



# 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,



### Happy New Year!

A very happy New Year to you all ~ we look forward to an exciting 2020 at St. George's. It was lovely to welcome the children back into school this week.

### A New Year Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside our worries about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

**Amen**

It is wonderful to start the year with the wonderful news that **Cillian** in St Joseph's class has become a brother for the second time. His new baby sister, **Roisin**, was born on the final day of last term. Apparently she is very quiet and doesn't make hardly any noise! We can't wait to meet the newest member of St George's family.



We also welcomed two new pupils, **David** and **Satya** on Monday and **Mrs Bracknell** became our newest member of staff when she joined us on Tuesday. We wish all of them happiness and success at St George's.



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## Dates for your diary



### Swimming & Club Start Dates

Please see App Message for your Club Start Date & Time

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Clubs begin
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Southend United starts
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming starts for years 2, 3, 4 & 5
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tennis starts
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup>	Steps Ahead starts

### January Artist of the Month

Congratulations to Alicia (St Bernadette) who has been chosen as our first artist of the month for 2020 for their picture of the Stonehenge. You can admire her work in the Reception foyer.

### Birthdays

Congratulations to Patrycja (St Francis), Loui & Grace (St Anthony) and Mrs Williams who celebrated their birthday in the first few days of January. We also wish Albie (St Francis) and Evie (St. Therese) who are celebrating this week.



### Uniform Reminders

We have seen lots of new winter coats coming in to keep the children warm at break and lunchtimes, in addition to scarves, hats and gloves. It is great that the children are so well prepared. Could I ask that all items are labelled so that we can match children with any items that have been misplaced. The children continue with their outdoor P.E. sessions during the Spring term and as the weather is still chilly, we ask that the children have an extra layer. They can wear either their school jumper, or a red school sweatshirt which is optional and plain black/navy jogging bottoms.

Many of the children may have received FitBits or similar style watches as a Christmas present. We ask that your child does not wear or bring them to school as the school's policy is that children wear a plain, inexpensive watch. I thank you in advance for your support.

### The School App

Please note that from next week we will be sending all messages, including 'head bump messages' and reminders via The School App. If you have still not downloaded this App and need any help setting it up, please come to the Office so that we can assist you.

### Swimming ~ Spring Term

A reminder to parents of children in years 2, 3, 4 & 5 that lessons will begin on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Please may I remind you that all the children will need to wear a swimming hat, and girls, a one piece swimming costume, (no bikinis) and boys, a pair of swimming trunks (no 'baggy' style shorts). Thank you in advance for your support.

## Running Miles

This week's results are:

Class	Miles this week	Total so far	Travelled to....
Reception	34	253.5	King's Lynn
Year 1	73.1	676.6	Glasgow
Year 2	54.4	630.3	Glasgow
Year 3	47	559.7	Glasgow
Year 4	76.8	682.4	Carlisle
Year 5	76.3	667.5	Glasgow
Year 6	81.7	734.5	Carlisle

## Phonics Session for Year 1 parents – Thu 30<sup>th</sup> January 3.30pm & Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 9am

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. We will supervise any children during the after school session.

## Head Teacher Awards

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

*Eliana* ~ for a great start to the Spring term and a greater confidence in all her learning

*Heidi* ~ (St Therese) ~ for being our little ray of sunshine! Heidi is a super helper; always responsible, caring and willing to lend a hand. Not only that, she is an outstanding learner who produces brilliant work!

*Oscar* ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for making excellent progress in reading and maths. Keep it up!

*David* (St Elizabeth) and *Satya* (St Bernadette) ~ for settling in to St George's so happily and confidently. It's lovely to welcome you to our school community

*Nate* ~ (St Joseph) ~ for a great start to the new term; focused, engaged and you have produced excellent work in both English and Maths lessons this week. Keep it up!

*Max* ~ (St Anthony) ~ for making an enthusiastic start to our English topic, 'Oliver'. He has produced high quality work, supporting and explaining ideas with evidence from text and film.

Keep up the hard work!

*Eden* ~ (St Peter) ~ for engaging fully in all subject areas. Eden listens well and will always offer reflective and insightful opinions, views and suggestions. Well done Eden!

## Reading Awards

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

Nancy, Ada, Eliana & Folami (St Francis), Nate, Joseph & Dylan (St Joseph) and Jason (St Anthony)

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

Jude (St Francis), Harry & Heidi (St Therese), Kieran (St Elizabeth),

Scarlett, Isla, Cillian, Oliver, Harry L. Jasmine & Edie (St Joseph)

Natalia, Jessica, Brianna & Max (St Anthony) and James & Lily-Grace (St Peter)

### Prayers



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

God Bless,

*Mrs Delgado*

### Diary Dates

Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	*Phonics information for Year 1 parents 3.30pm
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	*Phonics information for Year 1 parents 9.00am
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Choir performing at Young Voices @ The O2
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2020</b>	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	*Ash Wednesday ~ Mass at St George's Church 9.30am
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	*STOMP club performance 7pm @ Palace Theatre
w/b Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Open Afternoon 3.45pm – 6pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	* Scientist Dress up day (to celebrate Science week)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	*Book Fair Week
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Hot Cross Run @ St Thomas More 1-3pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	*Year 1 Class Assembly 9am
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Non uniform Day for winning house team
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	*Steps Ahead End of Term Performance after school
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am
	*Year 3 & 4 Easter Production 2pm & 6pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Last day of Spring Term

**YEAR 1 PHONICS SESSION FOR PARENTS**

**PRINT CHILD'S NAME**

*I will be attending/ sending a representative to the Phonics session on  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 3.30pm*

*I will be attending/ sending a representative to the Phonics session at  
on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 9am*

*Please hand into the office*