



St George's C of E Primary School

Learning for Life



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Dear Parents and Carers,

KS1 Nativity 'A King Is Born'

This week, our Year One and Two children have put on three performances of their Nativity, 'A King is Born', once to the whole school and twice to family members. The children did fantastically well - the narration was beautifully clear and the singing was wonderfully enthusiastic!

See over the page for more photos.



Online Safety Session with The Two Johns

On Wednesday, you receive a Parentmail with information about an Online Safety session for parents. This is run by the Two Johns and takes place this Sunday 10th December at 7.00pm. Please [visit the ESCB website for further details](#); I strongly recommend that you attend if possible.

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

The School Council has organised a charity Movie Afternoon on Tuesday 19th December, in aid of Porridge and Pens. This is a charity we learned about earlier this term, based in Brightlingsea and supporting children in Ghana.

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!).

We are very proud of the children for organising this event and hope that you will join us in supporting them.



Christmas Carol Service

Our Christmas Carol Service will take place on **Friday 15th December at 2pm** at St George's Church. Please do come along and join us.

Our Christmas Postbox will be open every day from Monday 11th December. This year, I encourage you to consider supporting the [Eco Essex Christmas Pledge](#) which aims to reduce the environmental impact of Christmas card giving. We suggest that each child sends one card to their whole class, for display in the classroom.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Keitch

MOVIE NIGHT

CHRISTMAS THEME

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PORRIDGE AND PENS

£1.00 to watch the film and to be supplied with popcorn to enjoy the film
and £1.50 to bring a teddy (please not too big)!

Tuesday 19th December, during school time

A King Is Born!

Christmas has definitely arrived at St George's! The Year One and Two children have been busy rehearsing and performing their fantastic nativity, 'A King Is Born!' - here are some photos of the cast.



We also visited St George's Church this week to hang our special Christmas decorations on the tree there. Each decoration includes a personal Christmas message, wish or prayer; the children have been very thoughtful and reflective.



Tesco 'Stronger Starts' Blue token scheme

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

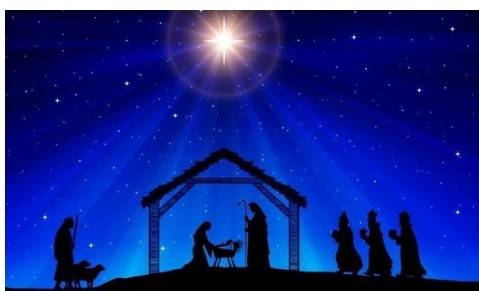


Invitation: St George's Crib Service, Christmas Eve 4.00pm

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.



Reminder: Fiveways Fruit Farm Christmas Tree Offer!

Don't forget about the amazing deal at Fiveways Fruit Farm!

If you purchase your Christmas tree with them the PTA also receive a donation from the farm - it's a win win!



Polite Reminders

Punctuality

The following message was shared in September; I am sharing it again as a reminder: Thank you to everyone for adhering to our new 8.40am start to the school day. Please remember that **arrivals after 8.40am should enter via the School Office**. The carpark gate stays open a little later so that parents can leave the school site; please do not take advantage of this in an attempt to avoid a Late mark - all children arriving to the classroom after 8.40am will be marked as Late in the register.

Parking

We are very lucky to have the use of the Church Meadow Carpark; however, it does get very congested and I have been asked by Great Bromley Parish Council to remind you that there is additional parking available in Robinson Close. Please avoid parking in St George's Close; if you do park here, please do so considerately and do not park across residents' driveways.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Dates for your Diary

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| Tuesday 12th December | Christmas Pantomime |
| Thursday 14th December | Reception Christmas Singalong (see letter for details) <i>*PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE*</i> |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Thursday 28th March | Last day of term |

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

Layla - For your perseverance with whittling and your concentration and safe use of the sheath knife and mallet to create different shapes with your log. Well done!

Fred C and Luca - For your ever-changing and evolving ideas of how to make your shelters bigger and better each week. You worked brilliantly together to create a fantastic shelter which you could stand up in. Well done!

Oliver - For your perseverance with whittling over the past few sessions to perfect the skill. You have created some interesting objects with pointed ends, using a potato peeler safely and with good control.

Alexander - For your excellent attention during the tool talk and being excited to try out different skills. This week you remembered the safety rules of whittling and did so with good control.



Our Stars of the Week this week are:

Explorers

★ Evie - for performing well in the rehearsals for our Christmas show

★ Y1 - for your excellent Nativity performance

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Pathfinders

★ Chloe W - for working hard to share your big beautiful voice

★ Alexander - for trying something new and doing brilliantly!

★ Whole class - for a FAB Nativity!

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Adventurers

★ Anabel - for taking part in all lessons and trying your very best to use your vocabulary to find the answer

★ Isabelle - for fantastic listening skills and being able to answer questions accurately in class

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Navigators

★ Isla A - for showing fantastic confidence in your dance performances and presentations

★ Amelia - for doing a brilliant job with your supervisory roles, as well as your artistic projects

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Lunchtime Awards go to:

Explorers

★ Elsie - for excellent table manners and for playing nicely with your friends

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Pathfinders

★ Eva - for being a super-kind friend at lunchtime

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Adventurers

★ Jack - for helping with the litter clear-up at lunchtime on Wednesday

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Navigators

★ Lily-Rose - for playing nicely with your friends and always being kind and polite

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Reader of the Week Awards go to:

Explorers

★ Amelie - for your great progress in Phonics and reading

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Pathfinders

★ Oliver- for your continued commitment to your reading!

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Adventurers

★ Melody - for reading excellently to the whole class

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Navigators

★ Violet - for seeking out reading linked to the current class topic

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

★ Chloe W - for being a kind, supportive and caring friend

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