



St George's Lower School End of Winter Term Newsletter



Christmas Performances:

Due to popular demand and the confines of space, Key Stage 1's performance of 'It's a Baby!' will take place in the Lower School Hall 2.00pm on Thursday 7th December, and 9.00am on Friday 8th December. Parents can gain access to the hall from 1.45pm on the 7th and 8.50am on the 8th. Refreshments will be served prior to the performances starting.

Key Stage 2's performance of 'Aladdin' will take place in the Upper School Hall at 2.00pm on Tuesday 12th December. Parents can gain access to the hall via the upper School reception from 1.40pm. Refreshments will be served prior to the performance starting. Please fill in the proforma which will be sent to you so we know how many visitors to expect.

Progress Awards Assembly:

The termly Progress Awards Assembly will be held in the Lower School Hall at 10.45am on Friday 15th December. Pupils from each year group have been selected to receive the Maths, Reading, Writing, Best Effort across the curriculum, Most Creative and the ACE Award. The children will also be performing a selection of Christmas carols and songs. As this is an extremely popular event, we would ask that you complete the proforma which will be sent to you shortly if your child is to receive award, so we know how many visitors to expect.

Church Service:

Lower School will be attending the Whole School End of Term Service at St George's Church, 2pm – 3pm on Monday 11th December 2017. Lower School pupils will be singing some of the carols and Christmas songs they have been practicing in school. Our Sixth Formers will be serving coffee and mince pies for all attendees between 1.30pm – 2pm. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible what is always lovely festive celebration.

Christmas Party:

We will be holding the children's Christmas Party on the afternoon of Wednesday 13th December. Pupils may wear their party clothes for the day, but please remember warm coats, hats and gloves, as they will be outside at break and lunchtime. Santa will be visiting each class during the party, and he is very kindly bringing a present for every child! As always we rely on parent contributions for food and drinks. A letter will be sent home to you next week detailing how you can support.

Christmas Post Box:

The Christmas Post Box is now in service! Children can post their cards on arrival to school, and student volunteers will sort and deliver the cards on a daily basis. If you would like a class list please contact Mrs Dodd, Mrs Nash or Mrs Mortiboys in Reception. Please remind your child to add a surname and class when addressing the envelope as we have duplicated first names throughout the school.

Sporthall Athletics Competition:

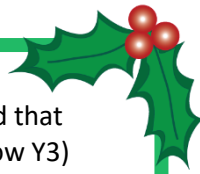
Well done to pupils from KS2 who represented St George's in this competition. They should all be very proud of themselves as their combined efforts gained us third place out of the eleven schools that took part.

Word Mania:

Congratulations to Year 5 who reached the final of this international competition. Overall they came 26th with 74762 points; given they competed against thousands of schools around the world this is a super achievement!

Take a Bow!

David Sanyanga, Sienna Pala, Saffa Ahmed, Suhaani Tutt and Toby Strong recently attended a Gifted and Talented film workshop as KEHS. We are delighted to announce that they scooped first place out of all the schools who attended with a film they wrote, acted in and produced on the day. We are very proud to display the 'Oscar' they received in our entrance foyer. We really do have some extremely talented children!



Young Writers Competition:

Key Stage 1 pupils entered a Young Writers competition in the Summer Term. We were recently informed that Pranav, Henry, Avani, Mustafa and Rahana (now Y2), as well as Louis, Thor, Zaina, Tadana and Sammy (now Y3) impressed the judges, and their adventure stories have been selected to be published in the Young Writers First Stories book. Well done to each and every one of you!

Christmas Fayre:

Thank you to all those who attended our Christmas Fayre; it was a really enjoyable occasion and a lovely start to the festive season! We have raised £950 so far, but hope to see the total rise as Mrs Dodd will be selling tickets for the adult's raffle until December 14th. All proceeds from the raffle go to our charity St Joseph's Home for the Elderly. Our House stalls did very well: Diamond raised £46.70 for Birmingham Children's Hospital; Emerald raised £48 for Feed Brum; Ruby raised £142 to support UNICEF and the plight of refugee children; Sapphire raised £62.10 to support Ronald McDonald House.

Mrs McSharry (Head of House, Diamond) and Miss Tomes (Head of House, Emerald) would like to remind you that they are still collecting toys for children who will be spending Christmas in hospital this year, as well as scarves, gloves, hats and winter clothing to donate to families who are dispossessed or in financial difficulty. A big thank you goes to Harry Kugan and his family for the large donation of brand new toys!

Children in Need:

The children had a great afternoon being entertained by the staff in their 'talent show'. Miss Shilton was voted by the children to be the overall winner, but there were some strong contenders including the 'Spice Girls' and a loosely termed gymnastics display! Overall we raised £476 for Children in Need. £150 was raised by the children in Reception who did a sponsored Spotty Walk; we would like to give special mention to Sebastian Ward who raised £62!

Fundraising:

We have had another successful term for supporting those less fortunate than ourselves. We sent food, toiletries and clothing donations to the Smethwick and Quinton Foodbanks, and have also raised:

- £50 – Smethwick Foodbank
- £50 – Coral's walk for BCH
- £100 - St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly
- £476 - Children in Need
- £250.76 – Macmillan Coffee Morning
- £100 – Feed Brum (supporting the homeless)

Including the money raised by the Houses we have totalled a whopping £1326.36! As always we would like to thank the pupils, parents and staff for their continued generosity.

Well done Coral!

Cora Hemsoll recently completed a 5 mile walk to raise funds for Birmingham Children's Hospital and raised an amazing £925! She made posters and videos to circulate encouraging people to donate and even did some door to door campaigning! Coral decided to support this worthy cause following their wonderful care of her sibling, and planned the whole fundraising herself. Well done coral, we are all very proud of you!

Bad Weather Procedures:

You will find attached a copy of a letter detailing the School's procedures for alerting parents as to closures in times of poor weather conditions. This letter is stored on the website under the 'Letters and Newsletters' header. Spare copies can also be obtained from the Lower School office – please let us know should you require this or any other letter in large print format.

End of term:

School finishes for this term at **12pm on Friday 15th December**. There will be no clubs or aftercare on this day. School re-opens at the usual time on **Monday 8th January 2018**. Clubs and aftercare will also reconvene on this day.

The staff and Trustees would like to wish all of you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!



DATES FOR DIARY

Dates For Diary – December 2017

Thursday 7 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance 2.00pm
Friday 8 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance 9.00am
Monday 11 th December	Church Service 2.00pm – St Georges Church
Tuesday 12 th December	KS2 Christmas Performance 2.00pm
Tuesday 12 th December	Reception & Year 1 trip to Snowdome
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Party!
Thursday 14 th December	Year 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 trip to see Snow White Pantomime
Friday 15 th December	Academic Awards Assembly 10.45am
Friday 15 th December	School Closes for Christmas 12.00 noon

Dates For Diary – January 2018

Monday 8 th January	School Re-Opens
Wednesday 10 th January	Year 1 Trip to Warley Woods
Thursday 25 th January	Reception Class Eye Tests



