

# Saint George's Church of England Primary Phase Weekly Newsletter



Term 3 – Week 5  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Families,

We have had a very successful Mental Health Week this week, both in school and remotely at home. It is so important at present that we make time for ourselves and be given time to express our thoughts and feelings. It has been lovely to hear the children's thoughts and feelings and to enable them to take some time to carry out different mindfulness activities and acts of calm.

We have one more week of school before half-term and we are extremely proud of all our children at Saint George's Primary Phase and their families, and how hard they have been working this term. Next week, we will be sending out a parent survey to take your views, regarding remote learning, into consideration. Please take time to complete this, so we can gauge a true picture of your thoughts and ideas. We will feedback our findings, after half term.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February is a Trust development day and the school is not open for any children on this day. Children at the Primary Phase will return for the start of term four, on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Please note that this is different to the Secondary Phase, who have an additional development day on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Take care and have a lovely weekend.



**PE on Thursdays**



For those in school, as we only have a small number of children per class, **Mr Cunningham will now be teaching PE on Thursdays only.** Please could you ensure that your children attend school in their PE kit every Thursday to avoid having to get changed.

## Gravesham Rapid COVID-19 Testing

Gravesham have now got a number of SYMPTOM FREE, rapid-result COVID-19 tests. The following sites are now available for those who DO NOT have symptoms but would like to get a test. This is a very effective way of reducing the spread in those who are Asymptomatic.

Please see the sites that are available below:  
Northfleet Youth Club, Hall Road, Gravesend DA11 8AJ  
Swanley Youth Club, St Mary's Road BR8 7BU Dartford  
Fairfield Leisure Centre, Lowfield Street, Dartford DA1 1JB

[Click here to book a test.](#)



**Aletheia**  
Anglican Academies  
Trust

**APPEAL FOR OLD  
LAPTOPS/DEVICES**

Can you help?

### APPEAL FOR OLD LAPTOPS/DEVICES: CAN YOU HELP

Would you be able to help more students gain access to remote learning and donate any laptops that are no longer in use?

Our IT Team will then repurpose those devices and distribute them to families that do not have access to a laptop.

We would be extremely grateful for anything that you are able to spare during this difficult time.

If you would like to donate, please drop it off to our Primary Phase school office.



Noah's nan, Blanche, has a VERY important birthday coming up on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February. She's going to be 100!!!!

Due to COVID-19, her family will not be able to see her so, Noah's mum wanted to celebrate the occasion another way by aiming to give her 100 cards to mark her one hundredth year!

To help her reach her target, we thought it would be a great idea for all the children to create a beautiful card for Blanche to help her feel loved and appreciated! The children in school will be making them next week so it would be great to see all of those at home involved too.

If you would like to participate, please could you send your cards into the school office by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February at the latest and then we can hand them all to Noah before Monday 15<sup>th</sup>!



# Nothing Like being Outdoors.

## FEBRUARY OUTDOORS

To obtain the full activity pack head to [www.loveoutdoorlearning.com/free-resources/](http://www.loveoutdoorlearning.com/free-resources/)

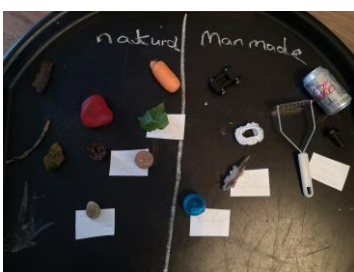


MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>Mental Health Week</b> Take a mindful walk, find as many colours as you can	<b>Photo</b> Can you take a photo of a bird? What type of bird is it?	<b>Sticks</b> Can you use sticks to make a sword?	<b>Den</b> Can you make a teepee for a fairy or other small creature?	<b>Number Day</b> Lets go a number hunt, what is the biggest number you can find?	<b>Mental Health Week</b> Mindful walk, how many sounds can you hear today?	<b>Scavenger Hunt</b> Find something beginning with each letter of your name or the whole alphabet!
<b>Maths</b> Can you take part in the Great British Schools Birdwatch?	<b>Animals</b> Try and identify 3 different types of bird today, Can you name them?	<b>Read</b> Can you find a cosy space to read a little outdoors?	<b>Journal</b> Can you write (or draw) what happened outdoors today?	<b>Chinese New Year</b> Can you spot any of the Chinese zodiac animals?	<b>Game</b> Play i-spy on your walk today	<b>Valentines Day</b> Find something you love outdoors. It might be a treasure or a photo
<b>STEM</b> Make a tower of sticks, how high can you build it?	<b>Shrove Tuesday</b> Why not try making a pancake on the campfire?	<b>Scavenger Hunt</b> Complete our winter signs scavenger hunt or find signs of your own	<b>Photo</b> Can you take a photo of an old tree? How do you know it is old?	<b>STEM</b> Can you make a flying dragon or a kite?	<b>Story</b> Have your read our Greenman story? Why not make a green man?	<b>Science</b> Can you keep a piece of ice frozen outdoors? For how long?
<b>Read</b> Can you find out 4 facts about an animal you can find outdoors?	<b>Art</b> Can you make a natural mandala? Look up Andy Goldsworthy for ideas	<b>Wild Card</b> Do whatever you like outdoors today! Just stay safe	<b>Game</b> Find some natural objects and their names before playing Kim's Game	<b>Animals</b> How many animals can you spot with 4 legs or more today?	<b>Den</b> Can you make a den for you and someone else to fit in?	<b>Reflect</b> Can you share what your favourite outdoor activities were this month?

Get more ideas at [www.loveoutdoorlearning.com](http://www.loveoutdoorlearning.com) or find us on

# Some great ideas!

In science Squirrels have been identifying and sorting a variety of natural and manmade objects and then creating prints with them – It is so lovely to see such engagement with the science tasks at home!



Please see our new term dates below:

**\*\*Development Days**

Friday 18th December 2020

Monday 22nd February 2021\* (TRUST DAY)

Monday 28th June 2021

**2020/2021 Term Dates**

Term	Start	Finish
Term 1	Tuesday 1st September 2020	Thursday 22nd October 2020
Term 2	Tuesday 3rd November 2020	Thursday 17th December 2020
Term 3	Monday 4th January 2021	Friday 12th February 2021
Term 4	Monday 22nd February 2021 <i>Students return to school on Tuesdays 23<sup>rd</sup> February due to Staff Development Day **</i>	Thursday 1st April 2021
Term 5	Monday 19th April 2021	Friday 28th May 2021
Term 6	Monday 7th June 2021	Friday 16th July 2021

**2021/2022 Term Dates**

Term	Start date	End date
Term 1	Prep Days 31 August & 1 September 2021  Pupils return 2 September 2021	21 October 2021
Term 2	2 November 2021	17 December 2021
Term 3	4 January 2022	11 February 2022
Term 4	21 February 2022	1 April 2022
Term 5	19 April 2022	27 May 2022
Term 6	6 June 2022	22 July 2022

**Parents Evening**

**We will be having parents evening on the following  
dates:**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 4-7pm**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 3.30-6pm**

## **Mental Health Awareness Week**

The children have had a wonderful Mental Health Awareness Week and have taken part in lots of activities at home and in school.

Our Hedgehogs had lots of fun baking some lovely chocolate chip cookies this morning and it was great to see so many participating with baking at home too!



**Hedgehogs – Arabella for her lovely mindfulness work and thoughts this week !**

**Badgers – Rose for showing fantastic resilience and persevering with her home learning!**

**Squirrels – Leo for working so hard to improve his handwriting this week!**