

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

At St George's, God calls us by name to love,
learn and achieve together, safe in the palm of His hands.

'I have called you by your name; you are mine' Isaiah 43



Eagle Way, Shoeburyness, Essex SS3 9RN.

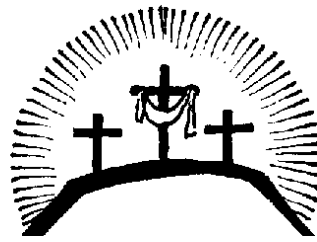
Telephone: 01702 293522

Email: office@st-georges.southend.sch.uk Website: www.sgcps.co.uk

Headteacher: Mrs A. Delgado

newsletter no. 372 ~26th March 2021

Dear Parents,



No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

John 15: 13

Today is the last day of the Spring term and we begin our Easter break for the next two weeks. During this week, Year 4 prepared us as a school community, walking us through the story of Jesus' journey to the Cross. Thank you to Mr Sims and all the class for a wonderful presentation of the stations of the cross over the last five days. The daily reflections are available [HERE](#).

Next week is Holy Week and due to restrictions, many of you may not be going to the usual services and Masses during this time. There are many churches that will be livestreaming on Thursday, Friday and of course, at Easter, as an alternative. I hope that everyone has the opportunity to have some time to reflect and celebrate this wonderful feast.

The only way to sign off from this term is to say a HUGE thank you to you all. Everyone has played their part: children, parents, carers and staff. We have enjoyed a safe Spring Term, looking out for and after one another, in addition to restarting our learning journey in school.

I cannot wait for the Summer Term!

and all the joy, happiness and success it will bring. I wish you all a very happy and holy Easter. Enjoy the break,

God Bless,

Much love, Annabelle Delgado



'Part of Assisi Catholic Trust limited by guarantee in the Diocese of Brentwood, registered in England and Wales.

Registered number 7696989'.

Congratulations!

It's wonderful to share the lovely news that Lilah and Isabella have become big sisters! They welcomed Elsie Ann to their family on Tuesday. The girls have been busy since they heard the news making cards and banners. We send our very best to the whole family and can't wait to meet the newest member of our school family.



Well done Ruby!



She is one of our youngest children and also one of our bravest! A couple of weeks ago, Ruby, from St Francis class, had her lovely long locks cut and donated her hair to the Princess Trust. Her Mummy and Daddy were so proud of her, as are we. What a superstar!



Thank you! 

Track and Trace during the Easter Holiday

If your child tests positive in the 48 hours after the school closes (from Friday 26th March – Sunday 28th March), it is **imperative** that you let the school know so that we can identify if there are any other individuals within the school community who are impacted by this and who will need to isolate for 10 days. Please use office@st-georges.southend.sch.uk FAO Mrs Delgado.

Free Bikeability sessions for children at Easter

Has your child missed out on Level 2 or Level 3 Bikeability at school due to the pandemic? Perhaps they have missed out on learning how to ride a bike. Let Forward Motion help. We have FREE training sessions taking place in Chalkwell Park and Southchurch Park during the school Easter Holidays, 29 March to 1 April 2021 and 6 -8 April 2021. These sessions are on a 1:1 basis with an accredited instructor. Your child must have their own bike and helmet in order to take part and a parent or guardian must attend the entire session to comply with our safeguarding and Covid-19 policies. Strict social distancing will occur throughout the session. Level 2 and Level 3 Bikeability are 2 hour sessions and a Learn to Ride session is 45 minutes. Your child MUST have completed Level 2 Bikeability in order to take part in a Level 3 session. To book a session please follow the booking link on our website www.forwardmotionsouthessex.co.uk



Head Teacher Awards

Pippa~ (St Francis) ~ for fantastic self-directed learning, in particular for literacy

Freddie ~ (St Therese) ~ for his outstanding effort and focus in his writing and maths this week.

Great job, Freddie!

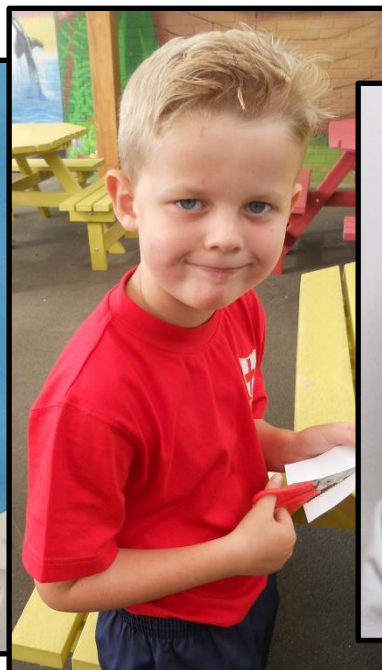
Maisie ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for working independently and with great concentration on her Easter story this week.

Isabelle ~ (St Bernadette) ~ Isabelle has amazed us all with her exciting English writing, been a kind and caring friend and has also been a fantastic role model to her peers. What a fabulous week! Well done Isabelle

Kundai ~ (St Joseph) ~ for setting a fantastic example of how to behave. She is a great role model and always works conscientiously. Well done, Kundai!

Charlie ~ (St Anthony) ~ for keeping focused in all his work this week and for giving his best efforts, particularly in our RE work about the Easter Story. Well done Charlie!

Gabriel ~ (St Peter) ~ for his fantastic work on measuring in maths this week. He has been estimating the length of different objects around the school, and accurately measured them to see if his estimations were correct! Great work Gabriel!



Mrs Philips Reading Awards

Congratulations to **Toby & Olivia** (St Francis), **Ben and Edison** (St Elizabeth),
who earned their BRONZE reading certificate this week

and to our SILVER award readers:

Ronnie W., Ada & Folami (St Therese), **Edison** (St Bernadette), **James** (St Anthony) and
Florance (St Peter)

...And GOLD award recipients

Charlotte (St Therese), **Matthias** (St Bernadette), **Charles** (St Anthony),
Sophia and Finley (St Peter)

Sports Awards

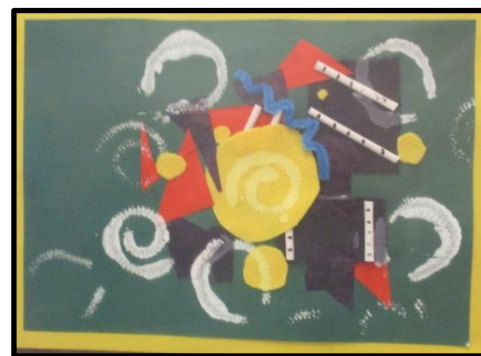
Congratulations to our winners this week – both from the same class!

Lily (St Elizabeth) ~ for her amazing ability to throw a bean bag at a very impressive distance!!
and

Vince (St Elizabeth) for throwing a bean bag with great accuracy at a target.

Artist of the Month

Congratulations to Keavy from St Peter's Class for recreating her own artwork in the style of Beatriz Milhazes, who bases her work on expressing emotions. Keavy used a range of patterns, colours and textures to produce a fantastic, vibrant collage.



Summer Uniform

We will be changing from winter uniform to summer uniform when we return after Easter. Uniform is an important part of school life as it promotes a sense of pride in the school and engenders a feeling of community and belonging. The school can and does support families who need financial support, such as families who qualify for free school meals, or those whose children have additional funding through pupil premium. We are very sensitive that families financial situations could have changed due to the pandemic. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any help. From the 12th April, the uniform will be:

Boys	Girls
<u>School</u> polo shirt (white with embroidered badge) to order from EM-IT , our stockist, click HERE	<u>Red check</u> summer dress or 'playsuit' (shorts in place of a skirt) **
Grey socks	White socks
Black shoes	Black shoes (no heels or open toe shoes)
<u>School</u> pullover (navy)	<u>School</u> pullover or cardigan (navy)
School reversible fleece jacket or a waterproof outdoor coat (with hood)	School reversible fleece jacket or a waterproof outdoor coat (with hood)
<u>School</u> baseball/summer hat	<u>School</u> baseball/summer hat

****** You can buy a red and white checked summer dress from the school or any stockist, Asda, Tesco etc. In order that it is accepted as school uniform, it must;

- ✓ be a red and white checked dress ~ no stripes
- ✓ have a predominately white collar (different edging designs are acceptable)

We do hold a limited stock of summer dresses priced at £3.50 (please check WisePay for sizes) These can be ordered and paid for via WisePay and will come home with your child.

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who celebrated their birthday this week.

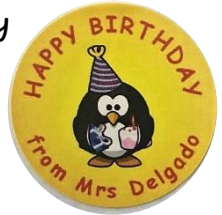
Ryan & Abigail (St Francis), Polly (St Joseph) , Joseph and William (St Anthony)

and to everyone who will be celebrating during the Easter holidays

Samuel, Matthias & Ted (St Bernadette), Samuel B., Declan, Daniel, Lucy

and Florence R-F. (St Joseph), Casey (St Peter)

And Mrs Gillett



11+ Familiarisation

Unfortunately we will not be offering an 11+ club next term, as we have done previously. There will not be any teacher led clubs until September. This is due to the staff focusing purely on getting the children ready for the next academic year (using the time before and after school to organising resources, mark and plan so as to ensure that gaps are identified and taught, and planning fantastic activities that are engaging, enjoyable and continue to develop the love of learning during the summer term.

Summer Term Dates

All being well, the lockdown restrictions will begin to ease from Monday 29th March, and will continue to do so over the next 4 months. It is important that as a school, we plan dates for the summer term so that we enjoy the usual activities, albeit slightly modified to keep everyone safe. Below is a list of the events and dates that have been set. There will no doubt be a few more dates added and I will inform parents and carers of these in the forthcoming weekly newsletters.

Key information for parents and carers

During the Easter holidays we encourage regular testing. Due to two households being able to mix from 29th March, we also strongly recommend the testing of children before they return on Monday 12th April.

We have planned three INSET days at the beginning of the Autumn Term 2021 ~ Wednesday 1st Sept – Friday 3rd Sept. The staff will undertake two day paediatric First Aid and a one day safeguarding training course. This means that the first day back for the children will be Monday 6th September. I hope this early information will help any parents who are making plans for the summer break.

End of Year productions and class assemblies

This year, we will not be having a end of year production performed by years 5 & 6. However, each class will be performing a class assembly during the summer term. It will be available online for parents to watch (as many times as they wish!) and we will inform each class when it goes live on our school website.

Open Afternoon and Parents/Carers Consultation

There will be an opportunity for all families to come on site to celebrate their children's work during the summer term. Each family will be allocated an afternoon (there will be six) nearer the time and will be able to use the school grounds to have look at all the work produced this year. During this week, there will also be an opportunity for parents and carers to sign up for a consultation with your child's classteacher. This will be an online meeting. We will send you the booking link next term.

Sports Morning

The children will still enjoy a sports morning in the summer term to earn points for the house cup. However, it will only be the pupils and staff in attendance, not parents, carers or extended family this year. We will be recording EVERY RACE and posting it on the class page on the website. Therefore you will not miss a single thing and can have an action replay if necessary!

Dates for your diary

EASTER HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 29 TH MARCH – FRIDAY 9 TH APRIL 2021	
Monday 12 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First Day of Summer Term• Southend United after school football begins this week
Wednesday 14 th April	Year 6 Big Picnic
Monday 19 th – Friday 30 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Big Pedal Fortnight – On each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, parents and staff travelling actively to school. Travelling actively includes cycling, walking or scooting• Virtual meeting with year 6 boys due to come to St Thomas More
Friday 23 rd April	<p style="text-align: center;">St George's Day House Captains and Liturgy Team to attend Mass at St George's. Activity day for whole school</p>
Monday 26 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bling your bike and soup up your scooter parade at school.• Year 6 Afternoon Tea (1)
Wednesday 28 th April	Year 6 Afternoon Tea (2)
MAY BANK HOLIDAY – MONDAY 3 RD MAY 2021	
w/b Monday 10 th May	Year 6 STEM week
Wednesday 19 th May	Year 6 Beach Day & Lollies
Thursday 27 th – Saturday 29 th May	Year 6 Activity Days
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 31 ST MAY – FRIDAY 4 TH JUNE 2021	

Friday 11th June	Euro 2021 - School Penalty Shoot out - all goals count to house cup total! Children can wear football kits/sports kits/P.E. kit to school
Sunday 13th June	Euro 2021 - England vs Croatia; Kick-off 2pm
Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th June	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 17th June	Friend of St George's Father's Day Sale
Friday 18th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS Euro 2021 - England vs Scotland; Kick-off 8pm
Monday 21st June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tuesday 22nd June	Induction afternoon for Reception 2021 parents and children Euro 2021 - Czech Republic vs England; Kick-off 8pm
Wednesday 23rd June	Year 4 Bikeability
Thursday 24th June - Thursday 1st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Consultation Week • Open Afternoons for Parents and Carers 1.00pm - 2.45pm - Families will be allocated an afternoon to come to school and celebrate the children's work.
Friday 2nd July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 6pm at St George's Church
Monday 5th July	Non uniform day for winning house team for Summer Term
Wednesday 7th July	Year 6 'Down the Pier'
Friday 9th July	Summer Fayre 3.15pm - 5.00pm at the school
Monday 12th July	Leavers 2021 Assembly available online
Wednesday 14th July	Year 6 Big Picnic
Friday 16th July	Last day of term
SUMMER HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 19TH JULY - FRIDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2021	
Monday 6th September	First Day of Autumn term 2021

Prayers



During what has been a very difficult year for many of our families and friends, we pray for those who are suffering at this time, and those who have died. We ask God's comfort for those that love them and pray for the souls of those who are no longer with us.

Have a wonderful fortnight,
See you all on the 12th April,
God Bless,

Mrs Delgado