



Newsletter 1

'Let Your Light Shine' (Matthew 5:16)

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all our returning parents and a warm welcome to our new families. It has been so lovely to see how well our new reception children have settled in and how the rest of the children across the school are settled and working so hard on their learning.

We are also welcoming our two new teachers to Sapling Class, Mrs Thorne and Mrs Pape. I know they are enjoying getting to know the Sapling Class children.

On Monday, the whole school visited Paignton Zoo and I am told that the children had a lovely day and were very well behaved. Thank you so much to the PFA for supporting us with this great trip so close to the beginning of the school year and to our wonderful office team (Mrs Mountain and Mrs Hughes-Williams) for organising this, despite having difficulties with email communications. We are grateful for everyone's patience with this and for Emma for volunteering to liaise via WhatsApp to ensure everyone is kept well informed. Technology is great when it is working!

At the end of the newsletter you will see all the dates we currently have for the autumn term. Please make a note of these. We will add to this list as the term progresses.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Charlotte Hall (Headteacher)

Christian Values

In our leaver's service last term, the Christian Values Awards for 2022-23 were awarded to:

Constance - Reception

Tilly - Year 1

Noah - Year 2

Elijah - Year 3

Cherry - Year 4

Elliott - Year 5

Poppy - Year 6

Our Christian value this term is Thankfulness. The children will be exploring this in class and through daily worship.





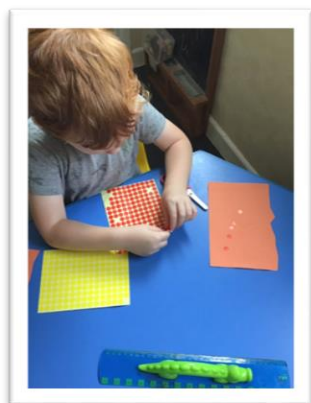
St George's Pre School

We have had a wonderful first week back at pre-school, it's certainly a little quieter, but we do miss our pre-school leavers and hope that they are thoroughly enjoying reception class.

We've made a few changes in the pre-school; firstly, we have a bank of new low level units with plastic containers in, which allow the children to choose what toys they have out to play with and doubles up as a long continuous area for them to play with their toys.

Secondly, we have added a "creation station", an area stocked with art and craft resources, that the children can access freely without having to ask. We are supporting the children to learn to be safe with scissors and to develop their scissor skills.

The children have settled back into Pre-School life with ease and it's as if they've not been away. We would like to welcome our new children and their families.



Safeguarding

During our first inset day, all staff and a number of governors received updated Safeguarding training. The rest of the governing body will also receive this training later this month.

If you are worried about the safety of any child, then please speak to one of the following members of staff: **Mrs Charlotte Hall**, Designated Safeguarding Lead, **Mr James Batchelor**, Deputy Safeguarding Lead, **Mrs Sarah Malik**, Governor responsible for Safeguarding.



Paignton Zoo Trip

We had a lovely day at the zoo. We learnt about giraffes and giant tortoises from zookeeper, Matt.



We had fun spotting animals such as lions, tigers, red pandas, monkeys and meerkats. The reptile room was very hot, but fascinating. Sprout classes favourite was the Iguana. Saplings loved the red pandas and Oak Class liked looking for the cassowary.

Children were also looking for which animals were most endangered and reflecting on what they can do to protect their future.



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Data Changes & Attendance

This week you will be receiving new data sheets and consent forms to complete. Please can these be returned as soon as possible to ensure we have the most up to date contacts for your children. Thank you for your support with this.

As mentioned in my last newsletter, this academic year attendance is going to be a priority and monitored very closely. Letters will be distributed to parents if there are concerns about their child's attendance. Please support us with this, by ensuring that your child is in school unless they are ill or there are exceptional circumstances.

Thank you.

Please share with any potential prospective parents. Thank you.

HINTON ST GEORGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

AND ST GEORGE'S PRE-SCHOOL

OPEN MORNINGS

Wednesday 4th October 2023 and Thursday 12th October 2023

9.30am - 11.30am

No appointment necessary

Please call 01460 72653 if you require further information.



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School Council

The three classes have all voted for their new school councillors. They are:

Year 1 - Henry and Willow

Year 2 - Thomas and Tilly

Year 3 - Eloise and Matthew

Year 4 - Scarlett and Todd

Year 5 - Evelyn and Mary-Ann

Year 6 - Darcy-May and Tore

Well done all. Myself and Mrs Blunn look forward to working with you this year.

Mrs Hall

Hinton St George PFA

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 29th September
Hinton Village Hall
7pm for 730 start
Ploughman's
Supper
£10 pp

Teams of
4 - 6

Sign up and get tickets at the Village Shop



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PFA

Dear All,

Welcome back to a sunny new school year, we hope you enjoyed the summer holidays. The Paignton Zoo trip was a lovely way to ease the children back into learning, the PFA were very happy to make a large contribution that helped make this trip happen, by paying for the coaches. As I'm sure many of you are aware it is the annual quiz night on Friday 29th September at the village hall. Please get a team together and come along to test your general knowledge, the evening always promises to be good fun, with a good ploughman's supper and a drink with friends. If you don't have a team, please contact Sarah Smith or Ella who will be able to find you a group to join in with. As always we will be rounding the evening off with a pudding auction. After the delicious selection of desserts made last year, we will again be asking for donations of puddings to be sold, and of course, enjoyed at the quiz. So, if you would like to make a dessert to contribute to this event in order to raise funds for the PFA, please contact me and let me know what delights are in store! Many thanks.

Thank you to those committee members who placed a vote regarding making a financial contribution towards the coaches for swimming this year. It was decided that the PFA will contribute towards travel to Crewkerne for swimming, in order for these lessons to continue.

The PFA AGM had been planned for Thursday 5th October, however this date clashes with the Wadam open day for year 6 pupils. In view of this we are changing the date, the new date for the AGM and Meeting will be Tuesday 10th October @ 6pm. We look forward to welcoming existing committee members back and any new parents and carers too. I will be stepping down as Chair at this meeting, Gail will be stepping down as Vice-Chair, and Rosie is looking to step down as Treasurer after many years of helping with the PFA. There will also be a Safeguarding Lead position that Catherine Thorneycroft will be relinquishing. It is essential that these positions are filled otherwise the PFA will be unable to continue to raise vital funds for the enrichment of your children's education. It is a fun and sociable committee to get involved with, with opportunities to enjoy many lovely social events and to get to know parents and carers within the school. Please contact me or any other member of the committee if you are interested in taking on these roles. I will send out an email prior to the AGM with more information about the available roles and responsibilities.

Hope to welcome lots of faces, old and new to the AGM.

Best wishes,
Poppy Kennedy.
Chair of the PFA
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Dates for your Diary

AUTUMN FIRST HALF

Monday 18th September - Individual School Photos (Sapling Class wear school uniform and bring P.E kit to change into)

Thursday 21st September - Non-Uniform day for Jeans for Genes (minimum £1 donation)

Tuesday 3rd October - Science morning in school

Wednesday 4th October from 9.30am-11.30am - Open Morning for prospective parents

Thursday 5th October at 6pm - PFA AGM/Meeting

Thursday 12th October from 9.30am-11.30am - Open Morning for prospective parents

Tuesday 17th October at 2.40pm - Harvest Festival in the church. Please send your child with a non-perishable food donation for the Lord's Larder

Friday 20th October - LAST DAY OF TERM

AUTUMN SECOND HALF

Tuesday 31st October - FIRST DAY OF TERM

Tuesday 7th November at 2.40pm - Remembrance Service in the church

Tuesday 14th November - School Arts Day

Friday 17th November - Children in Need Day (more details to follow)

Monday 20th November from 3.30pm-6.00pm - Parent's meetings

Tuesday 21st November from 3.30pm-6.00pm - Parent's meetings

Tuesday 28th November at 2.40pm - Christingle Service in the church

Friday 1st December at 8.30am - Outcome Morning

Monday 4th December at 8.45am - Volunteers needed to erect the stage in the church

Thursday 7th December - Save the Children Christmas Jumper day (minimum £1 donation)

Thursday 7th December at 10.30am - Sprout Class Nativity dress rehearsal in the church

Thursday 7th December at 6pm - Sprout Class Nativity Performance in the church

Tuesday 12th December - Whole School trip to the Pantomime in Yeovil

Wednesday 13th December at 6pm - Sapling and Oak Class Carol Service in the church

Friday 15th December - LAST DAY OF TERM