



## 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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flourishing fellowship; learning today with God by our side

### WEEKLY NEWS

Despite the rain trying to dampen our spirits this week, it's been another fantastic week of amazing learning from our children on and off site. This week's Mental Health focus has reminded us that we not only have to look after our bodies but our minds too. The amount of time children are spending on screen is a lot at the moment, so we are reminding them to take a break after every activity alongside their usual break and lunch hour when they would normally spend time outside in the fresh air. Next Tuesday and Thursday afternoons will be 'digital detox' sessions where the children will have the opportunity to turn off their screens and get creative. The teachers will post the details via Teams/email. Our youngest children in reception have been recycling plastic bags and making them into kites. This linked to their literacy book 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley'. The children have sent in videos of themselves flying their kites which will be turned into a class film that Mary Poppins would be proud to see. Well done! We have had a great response to the Home school meetings but there is still time to book a slot if you wish to. Thank you to all of you that responded to our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Parent Survey which aimed to understand parental views on the school's commitment to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. We were very pleased to see many positive outcomes including a recognition that the school gives all children equal opportunities and equips pupils well for life in modern day society. One parent commented that there had been 'a huge drive and improvement in this area', but we also recognise that we need to communicate all of our efforts to parents more frequently. As such, please look out for more information in the newsletter going forward. Have a lovely weekend - the St G's Team

### Tony Bradman

Following on from a visit a couple of years ago by the author Tony Bradman, the children in Y3 and Y6 have been in touch with Tony to share their writing. He is very impressed and has tweeted back, 'Thanks so much for sending me these! They're brilliant... You clearly have some brilliant writers in your school, and therefore some brilliant teachers too! Let me know if you have any questions about the book or any of my other books - always happy to respond @BarringtonStoke Get in touch if you would like to ask Tony a question or look at your writing.

### Diary dates

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Home school meetings:  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 1 pm - 4 pm  
Thursday: 11<sup>th</sup> February 1 pm - 4 pm  
End of half term: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Return to school/home school: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Enrichment opportunities

**Authors into Schools event with Michael Morpurgo:** Thursday 11th February 2021, 1.30pm

Come on an adventure with Michael Morpurgo beamed into your classroom, living room or virtual classroom from his home. Michael will be talking about some of his best-loved books including *War Horse*, *The Butterfly Lion*, *Shadow* and *Private Peaceful*, as well as reading from his latest book, *Boy Giant*. There will be a live Q&A at the end of the event and we would encourage children to submit questions to their teachers in advance of the event. You will be able to access the event on the YouTube livestream video below at 1.30pm on the day of the event or on catch-up after it has aired and the event will last approximately 45min. Go to [https://www.sevenstories.org.uk/learning/michael-morpurgo-2021/event?mc\\_cid=4e60cc1a48&mc\\_eid=84e54e2884](https://www.sevenstories.org.uk/learning/michael-morpurgo-2021/event?mc_cid=4e60cc1a48&mc_eid=84e54e2884)

**The Great School Run:** Sign up for free, suitable for all ages and abilities, the runs/walks can take place anytime/anywhere from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> March, children choose their distance and work towards a personal goal. So go on, get them signed up today and help our kids keep active, set goals, improve their health and have fun! <https://thefixevents.com/the-great-school-run>

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