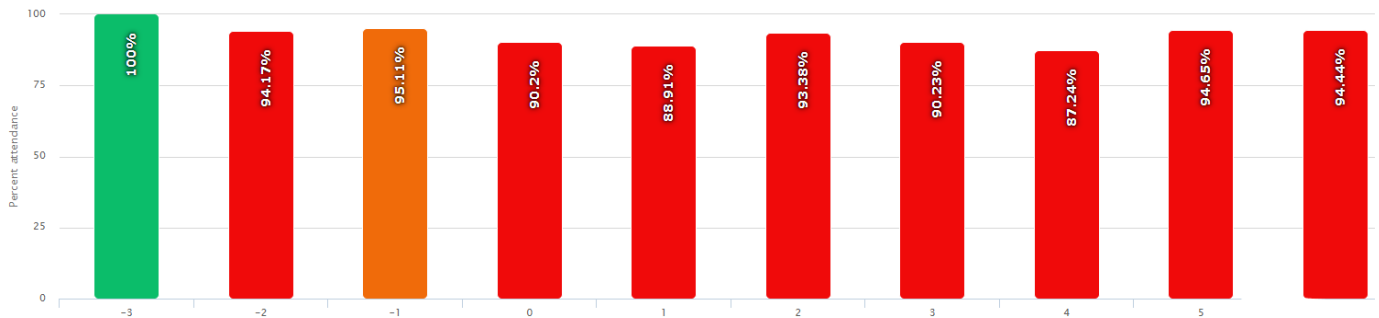
**The target this year is to ensure all children have at least 96 % attendance.**

**Attendance for the month of April was 91.5%**

Thank you to all Parents and Carers for ensuring that their child/ren attend school and are punctual for the start of the school day. Good attendance has a positive impact on your child's well-being and educational outcomes.

We do know that from time-to-time children are really too poorly to come to school. If this is the case, please ring the school office by 9.15am on 01562 824206 or email, if you prefer, [office@stgprimary.org](mailto:office@stgprimary.org). Phones are manned from 8.00am but an answerphone service is available before this time. It is important that you inform school if your child is unwell.

**We are aware that there have been a few cases of Chickenpox across the school. The advice from the Health Protection Agency to stay at home until all vesicles have crusted over.**



## Home Reading

### Reading workshops

Thank you to the parents who attended the Year 1 reading workshop. Your support is essential in helping your child achieve their full potential! Please look out for more workshop dates to follow in Summer 1.

### Accelerated Reader

Our new reading programme is nearly ready and will be up and running shortly! Information will follow about your child's new book level and how they can earn points for regular reading!

# History WOW Day

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April Nursery to Year 5 took part in a 'wow' day in to our new topic 'those who came before us.' As part of the day all of the children were invited to dress up as the time period/person being studied and were immersed into activities all through the day. Years 1 to 5 all took part in historical drama workshops provided by Drama Hut as well which were such fun! Please see below to see what each group got up to!

## Nursery

The Nursery children had a lovely day looking at baby photos of themselves on Tapestry. They also spent some time looking through all of the floor books which showcase the children's learning throughout the year reflecting on how they have changed since the start of the school year or since they joined the school.



## Reception

The Reception children came to school with photographs of their families from the past and came dressed in clothes from the same decade! Throughout the day the children got a chance to share their photographs and talk about their family members. They also got to do some artwork of their families and draw a family portrait.





## Year 1

Year 1 are learning about 'Nurturing Nurses' as part of the whole school topic and the children dressed up as Florence Nightingale or medical professionals such as doctors and nurses. Our workshop was about Florence Nightingale and a little bit about Mary Seacole too. The children enjoyed taking part in the activities and learnt lots of interesting historical facts too! The children created their own timelines of Florence Nightingale's life, made fanoos (lamps like Florence Nightingale would have had) and thought about the problems Florence Nightingale and her nurses found at the hospital in Scutari and found solutions to these problems.



## Year 2

Year 2 are looking at the great fire of London! The children started off the day with their workshop in the hall all about the great fire of London. The children then came back to the classroom and wrote some fantastic diary entries of what happened during the fire! In the afternoon the children created some fiery artwork using pastels for the flames and then adding on houses by cutting them out of black sugar paper and adding them to the foreground.

## Year 3

Year 3 came to school dressed as Ancient Egyptians in some super fabulous costumes! They too started off the day with their workshop and joined in really well with all of the activities. Back in the classroom the children created their own Shabtis which were doll like figures buried with King Tutankhamun. The children enjoyed wrapping each other in toilet paper (it was clean!) as bandages to turn themselves into mummies and mummifying apples with salt and baking soda. They can't wait to see what changes happen to the apples!





## Year 4

Year 4 are studying the Anglo-Saxons and started the day off thinking about what they ate! The children found out and wrote instructions about how to make two different kinds of bread but they weren't very keen on the taste! The children enjoyed a workshop too where they enjoyed taking part in all of the historical drama activities with the actor that came to visit. The children created their own illuminated letters and also designed their own Anglo-Saxon shields!



## Year 5

Year 5 are studying the Maya civilisation. They had the trickiest job costume wise but I loved seeing how inventive your costumes were! To get the day off to a great start the children went outside to play Pok-ta-Pok which they really enjoyed! The children found out about the hot chocolate the Maya drank and wrote instructions followed by tasting some! As it had a little bit of chilli powder in it tasted a little bit different to the hot chocolate they were used to! In the afternoon the children took part in their workshop and they took part in a range of activities to immerse them into the time period. The children finished the day off creating headdresses.





Don't worry Year 6! You have a special 'wow' day planned after you have completed your SATs which we can't wait to share with you on a subsequent newsletter.

I am so proud with how the children joined in with all of the different activities that were presented to them to take part in which were very often out of their comfort zones. A big thank you goes out to all the adults at home that supported their children by providing/creating costumes for them to wear – they all looked fabulous!

Miss Mills

(History Lead)

# Tiny Forest!

## Tiny Forest Update!

Our Tiny Forest is doing really well and we have now had the perimeter fencing delivered and installed which had made the area more contained. Please feel free to have a look over the fences to see the trees growing! You might have noticed that there are two big gates allowing access to the forest. Please do not allow your child/ren to go into this area as the trees need time to establish and this will be an area that is used underneath the supervision of school staff.

The bespoke sign has also arrived and is displayed outside the Tiny Forest. Feel free to have a read of all the information on it!

We are still awaiting delivery of five benches as there is a manufacturing delay but hopefully, they will be with us soon and when they arrive, they will allow the children to use the forest area not only as an outdoor learning space but also as a calm area for reflection up on the field. We look forward to sharing further updates of the Tiny Forest with you!

Miss Mills

(Outdoor Champion)







# Foodie Fridays

For Foodie Friday this month, we would like to challenge you to improve a meal! Have a look in your recipe books and find one that you think you could improve – it may be that you don't like the ingredients in it or it could be that you can make it more flavoursome!

Once you have adapted your meal, take some photos to share with us. You could even share the newly improved recipe for others to give it a go! The STEM ambassadors will judge all entries and the winner will be announced in next month's Foodie Friday bulletin. Have fun cooking, we look forward to hearing all about your newly improved recipes!

## Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

If you feel a child is at risk of immediate harm and needs immediate protection phone the police and the Family Front Door on **01905 822666**.

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We are offering an '**after school provision**' throughout the week at St George's for the **all the children**. Your child/children will have the opportunity to do some **creative and engaging activities** and will be provided with a **hot snack** if they choose to stay for the **later slot**.

- After school club starts at **3.00pm**.
- There will be two slots available for the '**Little Pears**'.
- The first slot will run from **3.00pm-4.30pm** at a cost of **£5.00**.
- The second slot available is from **3.00pm-5.45pm** at a cost of **£6.50**.
- If your child is staying until **5.45pm**, they will be provided with a hot snack. Hot snacks e.g., 'beans or cheese' on toast.

If you would like your child/children to attend '**Little Pears**' after school club, please contact [office@stgprimary.org](mailto:office@stgprimary.org) or ring on 01562 824206.

Please contact us as soon as possible, so we can ensure that we can facilitate your wishes.

## School Term Dates April 2022 to July 2022

Please note the change to the school dates. Due to our extra bank holiday, we will be closing the school on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July not Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022.

<b>HOLIDAY</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSSES ON</b>	<b>SCHOOL TED DAYS</b>	<b>SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON</b>
<b>EASTER</b>	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>MAY DAY</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May		Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
<b>SUMMER HALF TERM</b>	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>END OF SUMMER TERM</b>	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	N/A	N/A

## School Term Dates September 2022 to July 2023

<b>HOLIDAY</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSSES ON</b>	<b>SCHOOL TED DAYS</b>	<b>SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON</b>
<b>AUTUMN TERM 2022</b>	N/A	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>AUTUMN HALF TERM</b>	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October
<b>CHRISTMAS</b>	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2023
<b>SPRING HALF TERM</b>	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>EASTER</b>	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>MAY DAY</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May		Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
<b>SUMMER HALF TERM</b>	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May		Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>END OF SUMMER TERM</b>	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	N/A