



# 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 and Carers,

## Children's Mental Health Week 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022



It's been a fantastic final week of this half term. The children have worked incredibly hard on well being activities throughout and can talk about how they have grown, by trying new things and facing challenges with an open mind. In the assemblies at the beginning of the week, I shared with them an important message that I think we all take something from.

"BE LIKE A TREE. STAY  
GROUNDED. CONNECT WITH  
YOUR ROOTS. TURN OVER A  
NEW LEAF. BEND BEFORE YOU  
BREAK. ENJOY YOUR UNIQUE  
NATURAL BEAUTY. KEEP  
GROWING.

Joanne Raptis

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to the children, staff, parents and carers for a wonderful first half term of 2022. Everyone has worked so hard and been so supportive of one another. I cannot wait for the next half term and I know, our community will continue to go from strength to strength.

I wish you all a very happy half term. Take care, stay safe and see you all on Monday 21<sup>st</sup>  
February.

Much love, Annabelle Delgado



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## Spring Term 2022

HALF TERM MON 14<sup>TH</sup> FEB – FRI 18<sup>TH</sup> FEB

Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Back to school for 2 <sup>nd</sup> half Spring Term
Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	World Book Day – Children invited to dress up as their favourite book character
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Phonics session for Year 1 parents @2.30pm. Entrance via the infant gate and down the red carpet!
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Come to school in PJs day in support of the homeless teens
w/b Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent & Carer consultation week
	Book Fair in school – Community Suite after school
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Open Afternoon to look at the children's work 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	KS2 Cross Country @ St Thomas More
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Reception Class Assembly 9.05am Parents, carers and family welcome
W/b Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 3 & 4 present Stations of the Cross (see newsletter for further details)
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	Last Day of Term

### Class Assembly

Year 1 shone this week performing their class assembly on the theme of being special. They reminded us how special we all are and shared what makes them special too. I was amazed by their confidence and how much they have grown since September. Well done Year 1 and thank you Mrs McLoughlin and the class team for enabling the children to let their little light shine!

### Phonics Session for Year 1 parents – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022 @ 2.30pm

Mrs McLoughlin has organised a phonics session for Year 1 parents in preparation for the statutory phonics screening test that the children will be taking in June. It is vital that every child is represented at this meeting as key information will be shared to help you support your child.

### Homeless Teens

On 1<sup>th</sup> March, we will be inviting the children to come into school in their pyjamas to support the YMCA event for homeless teens. Elijah and Jacob's mum, Stacey, will be sleeping rough that night to also raise awareness and funds. If your child wishes to wear their pyjamas on the 11<sup>th</sup>, we ask that you make a donation to the just giving page that Stacey has set up.

Thank you in advance for your support.

### Birthdays

Congratulations to Teddy (St Therese), Jake (St Bernadette),

Alex & Joseph (St Anthony) who are celebrating their birthdays this week.

And Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating during half term:

Rosie (St Francis), River-Jane (St Therese) and Maisie & Imogen (St Bernadette)



## Attendance and Punctuality

Parents and carers have been extremely vigilant keeping children at home if they are unwell which has kept our school community safe. We thank you for this. However, whilst many children's absences have been due to children being unwell, some families have reported that children get into the routine of not being at school which directly impacts on their education. We do not want any child to fall behind at St George's due to not attending school.

Therefore we are working with the attendance service at the Local Authority. They are a fantastic team who work closely with parents and carers if a child's attendance is at the level described as 'persistently absent' (usually around 85-89%).

We will be monitoring any child's attendance that decreases during the next half term, as well as all children who are currently at 89% or below and will contact parents and carers to see if there is any support that we, as a school can put in.

I have no doubt that as the weather warms up, our attendance figures will also rise. We are very fortunate that the vast majority of children at St George's can't wait to get to school. It's vital that we support those who find it a little challenging to attend and get them into a great routine, not just for primary education, but for secondary education and beyond.

Next half term, we will begin to give class awards for punctuality. Each week at Friday's celebration assembly, the children will find out their class punctuality percentage for that week. We will track it over the next term and a half and the class with the highest punctuality figure at the end of the year will be rewarded with a Punctuality Party! By rewarding punctuality, children who are unwell, or absent for authorised reasons, will not affect the class percentage. Be prepared that it may be your children hurrying you out of the door, rather than the other way round when we return!

## Year 3 & 4 Stations of the Cross

As Easter is at the end of the holiday this year, Year 3 & 4 will be leading 'Stations of the Cross' in the last week of term. The Stations of the Cross give us the opportunity to quietly reflect on Jesus' passion and his way to the cross. There will be a mixture of readings, hymns and simple drama to remind us all of the huge sacrifice that Jesus made. Parents, carers and family of the children leading the stations are warmly welcome. The timetable for this will be:

Date	Year Group Leading	Stations	9.05am	2.45pm
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4	1-3	Year 4 parents welcome	Whole school
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3	4-6	Year 3 parents welcome	Whole school
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4	7-10	Year 4 parents welcome	Whole school
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 3	11-14	Year 3 parents welcome	Whole school

The stations will be recorded daily and put on the website.



### Head Teacher Awards

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

**Melissa** ~ (St Francis) ~ for always trying her hardest in everything she does and being a kind friend to others.

**St Therese Class** for an amazing class assembly. You wowed up with your singing, dancing and confidence! Well done to everyone!

**Jude** ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for making great progress in his written work, especially his fantastic set of instructions for: 'How to Make a Frozen Healthy Dessert'.

**Blossom** ~ (St Bernadette) ~ Blossom has showed perseverance and determination to finally conquer her 4 times tables. We are all very proud of how she never gave up and her fantastic attitude to learning.

**Edison** ~ (St Joseph) ~ for working with focus and perseverance. He has massively improved his presentation and showed real desire to improve in all areas. Well done, Edison!

**Alicia** ~ (St Anthony) ~ for always working really hard and giving 100% in all areas of the curriculum. Your enthusiasm and determination to do your best is inspiring. Keep up the great work Alicia, you are a star!

**Jasmine** ~ (St Peter) ~ for her fantastic contribution to our science lesson, about the evolution of different mammals. Her input to our class discussion was full of great ideas, which then led to a very good piece of work about the evolution of horses! Well done!



## Sports Awards

Well done to our winners of the sports award this week:

**Blossom, George, Rosie, Lily, Lyla & Katie**

When Year 3 were performing their group dances this week, these 5 children were excellent team captains who made sure everyone worked fairly, was listened to and all had a part to play. Well done for being great leaders!

## Reading Awards

Congratulations to the children who have earned their bronze reading certificates this week:

**Billy (St Elizabeth), Dominic, Amelie (St Bernadette), Joshua & David (St Joseph)**

...and those who were awarded their silver reading certificates:

**Keziah (St Francis), Ellie (St Therese), Folami, Charlotte, Chloe & Ada (St Elizabeth),  
Elijah, Elsiada & Maisie (St Bernadette), Otilie & Edison (St Joseph) Samuel B. (St Anthony),  
and Summer (St Peter)**

We also awarded our FIRST GOLD reading certificates for 150 reads. Well done to:

**Lex (St Therese), Heidi (St Bernadette), Matthias, George & Archie (St Joseph), Leah, Thomas  
& Florence R-F (St Anthony), Isla, Isis, Harry C., Logan, Ellouise, Hannah, Samuel, Julia &  
William (St Peter)**

## Message from Mrs Wallen

Last term the children in St Peter's and St Anthony's classes took part in workshops to help compose a new piece of music especially commissioned to express their feelings around the pandemic and its effect on their lives. The piece will be performed at 4:00 on March 20th by children from across Southend and they would very much like our children to be part of this. Please put the date in your diary and further details will be available closer to the date

## CYCLE TRAINING FOR FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Forward Motion are delivering a cycle training programme between 14 to 18 February 2022 at Belfairs Academy, Leigh on Sea and Southchurch Park. Times of sessions vary.

We are offering learn to ride sessions as well as Level 1, 2 and 3 Bikeability. The trainee must be able to bring along a bike and a helmet to the session.

### **What is Bikeability?**

Level 1 is for children aged 6 years of age and over that can ride a bike unaided. The syllabus covers safe starts and stops, signalling, looking over the shoulder, swerving and stopping the bike quickly with control. Level 2 is for children aged 10 years of age and over and who have good control of a bike. The syllabus covers starting and stopping a journey on the road, passing a parked vehicle, road positioning and what to do at a T-junction.

Level 2 is for children aged 10 years of age and over and who have previously completed Level 2. The syllabus covers cycling on busier roads, filter lanes, traffic light, roundabouts as well as route planning.

### Learn to Ride

These 45 minutes sessions are on a 1:1 basis and are aimed at children aged 4 years and over that cannot ride a pedal bike unaided.

To book a session or for more details please email [elaineswallow@southend.gov.uk](mailto:elaineswallow@southend.gov.uk)

### World Book Day 2022 - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March



In 2022, it will be the 25th anniversary of World Book Day – with the message for all children ‘you are a reader’! It will be filled with lots of exciting, celebratory ways to promote reading for pleasure. On that day, we are encouraging the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and bring the book along with them, if possible. Reception and Year 4 P.E sessions will timetabled for an alternative day so that all children can dress up.

### Prayers

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

God Bless,

*Mrs Delgado*