



St. George's Bickley CE Primary School

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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, 3rd December 2021

A flourishing fellowship; learning today with God by our side

WEEKLY NEWS

Christmas is definitely on its way as rehearsals have started in the hall and the sounds of the Christmas story can be heard plus the Friends beavering away organising our wonderful Christmas Fair for Saturday, 11th December. Please make sure that consents have been given for filming of Christmas productions and seats booked for the different performances too. It is definitely time to get in to the festive spirit, however, all the classes are still cracking on with their learning and Year 6 definitely enjoyed learning all about the circulatory system. They explored how their heart pumps oxygen around their body and created pie charts to show the components of blood. They finished the week by dissecting a lamb's heart and were all fascinated by its complex structure.

As part of Disability Awareness Month, we have focussed on the theme of 'Hidden Impairments' this week. This covers conditions such as Autistic Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, visual and hearing impairments, dyslexia, diabetes and epilepsy (to name but a few). We have been extremely fortunate to have had many members of our school community and some of our pupils speaking about a few of these conditions, how they are affected by them and what others can do to support them. The children have shown an increased understanding of each other, their differences and how important it is to respect one and other. We are really proud of the maturity they have shown and extremely thankful to our fantastic parents who shared their experiences with the children as we know they have definitely reflected and learned from what they have heard this week. So a very big thank you for your time and support.

Look out for the amazing extra-curricular clubs on offer for the Spring term - from football, gymnastics, hockey, tech and cookery plus music and dance. Have a look at our website for all the information on timings, telephone numbers and details.

The JTAs in year 6 have selected Charlotte as the winning entry for St George's e-scooter competition. We have submitted Charlotte's entry so the next stage will be competing against other schools in the borough for the voucher prize! Good luck Charlotte. We will keep you posted as to how she does.

Huge thank you to everyone for sending in lots of chocolates and toys today to be sold at the Christmas Fair, all donations were very gratefully received by the Friends. Looking forward to seeing everyone next Saturday between 11am-2pm for our Christmas Fair. Have a fantastic weekend - from all here at St George's

Diary dates

8 Dec	EYFS Christmas performances : 9.30am & 2.15pm
9 Dec	Bag2School Rock Steady concerts
10 Dec	Christmas jumper day Own clothes - bottle tombola
	Y2 Christmas performances : 9.30am & 2.15pm
11 Dec	Christmas Fair 11am - 2pm
13 Dec	KS2 Christmas service at St George's church: 10am KS1 Christingle service at school: 9.30am
15 Dec	Christmas discos: all day
16 Dec	Y4 PE enrichment day
17 Dec	Last day, early pick up: 1.30pm

The Friends

Huge thank you to the Friends for raising the below amounts already this year, which is just fantastic:

Cake sales - £872.71
Quiz night - £553.97
Thanksgiving breakfast - £418.24
Easyfundraising - £270
Cauliflower cards - £309
Total : £2423.92

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated to the poppy appeal, we raised £660. Thank you Y5s for selling them.

Book Recommendation:

Inspired by our acknowledgment of hidden disabilities in our Disability Awareness Week, we have chosen the text 'The Boy with the Butterfly Mind' by Victoria Williamson. The text explores the life of young Jamie Lee's struggles and triumphs with his ADHD and tells of his journey in controlling his 'butterfly mind' to make friends and keep himself out of trouble. Look out for this text in our school library!

Christmas Fair

We are nearly there so have you booked your Santa visit, just a couple of slots left: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-georges-santas-grotto-tickets-212496622117>. Have you bought your raffle tickets too, the most amazing prizes are on offer. Remember too to book your own professional family photograph: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/friends-of-st-georges-bickley-ce-primary-school/t-joaerr> plus don't forget to order your cakes via email from blossomsandcakes@gmail.com. They will donate £5 for every order. Remember to register with Amazon Smile too. End of naaqq.

Parenting Smart: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk>

We are delighted to share Bromley's newest website - [Parenting Smart](https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk) - a free online resource featuring practical advice and tried-and-tested tips for parents and carers of primary age children. Parenting Smart is created by Place2Be's parenting experts, based on evidence and experience working with children and families. It is designed with busy parents in mind, with short videos and articles and covers topics from meltdowns to friendship difficulties, safe social media, peer pressure, bereavement and anxiety.

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