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ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL MATTERS

St George's Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome to the December issue of St George's Newsletter – it's a busy month with lots of exciting events happening at school!

Christingle Service at St George's Church



takes place at 6pm on **Thurs 6th Dec**. It would be lovely to see as many families coming along as possible.

Festive Fun – 7th Dec from 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Our amazing FoSG are organising an evening of Festive Fun for the children on the 7th that will include some classic Christmas movies, traditional party games, and a story from Father Christmas himself! Leave the kids with us and have 90 minutes to do some present wrapping if you are organised!



Book Fair comes to school!

From 4th Dec to 10th Dec, we have the Book Fair at school. Take advantage of an easy Christmas shopping opportunity! Books will be on sale every day after school and from 8.30am onwards before school.



We raised a staggering £172.55! A big thank you to all

of you who made delicious cakes for us to sell.

Attendance up-date

The school attendance rate is 97.12% at the moment which is above national average and higher than last year. Let's keep this improvement going and aim to crack the 98% mark! Please remember, we wouldn't expect your child to be away for minor ailments such as a cold, a sore throat or for feeling tired, so please send your child in having had the usual medications to help them. Rest assured, we will contact you if they are not managing but children, like adults, do often pick up once the day has started.



Importance of Reading at Home

We have sadly noticed a



decline in the number of children who are completing their daily reading at home. Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and have a better understanding of other cultures. In fact, reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background. Please encourage your child to complete their 15 minutes of reading at home EVERY day. It doesn't have to be their reading book, it might be reading a recipe, or the instructions of a board game, reading a magazine or sharing bedtime stories together.



Friday 21st December (last day of term) will be a Christmassy themed non-school uniform day. Instead of bringing £1, we will be collecting food items for the Melksham Foodbank instead. After Christmas, they struggle to support their clients as donations tend to drop so we thought we could help by collecting for them.

Something exciting is happening to our outdoor area!

Work is going to be starting alongside the school field to develop our outdoor space. Work is scheduled to start on the 7th January and is being jointly funded by our Sports Funding from the government and FoSG. The scheme will include a clatter bridge, balance beam, rope wall traverse and a dino-mound and tunnel as well as new all-weather surfacing. This is the first phase of what we hope will be a three year project that will vastly



improve the children's outdoor play experiences.

Dates for your Diary

Weds 12th Dec – KS1 Nativity – afternoon and evening performances

Fri 14th Dec – Parent Goldbook and Open Classroom Event

Mon 7th Jan – TD Day, children are back to school on Tuesday 8th Jan.