



St George's Newsletter

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“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, [so let him give]; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

Dear Parents, Carers and children,

Christmas is the time of year when loved ones usually gather together. Although we have been restricted somewhat this year in many ways, it is important to remember the special times we have had and to be thankful for all of the wonderful blessings in our lives. We send you good wishes and hope that your holiday will be a joyous one.

As you celebrate the miracle of this special season, may your heart be filled with hope, peace, love, joy and also light at this very dark time. Let the light of God shine upon us all as we look forward to the new term ahead.

We would like to thank you for all your support during these difficult times and we as a family at St Georges are proud of all our children have achieved this term despite the challenges they have faced. We pray that our new term if one that continues our love of learning and ultimately leads us to excellence!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

From Mrs Atkar and the family of St Georges.

A Message from Father Sam...

...We welcome all parents/ carers and other family members to the outdoor crib service on Christmas Eve at 3pm. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite nativity character. (In previous years they have provided costumes, but can't do so safely this year!)



Collective Worship

This week in collective Worship we have been focusing on the giving and receiving of gifts. We spoke about Christmas being an important time of not only receiving; but also a time of giving! We discussed although receiving gifts is great, there is also the other side of gift-giving and how it is a special and wonderful feeling to see someone full of joy and happiness at what they have received. The unimportance of value was also discussed and how creative and thoughtful gifts are sometimes those that bring most joy!



Reception Christmas Nativity

Reception have been in full creative Christmas mode filming the story of the nativity using green screen. They were true professionals! The children shone under the spotlights and their acting skills were truly amazing. As you can imagine we have had lots of fun and laughter! We hope you enjoy the finished video and we hope it helps you to remember why we celebrate Christmas. It certainly has made us smile. Best Wishes and Merry Christmas from Reception Class. The Nativity Video can be viewed on the school's [YouTube Channel](#)



A big thank you to the staff at St George's, St George's Church and members, The Ladywood Project, Morrison's, Wicked Uncle toy store, City mission and Ladywood food-bank, for supporting our families in need this Christmas. Your generosity makes a huge impact on the family of St George's.



Save the Children Donations!

We are pleased to inform you that as a result of your kind donations towards Christmas jumper Thursday's, and the national Christmas jumper day on Friday 11th December, we have raised a fantastic **£144.07** towards this worthy cause!



THANK-YOU MORRISONS

A huge thank you to Cathy from Community Champions at Morrisons, who organised a generous donation of 48 selection boxes for our school. There can never be too much chocolate— especially at this time of year!



Star of the week:

Rec– Whole class for their taking part in the Nativity!

Y1– Rio

Y2–Rio

Y3–Troy

Y4-Mawaahib

Y5– Fatima

Y6– Daniel

Worker of the week:

Rec– Sanousy

Y1– Maisey

Y2– Emily

Y3– Ibrahim

Y4-Rudi

Y5– Guli

Y6–Shameaka

Attendance

Reception– 97.3%

Year 1– 97.5 %

Year 2–96.8%

Year 3– 98.7 %

Year 4– 97.0%

Year 5– 98.0%

Year 6– 96.4%

WHOLE SCHOOL– 97.4%

A Final Christmas

Message from St

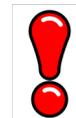
Georges!

Please see our whole school Christmas Message on our YouTube Channel by following this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=syQfYa3Xdzo>



URGENT - Reception Places 2021



- If you have a child with dates of birth between **1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017**, that reside in Birmingham, you need to apply on Birmingham city council website www.birmingham.gov.uk for a Reception place.
- This will not happen automatically.
- The deadline is **15 January 2021** to submit your application. If submitted after this date, it will be classed as a late application and you may not get your choice of school even if there are siblings at St Georges.
- Thank You.