



St. George's School Weekly Newsletter

19th January 2024



1 - Friday 19th January 2024

Message from the Head of School

It has been lovely to see some of our families attending our St. George's Learning together sessions taking place on a Thursday afternoon with Mrs Stevenson. There are two more opportunities available this term to attend, please see the link below if you would like to book your place.

Next Thursday also sees the launch of our first SEN coffee morning, the link is at the bottom of the newsletter if you would like to join us for the event.



2 - We are very excited to receive a delivery of Usborne books for our library and classroom book areas. The children raised money last year through a Readathon, although the books have taken a while to get here, they are much appreciated and will be very well read by all!

National Thesaurus Day - Thursday 18th January

We have had a great time this week using a thesaurus in a variety of ways to support learning and having fun. Our Year 6 Reading Club changed the words to some well known pop songs, Reception have written tricky red words in their environment and many classes have used a Thesaurus to improve their writing.

National Handwriting Day - Tuesday 23rd January

Our Reading Ambassadors have set the children a writing competition to take part in to observe National Handwriting Day. You will have received an email with all of the details earlier this week. There is a post box in the library for the children to post their entry - no more than 200 words please! All entries will receive a pencil. The closing date is Tuesday 6th February.

Thank you to our Reading Ambassadors for setting us these challenges this week.





Year Five



On Monday, Year 5 zoomed off to the National Space Centre in Leicester. As always, they were wonderful ambassadors of St. George's School. We were all amazed as we explored the life of an astronaut in the UK's largest 360-degree planetarium. Luke described the experience saying, "The special effects made it feel like we were *actually* moving through space!"

Other highlights included exploring the 42m rocket tower – Year 5 couldn't believe that telephones had cords and the television was in black and white in the 1960's themed room! We were all amazed to see a tiny piece of the Moon, which was brought back from the 1972 expedition. It's appearance surprised us all; Flo said, "I wasn't expecting it to look like a sparkly, yet burnt piece of coal."

Overall, it was a fantastic day out, full of interactive activities. Well done Year 5 for being brilliant, as always!















Visit from an Olympian Joe Roebuck

On Thursday the children were joined by Olympic swimmer Joe Roebuck. He talked about the difficult decisions he has faced as an athlete and how he kept pushing himself to keep going. Joe explained that there were many times he could have given up after not winning races and not

qualifying for the Olympics. The children took a lot on board from the assembly and discussed their goals and how they will strive to achieve them.



3 - GB Olympic swimmer Joe was ten times British Champion, double Commonwealth silver medallist, double European medallist and London 2012 Olympic semi-finalist.

Good Work Awards—Week commencing Monday 15th January 2024



Congratulations to the following children, who were awarded Good Work Awards during Friday's worship:

Reception— Jasper and Carys

Year 1— Antoni and Oliver

Year 2— Devansh and Skyla

Year 3— James and Sophia

Year 4— Teddy and Nikodem

Year 5— Luke and Rylan

Year 6— Martha and Izzy

Key Dates



Tuesday 23rd January - National Handwriting Day

Thursday 25th January - SEN Coffee Morning

Tuesday 6th February - Handwriting Competition Closing Date

Friday 9th February - End of Term



4 - Coffee morning

Please join us for our first SEN coffee morning which we will be holding on Thursday 25th January 9.00-10.00am.

The focus of the morning will be on helping children with routines and how to support children with coming into school. We will be joined by Penny Bellamy from the Working Together Team. Penny will share ideas and strategies to help with morning routines using visual supports.

Your child does not need to be on the SEN register for you to join us for this session.

We really hope you are able to join us. If you are interested in attending, please email SENCO@aspire.school or phone the office on 01780 763654.

St. George's Learning Together



This week at St George's Learning Together our families got messy creating and experimenting with dough. They explored the benefits of messy play and how it can support many areas of the school curriculum.

St. George's Learning Together meets on a Thursday afternoon in the portacabin 1.15pm – 3.15pm. You can still book a place for you and your children for the following dates this term:

Thursday 25th January – Storytime

Thursday 1st February – using the outdoors (this will take place at Forest School)

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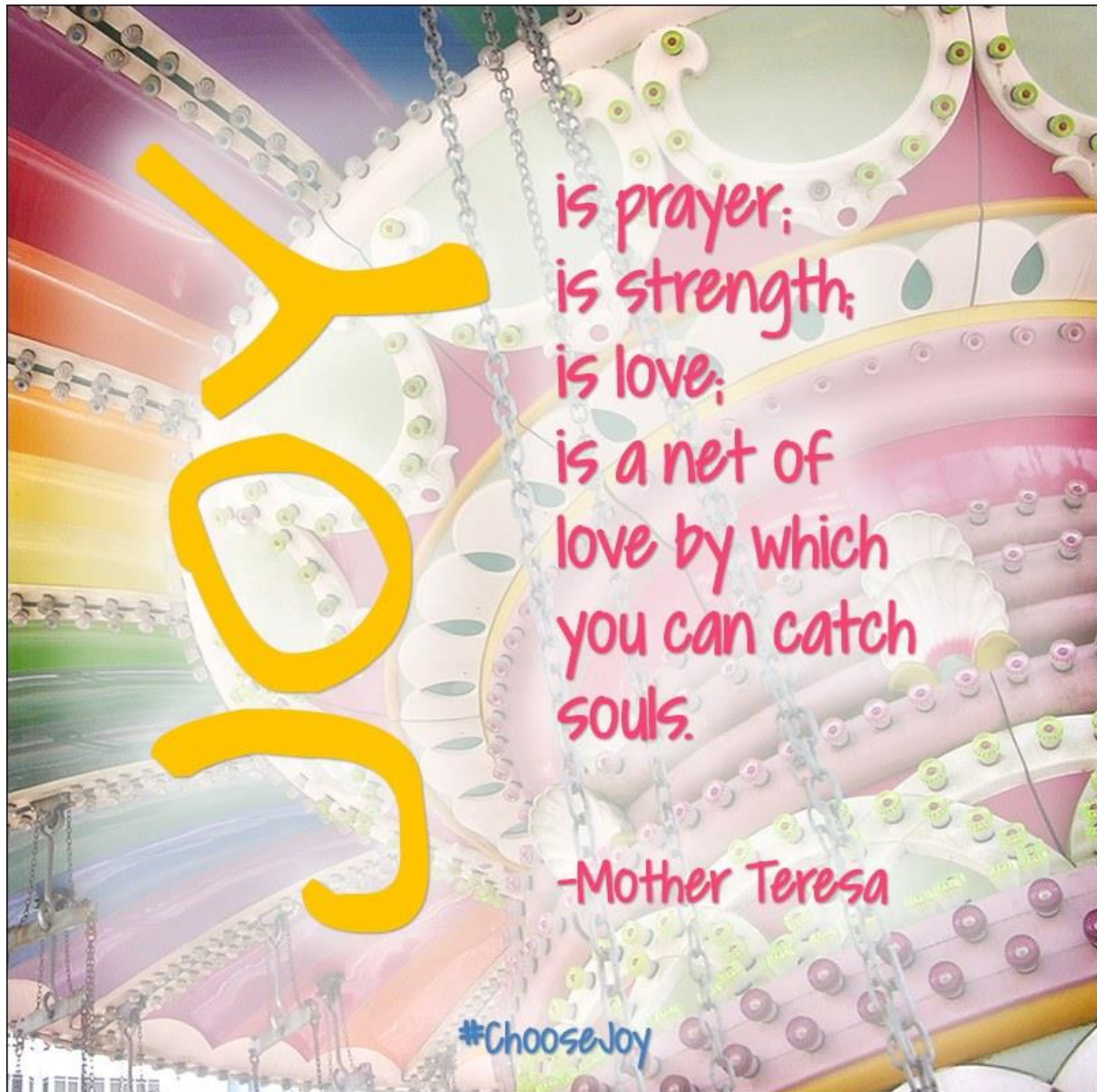




Year 6—100%

Please note that registration closes at 8:55am. Children arriving after this time will be marked as late and will miss out on key learning.

Term 3 Value—Joy



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Our first school value for the new year is joy. We will be learning about this value through our worship sessions as well as lessons within the classroom. We will be exploring special celebrations, bible verses and hymns to find out more about how Jesus gives us joy in our lives. This is especially important to remember in the current economic crisis and with war happening abroad.

Talk to your children at home about this value. Are there ways they can show this in activities they are taking part in outside of school? Teachers would love to know about how the children are demonstrating this value both at home or in other settings!

John 8:12 Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life"

Home School Agreement



You can find our home school agreement [here](#)

Support for parents



EDAN Lincs Domestic Abuse Service 01522 510041 <https://edanlincs.org.uk/>

Providing support and assistance to men, women and children suffering, or fleeing from domestic abuse in Lincolnshire

Healthy Minds Lincolnshire <https://www.lpft.nhs.uk/young-people/lincolnshire/young-people/i-need-more-help/healthy-minds-lincolnshire#>

Providing support and treatment for children, young people and their families, who are experiencing emotional wellbeing difficulties.

Place2be <https://www.place2be.org.uk/>

Place2Be is a children's mental health charity working with pupils, families and staff in UK schools.

MIND <https://www.mind.org.uk/> 0300 123 3393

Providing support for people living with a mental health problem or supporting someone with a mental health problem.

Family Lives <https://www.familylives.org.uk/> 0808 800 2222

Providing early intervention and crisis support to families.

Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum <https://www.lincspcf.org.uk/>

LPCF is specifically tasked with working alongside the Local Authority and Health to help ensure that the services they plan, commission, deliver and monitor meet the needs of children with Disabilities and Special Educational Needs. You will need to register with them for free before being able to access the resources and support.

Online Safety

My Family's Digital Toolkit has been created specifically for parents to find the right information to stay on top of their children's internet safety and help build healthy digital habits at home. [My Family's Digital Toolkit - tailored online safety advice | Internet Matters](#)

How can I help my child think critically about the influencers they follow?

Supporting parents to have conversations with children about online influencers and finding positive role models within the online world.

[Helping children think critically about online influencers | Internet Matters](#)

Family Hub Free Online Course for Parents

Free online courses for parents, grandparents, teens and carers have been made available through a paid partnership between Lincolnshire County Council and the Solihull Approach.

The courses for parents are designed to provide support through all stages of bringing up children, from pregnancy and birth to caring for toddlers up to teenagers. They include specific courses for teenagers, and for parents and carers of children with additional needs. Parents' courses can be accessed via: [Family Hubs courses](#)



**SAVING FOOD SURPLUS
& SERVING THE COMMUNITY**

5 - George's Food Hub is open at St. George's every Monday from 2:45pm until 4:15pm.

They will be based in the portacabin at the end of the car park, pop in to see what is on offer - all on a pay as you feel basis.

Please note, car parking will not be available on the school site.

Our page is still under construction, we hope it will be up and running again soon.



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