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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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Newsletter - Friday, 14th January 2022

A flourishing fellowship; learning today with God by our side

Weekly News

This week and next week, to support our children in reading for pleasure, we have formed a new and exciting partnership with Bromley Library. Our classes have visited Bromley Library, where they have had great fun exploring the wonderful texts they have to offer. To add to the excitement, the children were also each allowed to bring back a library book of their choice, to read over the next few weeks. All of our children have been really eager to share with our staff the books they have discovered and many are also keen to become Bromley Library members. For more information on how to join at home, please visit: <https://www.better.org.uk/memberships/library-membership>. A huge thank you to the parents who accompanied the visits and huge thank you to the children who were great ambassadors for our school; behaved sensibly, respectfully and thoughtfully. Well done. Our EYFS pupils have been impressing their teachers this week with their knowledge of their new topic - Space. They have been learning the names and characteristics of the planets and could use this knowledge to compete against one another in a space quiz. Their knowledge is very impressive after just 1 week! Year 1 were very shocked and excited to find out that an alien had landed in our school on Wednesday and Charlie was the one who discovered it! They have been writing about this amazing discovery, using their phonic knowledge to sound out words and are trying to locate the alien's whereabouts by creating posters to display around the school. Year 2 have been using their coding skills to program a sprite to move around their stage. They were very happy when their programs worked but could also debug them to make them better, if they needed to. Year 3 have been enhancing their mapping skills by learning how to use an eight point compass to describe the location of places in the United Kingdom. Year 4 have been learning the importance of knowing their times tables and knowing how to apply this knowledge to more difficult calculations. Year 5 and Year 6 have been taking part in football trials for the school football team and it is definitely going to be a hard decision for Mr Delasaux, Dharni and Mrs Miles to decide on the 15 for each club - there was plenty of fancy footwork, great passing and teamwork skills being demonstrated. Well done to all the children that took part in the trials. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Peyton and from all the St George's team

Diary dates	
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
3 rd Feb	Y2 History workshop
8 th Feb	Parents' Evening
9 th Feb	Year 1 visiting the Science Museum EYFS History workshop
10 th Feb	Parents' Evening Y1 PE Enrichment day
11 th Feb	Inset day - no pupils in school
14 th to 18 th Feb	Half term

Bromley library visits continue next week too.

Lost property

Please remember to look through the lost property boxes outside the office - there is a huge selection of jumpers, water bottles, coats ready to be taken home. Thank you

Book recommendation

Inspired by the children's library visits, this week we have chosen the text 'Detective Dog' by Julia Donaldson. This is a charming tale, centred around a dog called Nell, who goes to school one day and ends up playing detective when the library books mysteriously start to vanish. It's up to Nell to save the day by using her detective skills to get the books back. Look out for this book in our school library!

Poetry Competition

Young Writers are running an exciting poetry competition for 7-11 year olds. This year they have chosen the theme 'This Is Me' and are inviting children to write their own poem or verse which celebrates their culture and heritage. Prizes are up for grabs with 10 x goody bags for winners, plus a 'Young Writer's Award of Excellence' and £100 book token for a winner's class. If you are interested in taking part, please visit the Young Writers website: <https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/KS2/thisisme>, for helpful resources and a downloadable entry form. If you would like any help or have any questions, please speak to Mr Kenny.

We celebrated our half termly achievement assembly this week when children were awarded for showing plenty of hard work, resilience, enthusiasm and teamwork in different curriculum areas. The teachers chose 5 children from their class to receive either the achievement, citizenship or sportsmanship certificate or a specific subject certificate. The teachers always find it really challenging selecting the children as all of our children are so focused and engaged in their learning. Well done to all the children who received a certificate. Our next achievement assembly will be after half term.

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