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We've had some time away from these newsletters, but we have some exciting fundraising events and educational opportunities coming up... Read on for information about our Family First Aid Training opportunity, Golf Day Fundraiser, Summer Fair save the date, and upcoming Sponsored Challenges.

If you're new to St George's, or you want a recap on why we fundraise, please jump to our <u>Fundraising Aims</u>.

A huge thank you to Jo Bailey, who has been covering our fundraising for the past 9 months while our Fundraising Manager Amy has been on maternity leave. Jo kept up our grant funding and led a variety of brilliant events including the 2023 Summer and Christmas Fairs, and a quiz night, all with a smile on her face! Thanks Jo.

Our Autumn Quiz Night in October raised £950, with thanks to all who attended and congratulations to the winning team! The Christmas Fair in December raised over £3,000 with thanks to all who volunteered and supported!





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We are excited to be holding a Family First Aid Training for St George's parents and carers.

Come along to learn first aid and CPR for infants (<12months), children (12m+) and adults.

Places are limited and first come, first served, so register asap in reception, or email <u>Amy</u>.



St George's are always keeping an eye out for interesting events and educational opportunities we can offer our parents. If you have any ideas for our next event (for example we hosted a speech and language acquisition workshop last year), we'd love to hear from you.

GOLF DAY FUNDRAISER FRIDAY 31ST MAY



Are you a Golf player?

Join us for a golf day at London Beach Hotel (Tenterden) – all levels welcome! Enjoy 18 holes of golf, followed by a two course lunch.

The cost is £65 for the day, and all proceeds go to St George's, thanks to London Beach Hotel's fantastic charity fundraiser scheme.

Come along and get to know other St George's parents and supporters, or sign up as a team.

Email <u>Amy</u> to book your space now.



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SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY 13TH JULY

The Summer Fair is one of our biggest fundraising events of the year. We hope to see you & your loved ones there!



We'll have a selection of hot and cold refreshments available, the ever-popular adults tombola and our mega raffle to win a range of exciting prizes. The children can take part in a variety of games, competitions, and crafts. Plus, there will be entertainment by the amazing <u>Kazzamataz</u>.

We're aiming to raise over £2,000 and we rely on volunteers and donations to make the event a success... Could you help with any of the following?

- Could your workplace or business sponsor the event?
- Could you, or your workplace/business donate a raffle prize?
- Could you volunteer with us? It's always a fun day and we're in need of lots of helping hands, from lending yourself for an hour in the morning to put up the tables and gazebos, to running a stall for us, to baking us a cake, the more volunteers, the better!

If you can volunteer at the fair or help in any way at all, please contact our Fundraiser <u>Amy</u>.

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UPCOMING SPONSORED CHALLENGES

Channel your inner Mo Farah!

Join the St George's team to complete the Run Kent Challenge in the historic town of Tonbridge.

Enjoy a fully road closed half marathon, 10k and 5k races, starting at The Judd School and heading out into the Kent countryside.

This picturesque race is made even more popular by live performances from local bands.



Walk the 'garden of England'.

Or complete a walking challenge through the picturesque Kent Downs! With a 50km, 25km or 10km route you can walk, (or jog or run, if you're brave enough!), there's a challenge for everyone.

We'll set up your fundraising page and support you from start to finish.



Saturday 12th
October



Contact <u>Amy</u> to express your interest in participating.

We'll help you register, fundraise and support you from start to finish.



OUR FUNDRAISING AIMS

OUTSTANDING CHILDCARE FOR EVERYONE

St George's mission statement is to provide a high standard of childcare for the local community; promoting mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing. The early years are fundamental for your child's development. Learning and playing with other children and enjoying nutritious, tasty food gives them a great start in life.

St George's gives children from all walks of life the loving, expert care they need to develop healthy relationships and valuable life skills. Through our charity fundraising, we offer subsidised and free places for children in vulnerable circumstances.

Last year we provided 17 families in need with subsidised childcare places. We also used funds raised to restore our tired allotment area; the area is now appealing, functional, safe and easy to maintain. Finally, we decorated the outside of our building and installed a new lockdown system.

This year we're raising money to:

- Source new equipment and resources for the setting.
- Make various building updates to our well-loved and well-used building, to ensure it is a safe and welcoming space for all of the children in our care.
- Provide subsidised places to support 20+ families.

As always, we'd like to thank you in advance for your support and engagement with our fundraising and outreach opportunities. We look forward to some fun sponsored challenges and social events this year.

Keen to help? Contact our Fundraiser <u>Amy</u>, or pop into reception for a chat with us.