



# St George's C of E Primary School

## Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. It has been a busy week here at St George's and the sound of Christmas songs can already be heard in the classrooms, Hall and corridors!

### Class letters

Today, your child will bring home the class letter for this half term. Please keep this for reference; it contains lots of information regarding your child's learning and how you can support at home. As always, the most valuable and impactful support you can give is to read with your child—and talk to them about the world around us, so as to build their vocabulary, curiosity and thinking skills.

### Children In Need

Next Friday, 14th November, is Children In Need Day. Children can come to school wearing Pudsey's favourite colour, **YELLOW**, and spots! Please bring a donation (minimum £1.00); all donations will go to the Children In Need charity.



### Christmas Fair Update

Plans are well underway for this year's Christmas Fair. Thank you to all who brought donations in on our PJ Day before half term. **We are still in need of sweets** to be used as prizes and would be very grateful for further donations.

### Choir: Colchester Rotary Choir Competition



On Thursday evening, the KS2 choir took part in the Colchester Rotary School Choir Competition. This is the first time we have entered this competition, which involved singing a set song and a song of our choice. I was very proud of the children, who performed well and did their best to impress the judges. We will find out the results in due course; there are two further heats and the four highest-scoring choirs will go forward to the final.

The choir performed in this morning's Celebration Assembly and will also be taking part in this Sunday's Remembrance Service at St George's Church.

### Parking

We have been made aware by local residents that some school parents have been parking by the turning circle in St George's Close. Please do not park in this residential area at drop-off or pick-up; instead, please use the Church Meadow car park or the parking spaces in Robinson Close.

### Remembrance Day

On Sunday, the school will be represented at the St George's Church Remembrance Service. This begins at the memorial around 10.50am, followed by a church service. Everyone is welcome to attend. As a school, we will be gathering for an Act of Remembrance on Tuesday 11th November.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

*Mrs Keitch*

# Pathfinders News

In the final weeks of the half term, Pathfinders were visited by a magical portal fairy! She asked for the children's help and regularly left us messages and special gifts. The children showed how kind, considerate, and helpful they are by writing their own messages in response, offering their support. It was wonderful to see them writing independently during their *busy time*.

The fairy needed the children's help to design and build a fairy house to provide a resting place for some very tired tooth fairies. The children thoroughly enjoyed planning, designing, and creating their own beautiful fairy houses — each one unique and full of imagination!

Using their design skills, the children also created their very own flying fairies using a simple pulley system. They carefully cut out their fabulous fairy designs, threaded string through straws, and used tape to secure everything in place. When the children pulled down on the string, their fairies' wings flapped beautifully! The children absolutely loved this art and design project — it was a fantastic way to conclude our *Happily Ever After* unit.



Looking ahead to next half term, we are excited to explore the life and discoveries of Mary Anning in our new topic, *Jurassic Hunter*!



## Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of the dates below.

Friday 14th November	Children in Need Day - please wear yellow and/or spots—suggested donation £1.00
Monday 17th November	Adventurers and Navigators Workshops
Thursday 4th December 2.00pm	Reception Christmas Singalong - details to follow
Friday 5th December	Whole School trip to Pantomime (Gt Bromley Village Hall) - details to follow
Friday 5th December (after school)	Christmas Fair
Thursday 11th December	KS1 (Y1 and 2) Nativity performances (10.00am and 6.00pm) - details to follow
Monday 15th December	Christmas Dinner Day—details to follow Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 17th December 2pm	Carol Service at St George's Church - parents invited
Friday 19th December	Last day of term
Monday 5th January 2024	First day of term for children

## Pupil Achievements

Well done to Lily W (Adventurers) who recently represented her trampolining club in the regional qualifier competition. She came 5th out of 17 and will represent her club in the final next year. Congratulations!

Well done to Jessica (Pathfinders) who has been awarded four new badges at Beavers, including her first Sleepover badge to mark her first night away with Beavers.

Izzy, Ella-Rose and Lilly J (Navigators) competed in a talent show called Time 2 Shine over half term at the west cliff theatre in Clacton. The girls performed with their dance group and did an amazing job in front of a packed theatre with great success.

Keelan and Jonathan (Adventurers) also took part in a Beavers camp recently. They took part in lots of activities, including a spy adventure, and earned lots of new badges too!

