



# 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*



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Dear Parents,

## February 2019

Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Phonic workshop
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Football Match @ Thorpe Greenways
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am

### Congratulations

Congratulations to **Charlotte** (St Peter) who will be confirmed this Sunday at Holy Trinity Church, Southchurch. We wish her and her family blessings and joy on this very special day.

### Class Assembly

On Thursday morning, Year 2 led the school in worship by celebrating their topic 'Books'. They re-enacted the story of Noah's Ark and showed us their wonderful paintings. We were treated to three songs all linked to the theme and their confidence in speaking, singing and dancing was fabulous. Well done St Elizabeth Class and a special thank you to Mrs Gillett and her class LSAs who prepared and supported the children to produce this wonderful assembly.

### Children's Mental Health Week 2019 - Healthy: Inside and Out

A huge THANK YOU to all our children, teachers and parents who participated in this week's Children's Mental Health week. It was certainly a hive of energy, excitement and well-being as our children enjoyed yoga, mindful colouring, activities linked to self-esteem and the opportunity to spend time listening to mindfulness music which cleared their minds of any worries. We all enjoyed seeing the children's (and staff's) 'Healthy Selfies', of which a selection can be seen on the school website. We had lots of entrants for our Healthy Recipes competition and will be publishing the winners in next week's newsletter.

My biggest THANK YOU goes to Miss Rusz and her Healthy School's Council, **Joseph, Eliana and Emily**, who organised, publicised and help support this week's activities.



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## Safer Internet Day 2019

This week was Safer Internet day. All the classes participated in activities that made the children even more aware about making safe choices online.

Reception class shared their experience online and the different activities the children enjoy remembering the importance of checking with an adult. Year 1 discussed how we must never talk to strangers online. In Year 2, the children wrote acrostic poems about Internet safety to share with their friends and families. Year 3 and 4 focused on consent and permission; both our own and permission from our parents. Year 5 looked broadly at the internet: devices that are used, the impact of the internet and the safety aspects of being online. Finally, Year 6 focused on how 'Together, we make the internet better.'

Also this week, the media highlighted several clear steps for parents, which the chief medical officers say will help keep children safe and healthy.

These include:

- not using phones and mobile devices at the dinner table - talking as a family is very important for development
- keeping screens out of the bedroom at bedtime
- talking as a family about keeping safe online and about cyber-bully and what children should do if they are worried
- not using phones when crossing a road or doing any other activity that requires a person's full attention
- making sure children take a break from screens every two hours by getting up and being active
- policing their own use too - parents should give their children proper attention and quality family time and never assume they are happy for pictures to be shared

This week gave us a great opportunity to talk to the children about these key points and we will continue to revisit them as part of our e-safety and computing curriculum.

## Birthdays

Congratulations to Mrs Fitchew and Mrs Archer-Zeff who celebrated their birthdays this week.

## Times tables challenge

This week Mr Sims handed out the next batch of certificates to the children who were awarded their bronze, silver, gold and diamond awards. For their bronze award congratulations to:

*Joseph (St Elizabeth), Oliver and Edie (St Bernadette)*

...and for their silver award, congratulations to

*Isla, Nate, Harry C. and Cillian (St Bernadette)*

...for their gold award, congratulations to

*Hannah (St Bernadette) & Murphy (St Peter)*

...and the diamond award recipients

*Regan (St Anthony) and Catherine, Gabriel & Chantelle (St Peter)*

## Head Teacher Awards

Well done to all the children recognised for their achievements this week.

**Jake** (St Francis) ~ for great improvement in phonics and handwriting. Well done!

**Ellie** (St Therese) ~ Wow! What a fabulous week! Ellie has tried so hard this week to finish her work and remember her capital letters, full stops and use interesting words. She has made super progress and has been enthusiastic in all her learning. Great job Ellie!

**Reuben** (St Elizabeth) ~ for always working independently and developing a confident, mature approach to his school work.

**Isis** (St Bernadette) ~ for consistently working hard, always taking pride in her work and being focused in all tasks.

**Florance V.** (St Joseph) ~ for being a kind and caring friend and sharing her bright smile when she comes into school every morning.

**Tinaye** (St Anthony) ~ for being a positive, hard-working and focused ray of sunshine! She is enthusiastic in all areas of the curriculum. Keep working hard and smiling!

**Poppy** (St Peter) ~ for being the most wonderful role model. She has a conscientious attitude and demonstrates outstanding kindness on a daily basis. Well done!

## Sports Awards

Congratulations to our winners this week.

Most improved ~ **Riley** (St Peter)

Performer ~ **Leandro** (St Joseph)

## Reading Awards

Congratulations to **Katarina** (St Francis), **Nate** (St Bernadette) and **Florence** (St Joseph) who have earned their bronze reading certificates this week and those who were awarded their silver reading certificate:

**Ruvarashe, Heidi & Harry H.** (St Francis), **Hannah & Julia** (St Therese), **Florence I. & Jamie** (St Elizabeth), **Jasmine** (St Bernadette), **Florence O.** (St Joseph) **Alice and Frankie** (St Peter)  
And our first GOLD winners who have reached 150 reads!

**Thomas** (St Therese), **Florence R-F.** (St Elizabeth), **Samuel R-F.** & **Isis** (St Bernadette), **William & Fred** (St Joseph), **Eliana, Regan, Richard, Emily, Phoebe & Joseph** (St Anthony)

## Phonics Meeting for Year 1 parents

Mrs McLoughlin is inviting all parents to attend a meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February regarding the Year 1 phonics screening test which the children will take in June. It will take place straight after school in Year 1 classroom and any children needing supervision will be taken to the ICT suite during the session.

## Breakfast Club

Please note that the Breakfast Club staff will be unable to take any cash payments in the morning. If your child has not been booked in prior to attending, please arrange for the payment to be made via WisePay (minimum spend £4) or alternatively send the monies in a named enveloped marked clearly with the date attended.

## Running Miles

This week's results are:

Class	Miles this week	Total so far	Travelled to....
Reception	37.6	553.6	Newcastle
Year 1	73.1	1269	Swansea
Year 2	75.1	1286.2	Cardiff
Year 3	75.6	1159.9	Birmingham
Year 4	80.5	1300.2	Cardiff
Year 5	85.6	1454	Exeter
Year 6	83.2	1469.2	Exeter

## Sports News

Well done to Lucy (St Anthony) who participated as part of the relay team in an Essex swimming event at the London Aquatic Centre. Her team came fourth and she swam a personal best. A great result!

## Netball

*'On Monday we went to a netball match at Thorpe Hall and we also played against West Leigh. First of all we played against Thorpe Hall and we lost 3-1 and we had lots of chances to score so it's a shame we lost. We played very well'*

*'At the second match, we played against West Leigh and they were very good and we lost. It was very challenging but it was exciting and fun. We really enjoyed it. We could be in history because it was the first match ever played in that sports hall.'*

By Eliana, Emily, Lexi, Lucy, Orla, Maddie, Chantelle and Grace.

## PTA News

The PTA is fully stocked on discount vouchers such as 'Adventure Island', 'Mini Golf', 'Sealife Centre' and 'Bounce Village'. Offering our families and the wider community great savings! The PTA are pleased to have been able to add Afternoon Tea, Sands vouchers at the cost of £9 each valid till 31st December 2019.

## PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be held on Thursday 7th March at 2.30pm in the Community Suite. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Prayers



Please remember all in our community who need your prayers at this time.

God Bless,

*Mrs Delgado*