



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, 5th March 2021

flourishing fellowship; learning today with God by our side

WEEKLY NEWS

We are really looking forward to welcoming all our children back to school on Monday so that our purple community can be together again. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your fantastic support during this academic year. Remote attendance at our school has been incredible. We are so grateful for all your hard work with your children; not only ensuring that they logged on but also that they completed and enjoyed their learning experience – thank you.

The staff are aware that there will be a level of anxiety and therefore have planned activities that will enable the children to feel comfortable together and reconnect with each other (see attached document to help prepare your child/ren for the first day back). It has been a difficult time for everyone but there are lots of positive aspects to celebrate and the children and staff have been discussing these this week in order to make the transition back to school less fearful. Mr Kenny and the other teachers are immensely proud of how resilient the children have been, adapting to remote learning and showing they are all hard-working individuals by tackling all challenges with great courage and enthusiasm. It is great to hear that the extra time at home has opened up opportunities to pursue other interests and acquire new skills. Many of you have been keeping active by increasing your steps, walking (whatever the weather) running longer distances, lengthening your personal best times and increasing your core strength doing the daily mile. New hobbies have been found, including drawing, crochet, hockey, golf, basketball, rugby, baking and football. Bike stabilisers lie redundant as many children learnt to ride their bikes, some cycling their longest distance and getting up to speeds of 30 miles per hour. We have a World Irish Dancing championship qualifier and a 1st place winner in a London School Challenge on Times Table Rockstars. Some of you have new pets and are teaching your dogs to jump up high; assault courses have been designed, built and conquered, monkey bar front flips have been mastered and children are even lifting their parents! Entrepreneurial skills have been used to create a fund-raising business; helping to stop extreme poverty. It is truly remarkable to hear the wonderful things our children have been doing with their time at home, extra-curricular learning is hugely beneficial and must be recognised and celebrated as a lockdown win. We are confident that all the hard work, both academically and emotionally will enable the children to adapt to being back in school next week and allow our recovery program to get underway quickly. Have a lovely weekend and we really look forward to seeing you all on Monday. From the St George's Team.

Diary dates

Friday, 12th March – International Maths day
Thursday, 25th March – AAC meeting
Tuesday, 30th March – Parent Forum meeting
Thursday, 1st April – last day of term 1.30pm finish

Book week

This week the children had great fun celebrating Book Week! The week started with the children in KS2 joining our Barbadian poet, Adisa, in some inspiring sessions. He shared his poems through engaging activities and told the children of his love for reading and writing. KS1 were busy joining author and illustrator live lessons online and spreading some positivity by writing their own Happy Newspaper, inspired by Emily Coxhead. EYFS celebrated book week by dressing up as superheroes and participating in superhero training exercises, inspired by the story of 'Supertato'. They all looked fantastic! Throughout the week all of the children found it particularly enjoyable playing and guessing our Masked Readers, which created a real buzz around our school. Some of our teachers said they felt like celebrities! We are particularly impressed with those children who rose to the challenge by entering our craft character and poetry competitions. All of the entries are spectacular (it's going to be a challenging job to choose our winners!). We couldn't be prouder of the children for their hard work this week in our final push before returning to school. When the children do return, we would love for them to bring in any of their work from Book Week, to display in our school entrance and share our love for reading.

Enrichment opportunities

Mrs Miles has entered our school in the Great School Run and all the children will be taking part whilst they are here at school. Are you interested in writing your own historical fiction? See the competition below for years 5 and 6.

<https://www.history.org.uk/primary/categories/530/news/3451/write-your-own-historical-fiction-competition-2021>

Are you missing your days out? Why not visit the British museum for a virtual tour

<https://www.britishmuseum.org>

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