



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

PTA Christmas Fete 2023

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Fete last week. There was a wonderful festive atmosphere and everybody had a lovely time. Thanks to:

- ☆ Our fantastic PTA Committee for organising a very successful event in a very short timeframe!
- ☆ The Navigators children for running the Sports Corner and Lucky Dip
- ☆ Santa and his helpers
- ☆ Mrs Weaver for the fantastic musical accompaniment
- ☆ The children who entered the Christmas Bake Off competition - Congratulations to our winners, Theodore and Sienna (photo overleaf)
- ☆ All the staff, parents and Governors who helped to plan, prepare and run the event

I am pleased to tell you that this year's Christmas Fete raised an amazing **£2137!!** Thank you to everyone for your generosity and support. These funds will support the work we do in school, enabling us to purchase vital resources for the children. See over the page for some photos.



Essex Police Christmas Giving Tree Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's appeal by donating a toy for disadvantaged children in Tendring.

Your kind gifts have been delivered to Clacton Police Station and will be distributed in time for Christmas.



Cinderella Pantomime

On Tuesday we gathered in the school Hall to enjoy a Christmas pantomime. The children had a wonderful time! Many thanks to the PTA for subsidising this event. See over the page for photos.

Reminder: School Council Charity Fundraiser Christmas Movie Afternoon, Tuesday 19th December

Each class will be watching an age-appropriate film in their classrooms, with a snack and drink. We ask for a **£1 donation from each child; for an extra 50p, children can bring along their favourite soft toy too** (nothing too large, please!). All proceeds will be donated to Porridge and Pens, supporting the education of children in Ghana.



Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Keitch

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Explorers News

Christmas has arrived in Explorers classroom. Our classroom is covered in Christmas decorations, the children are having lots of fun finding our Elf every morning, we have a role play Post Office set up and many fun Christmas themed tuff tray activities for the children to enjoy!

This week our Reception children had their turn at performing 'A Christmas Spectacular' to all of their families. The children dressed up as Elves, Santa, Snowmen, Snowgirls and Angels. They sang beautifully and we are very proud of them all.



EXPLORERS AND PATHFINDERS PARENTS - REMINDER

The Christmas in the Classroom supplement will be in the Daily Gazette next Tuesday 19th December 2023.

We have submitted photos of both our Reception Singalong and our Key Stage One Nativity!

Daily
Gazette
Christmas
in the
Classroom
Tuesday 19th December 2023
Don't forget to buy your copy!

The advertisement features a green background with a white border. It includes the title 'Daily Gazette' in large red letters, followed by 'Christmas in the Classroom' in white. Below this, it states 'Tuesday 19th December 2023' and 'Don't forget to buy your copy!'. There are three circular inset images showing children in Christmas costumes.

Tesco 'Stronger Starts' Blue token scheme

Don't forget to spread the word - please vote for St George's!!



Invitation: St George's Crib Service, Christmas Eve 4.00pm

On Christmas Eve, St George's Church will be holding a very special service. This will be a "live nativity" in the churchyard, telling the Christmas story.

Children are invited to come in costume as one of the characters in the Nativity story. Needed are angels, shepherds, wise men (or women!) or animals from the stable.

I do hope some of you will be able to join this lovely service.



Congratulations Darcy!



Congratulations to Darcy from Pathfinders class.

Darcy attends karate lessons and this week she achieved her white belt with brown stripe.

Well done, Darcy, keep up the good work!

Online Safety guidance from Essex Police

We have been asked by Essex Police to share the following [link](#) with you:

Are you planning on giving your child a new games console, mobile phone, tablet, or computer game this Christmas? Or do you have friends or family who are?

Visit [our website](#) for practical things you can do to help make your child's new device safer when they are online.



Dates for your Diary

Friday 15th December 2pm	Carol Service at St George's Church - parents invited
Monday 18th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 19th December	School Council charity fundraiser for Porridge and Pens - Movie Afternoon -£1.00 donation
Wednesday 20th December	Last day of term
Thursday 4th and Friday 5th January 2024	Non Pupil Days
Monday 8th January	First day of term for children
Week Beginning Mon 19th February	Half term
SAVE THE DATE Friday 1st March Further information and booking instructions to follow next term.	Quiz Night Fundraiser! Max six per team. £5.00 per head. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.
Thursday 28th March	Last day of term Easter Service in church 2.00pm - parents welcome

Office Hours

Please note, the School Office is staffed until 4.00pm. Emails sent after this time will not be seen until the following morning.

If you need to contact the school after 4.00pm, please phone 01206 230305 and we will do our best to answer your call.



Forest School 'Nightingale' Awards

Monroe - For persevering over the past few weeks and perfecting the skill of whittling with a sheath knife. You had an idea in your mind which you wanted to create and spent time working on the process over time. Well done!

Izzy and Adara - For your enthusiasm and care for the environment, with your 'Save The Planet' placard and spending the session (and lunchtime) recruiting others and litter picking. Well done!

Sienna W - For your perseverance and resilience with fire lighting. You kept trying and didn't give up, and managed to light your mini fire!

Pathfinders and Adventurers - For a fantastic term of Forest Schools. You have all been fantastic, creative, problem solvers. On our final session, you were able to show just how much you have learnt over time, recalling important safety information around having a fire and impressing me with your knowledge. Well done to all of you!



★ **Our Stars of the Week this week are:**

★ **Explorers**

- ★ Verity - for your excellent work this term
- ★ Leo - for excellent participation in lessons
- ★ Reception - for your lovely Christmas performance



★ **Pathfinders**

- ★ Jacob - for some lovely writing this half term
- ★ Theo - for always being enthusiastic



★ **Adventurers**

- ★ Toby - for always staying on task and putting 100% effort into every lesson
- ★ Fred - for excellent focus and attitude in class



★ **Navigators**

- ★ Alfie - for completing a fantastic, heart-warming piece of writing
- ★ Elsie - for a lovely attitude, persistence in Maths and completing a wonderful piece of art



★ **Lunchtime Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

- ★ Nmachi - for not giving up and mastering the ankle skipper!



★ **Pathfinders**

- ★ Parker - for always being a lovely friend

★ **Adventurers**

- ★ Konon - for being kind to a fellow pupil who was hurt during a game

★ **Navigators**

- ★ Poppie - for being a good friend

★ **Reader of the Week Awards go to:**

★ **Explorers**

- ★ Nmachi - for working hard in the Set 2 Phonics group this half term

★ **Pathfinders**

- ★ Zak - for sharing your reading with us



★ **Adventurers**

- ★ Crewe - for confident reading aloud in class

★ **Navigators**

- ★ Caleb - for expressing thoughts and feelings about your reading and branching out with your book choices

★ *****NEW*** Ark Appreciation Award:**

- ★ Izzy W - for being a kind, supportive and patient friend

