



At St George's we are proud to be one family of lifelong learners who know that they are special to God. Our family is built upon a strong sense of belonging and mutual respect. Our community gives our children the freedom to flourish and succeed.

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A flourishing fellowship; learning today with God by our side

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Wishing everyone a safe, healthy and prosperous new year!

We hope you all had a restful Christmas break and a good New Year. The children have all definitely come back to school raring to go, speaking fondly of their holiday experiences and thoroughly enjoyed spending time with their family and friends. They have all settled quickly back into their routines and were definitely pleased to see their friends and teachers again, after a two week break. The EYFS children are enjoying learning about their new topic the planets and reading the book Aliens Love Underpants and creating their own aliens and writing stories about them. Year 3 have been thinking about this half term's virtue - thankfulness. They used the dictionary to find the meaning, created a mind map of synonyms and discussed what and whom they were thankful for. Finally, they made thank you cards and wrote thankful stories to show their appreciation and understanding of how it is important to say thank you. Year 6 really enjoyed their Viking workshop this week which again we wish to thank the Friends for paying for. The presenter was incredibly impressed with the Year 6s historical and geographical knowledge and their behaviour for learning. They learnt all about the Vikings as: Traders, raiders, invaders and explorers. They snuck around our school, pretending that they were Vikings ambushing a monastery (a group of Monks) which was great fun! Year 6 also learnt about the legend of King Arthur, who pulled the sword from the stone, and William the Conqueror who came from Normandy. Did you know that the Vikings explored and invaded countries all over Europe and some even went as far as North America? So it has been an exciting week back and finished with the children in Widmore House (from Y2-Y6) definitely enjoying being back this week as their house collected the most house points during the Autumn term by achieving the most merits on the green triangle and as a result Mrs Coyle organized a treat for them this afternoon, which was pizza and a movie. We definitely need to thank Fireaway for donating 30 pizzas free of charge, which was incredibly generous and a huge thank you to Josie, from the Friends for arranging this. This treat has galvanized the other Houses to ensure they win the most House Points during the Spring term by trying their best and being kind and caring St George's citizens. Thank you to our Year 6 House Captains for spurring on the children and doing all the counting each week; Emma, Ben, Clara, Gemma, Freddie, Lottie and Eva. Have a restful weekend.

Mrs Peyton and from all the St George's team

Diary dates

10 th Jan	Achievement assembly EYFS/KS1
11 th Jan	Achievement assembly KS2
17 th Jan	Positive relationships & problem solving workshops Y6
25 th Jan	1M visiting Scadbury Park
26 th Jan	1H visiting Scadbury Park
28 th Jan	Parent Forum
8 th Feb	Parents' Evening
10 th Feb	Parents' Evening Y1 PE Enrichment day
11 th Feb	Inset day - no pupils in school
14 th Feb to 18 th Feb	Half term

Bromley Library visits are organised for all classes during the week of 10th January and week of 17th January

Friends of St George's

Huge thank you to all involved with the Christmas Fair. The monies have now been counted and the profit made was £6680.92! An amazing amount. Well done all.

Online Safety

Were you or your child fortunate enough to have new technology for Christmas? See the **attached** National Online Safety poster to help you to set your device up with parental controls and added online security, if you need to.

Book recommendation

As we leave 2021 and enter 2022, this week we are reflecting on some of the best children's books published last year. Take a look at them here: <https://www.booksfortopics.com/books-of-the-year> One of our favourites was 'My Dad is a Grizzly Bear' by Swapna Haddow, which is a story filled with giggles and with the theme of family bonds at its heart. This is a bear-illiant choice for story time. Look out for this book in our school library!

Thankfulness

This half term our virtue is 'thankfulness'. Christians recognise that all we enjoy in life comes as a gift from God, and that we find our happiness in living lives of gratitude, sharing our blessings with others. Thankfulness lies at the heart of Christian practice and belief: the word "Eucharist" means thanksgiving, and we find regular injunctions in the Bible to be thankful.

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