



# St George's C of E Primary School

## Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas has officially arrived at St George's! I would like to thank Sienna and Michelle Worn for decorating our trees and Hall - they look beautiful.

As we enter the final few weeks of term, preparations for Christmas are well underway; here are a few updates and reminders:

### **Reception Christmas Singalong**

The Reception children performed their Singalong to the whole school on Wednesday and to their parents on Thursday. Dressed as snowmen, Santa, elves and angels, they treated us to a selection of Christmas songs which we all thoroughly enjoyed. Well done, Reception!



### **Essex Police Christmas Giving Tree Appeal**

Thank you very much to those who have donated new, unopened toys to the Giving Tree Appeal. We will be taking them to Clacton Police station mid-week next week so please ensure any donations are with us by Monday 9th December.

### **Christmas Post Box**

Our Christmas Post Box is now in the front entrance and will remain there until Wednesday 18th December. Please encourage your child to post their Christmas cards for friends and staff so they can be sorted and distributed by our Year Six elves!

*Please note: there is no expectation that children will send Christmas cards. Please do not feel under any pressure to do so.*



### **Christmas Raffle**

As you know, we are not holding a Christmas Fair this year. However, fundraising is still very important for St George's and we are hoping you will support us by purchasing tickets for both the adult and children's raffles. We are planning to draw the raffle at the end of the school day on Friday 20th December - further information to follow shortly, once we have made the final arrangements.

### **Christmas Carol Services**

We will be holding our Christmas Carol Service at St George's Church on **Wednesday 18th December at 2.00pm**. Please do join us if you are able to.

The St George's Church Community Carol Service takes place on **Sunday 22nd December at 4.00pm**. Our school choir will be singing during the service and it would be lovely to see some of you there too.



Wishing you a lovely weekend,  
**Mrs Keitch**

## Congratulations, Fred!



Congratulations to Fred in Navigators. Fred is a keen footballer and, over the past few weeks, has been undergoing trials with Ipswich Town Football Club.

After a lot of hard work and commitment, Fred has been invited to join their Player Development Programme!

Well done, Fred - you should feel very proud of this achievement!

## Reception Councillors

Now they have almost reached the end of their first term at school, the Reception children are preparing to participate in our student councils.

The following children have been elected:



**School Council:** Nola

**Eco Council:** Rosie

Congratulation, girls, and we look forward to welcoming you to council meetings next term!



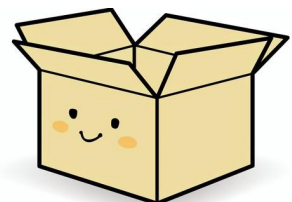
## We need your cardboard boxes!

Yesterday, we sent a Parentmail asking the following:

We would be very grateful if you could pass any of the following our way over the next two weeks:

- Carboard boxes (any and all sizes)
- Cardboard tubes (eg kitchen roll/toilet roll/wrapping paper/pringle pots)
- Large sheets of cardboard
- Plastic containers (eg ice cream carton, yoghurt pots etc)
- Anything else you think might be useful for junk modelling!

We will also be happy to receive items during the first two days of term so please think of holding onto some of your Christmas Day gift boxes etc for us!



# Pathfinders News

What a busy few weeks it has been in Pathfinder class! We have been working hard rehearsing our Nativity 'Born in a Barn'. I am incredibly proud of the effort the children (and grown ups) have put in to learning their lines, song words and actions. We are ready to put on a fantastic show and can't wait to share it with you all.

In other news, the children have been enjoying our Dimensions and English crossover focusing on 'Paddington's Passport'. We have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the original story of the bear who came from 'deepest, darkest Peru.' We have explored Paddington's thoughts and feelings and loved watching some of the clips from the first Paddington film to help explore different interpretations of a character. We had some fantastic Paddington impressions!

The children have also enjoyed exploring what a rainforest is. We have started to look at the animals you can find in the rainforest and have had great fun making animal impressions and learning about the layers of the rainforest. We have also looked at the art work of Henri Rousseau. We have loved playing 'spot the animal' some of which have been very hidden in his artwork. We have learned about primary colours and how to mix them to make different greens. We explored lots of different paintbrush techniques to give us different textures and are looking forward to finishing these off by adding in our own rainforest animals.



## Dates for your Diary

Please make a note of the dates below.

Thursday 12th December	KS1 (Y1 and 2) Nativity performances (10am and 6.00pm - children in school for 5.30pm please)
Friday 13th December	Christmas Discos
Wednesday 18th December 2pm	Carol Service at St George's Church - parents invited
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20th December	Last day of term
Monday 6th January	First day of term for children
w/b 6th January	St George's Book Week
w/b 17th February	Half term break
Monday 24th February	Non-Pupil Day
Friday 4th April	Last day of Spring Term

NB: No Celebration Assembly this week due to the whole school trip to the Pantomime at the Village Hall (photos to follow next week!)

## **Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards**

**Parker and Freddie** - For being interested in shelter building and using it to support your role play.

**Sophie** - For an enthusiastic Forest Schools session. You were very chatty today, telling me all about your mud creations. It was lovely to hear!

**James** - For redigging the soak-away after the 'beavers' from last week built a dam. You were creative with transporting fresh water down new pipes and worked well alongside friends. Well done!