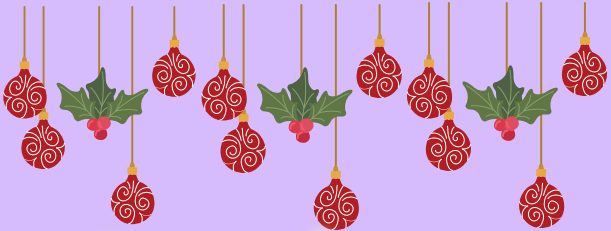




ST GEORGE'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

December Newsletter 2023



Merry Christmas
Happy New Year

A MESSAGE FROM MS HALES

It has been such a busy and successful term. Thank you so much for your continued support.

I am thrilled to share some exciting news and celebrate the remarkable achievements of our school. It is with great pride and joy that I announce that STGPS has been awarded the prestigious Gold Travel Award from TFL!

This achievement is a testament to the collective efforts of our dedicated students, committed staff, and supportive parents. The Gold Travel Award recognizes our commitment to promoting sustainable and active travel within our school community. By encouraging walking, cycling, and other environmentally friendly modes of transportation, we are not only contributing to a healthier lifestyle but also making a positive impact on the environment.

This half-term we have been embedding the new school vision and values that have been being worked on over the past academic year. I look forward to continuing this work in the new year.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy Christmas!

Best wishes,

Ms Hales

STGPS School Vision and Values

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'

- Sustainability** – we are a community that cares for God's creation.
- Transformation** – we are continually growing as individuals.
- Generosity** – we are generous in our love and care for each other.
- Perseverance** – we always strive to do our best.
- Stewardship** – we care for our resources.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

As the end of term approaches, I should like to thank you all for your welcome and support of our new Senior Leadership Team under the partnership with St. Jude's and St. Saviour's C of E Primary Schools. Mr Rojas, Ms Hales and Mr Wren have worked tirelessly to continue to improve and strengthen the school and to ensure that St George's is delivering the best possible outcomes for all our children. Everything they do is designed, with the support of governors, to drive up school performance.

Collaboration with St Jude's and St Saviour's – under the new title '**South London Saints Partnership**' and with advice from the Diocese – is proving to be fruitful. Staff are able to share expertise, to support one another and to identify common interests and opportunities. In the current difficult climate for schools, with falling pupil numbers and the resulting pressure on budgets, working together with other schools who share our Christian ethos is the best way of securing the long-term viability of our school.

I hope you will join me in thanking all our staff for their hard work and dedication, and in wishing them a happy and restful Christmas holiday. Together with all governors I wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Best wishes,

Selina Boshorin (Chair of Governors)



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thurs 14th Dec -Y3 trip to Unicorn Theatre

Fri 15th Dec - Y4 trip to Science Museum

Mon 18th Dec - 2pm Infant Nativity

Tues 19th Dec:

- Y6 trip to Theatre Peckham
- 2pm Infant Nativity

Weds 20th Dec:

- Christmas Jumper Day
- Church service @ 9:30 am
- Christmas Dinner
- Christmas Parties
- **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Mon 8th Jan - INSET (staff training)

Tues 9th Jan - INSET (staff training)

Weds 10th Jan - SCHOOL OPENS for children.

ECO-WARRIORS:



This half-term:

- We have been finishing our audit of the schools environmental impact.
- We are supporting Mr. Rojas in applying for Solar Panels for the school.
- We have been asking teacher's to turn off interactive whiteboards when they are not being used.
- Next half-term we will be working on writing an action plan so that we can get a 'Green Flag' award for our school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL:



This half-term:

- We have worked with Ms Hales to define our behaviour principles - Ready, Respectful and Safe.
- We have also run a school assembly on the school's new vision and values.
- We are meeting with the school chef to discuss the Spring Term Menu tomorrow!

OTHER BUSINESS:



ASPIRE - ACHIEVE - CONNECT

Biko from the Trinity College Centre would like to inform you of some upcoming events at the centre.

For more information visit the Trinity College Centre website@

<https://www.trinitycollegecentre.org/>

Coffee Mornings:

Our community coffee morning serves as a heart-warming and inclusive gathering, bringing together residents in a shared space to connect over steaming cups of coffee and friendly conversations.

EVERY 2ND and 4TH TUESDAYS 10AM-12PM

Access to Services Open Day:

The Access to Services Open Day is an event that provides a one-stop-shop for members of the local community who are in need of services but face obstacles such as lack of knowledge, access to the internet or a computer, language barriers, fear of sharing personal information, or inability to travel.

JANUARY 18TH - 10AM -4PM

Free Yoga Sessions For Parents - The Nest:

The nest will be hosting free yoga classes every Tuesday evening for parents/ Carers. The YOGA classes are used to build a community and to offer the parent/carers and their young people the opportunity to improve their own wellbeing.

TUESDAYS 6PM -7:15PM

The STGPS Way

We are prepared for what is next.

At STGPS we are:

READY

We are active learners.

We show we are ready with our whole body.

We follow school routines and structures.

The STGPS Way

We use a respectful tone.

At STGPS we are:

RESPECTFUL

We are polite.

We show respect by listening.

We look after our equipment and environment.

The STGPS Way

We keep each other physically safe.

At STGPS we are:

SAFE

We support each other to keep us emotionally safe.

We follow instructions.

We use equipment safely.