



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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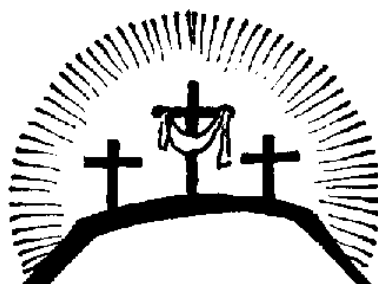
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Dear Parents,



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. The Easter celebration is at the end of the holiday so even though we are unable to focus on Holy Week, the time where we remember Christ's Passion and the story of how he died to save us all, we encourage that you take time as a family to reflect on this special time. On Maundy Thursday, we are able to recall Jesus sharing a Last Supper with his disciples, where the bread and wine were transformed into His body and His blood. On Good Friday, 14th April, we are given the opportunity to reflect on Jesus' final journey to the cross, where he was crucified and died to save us all. Finally, at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Mass, the 15th and 16th, we will rejoice at his Resurrection. This is the highlight of the Church's year and we encourage you to attend Mass over these three days to celebrate this display of Christ's love for us, his friends. There will be a **Children's Stations of the Cross** on **Good Friday, 14th April, 10 – 10.45am** at **St George's Church**. Everyone is welcome.

Mass Times

Maundy Thursday 13th April ~ 8pm at St George's

Good Friday 14th April ~ 3pm at St George's

Easter Vigil (Saturday night) ~ 8.30pm at St George's

Easter Sunday ~ 8.45am at St Gregory's & **10.45am** St George's



Citizenship Award

This afternoon, we announced that Joshua from St Peter's class, is the recipient of this year's Citizenship Award.

Joshua displays all the qualities and gifts of a truly outstanding citizen; he cares for and nurtures our youngest children, he embraces all responsibilities given to him and has been a dedicated pupil of St George's since he joined us in Reception class, showing love, respect and kindness to everyone he encounters.

Everyone at St George's is extremely proud of him.



EASTER HOLIDAY MON 3RD APRIL – MON 17TH APRIL 2017

Tue 18 th	First day of Summer Term Children return in Summer uniform
Wed 19 th	Class Photographs
Fri 21 st	Swimming Years R, 2 & 6
Sat 22 nd	St George's Fun Run 9.45am @Sealife Centre

Class Assembly

A huge well done to Miss Rusz and St Anthony's class for the final assembly of the Spring Term. It was great to see skills taught in English (reporting, interviewing etc), being used to tell the story of all the events that happened in Jerusalem leading up to Christ's death and resurrection.

Big Pedal 2017



Congratulations to the following children who were given their winning water bottles this afternoon for their AMAZING blinged up bikes.

Year R ~ Samuel B. Year 1 ~ Oliver & Edie Year 2 ~ Edward & Zofia
Year 3 ~ Holly & Eliana Year 4 ~ Catherine & Maddie Year 5 ~ Lily & Brian
Year 6 ~ Charlotte & William

A big thank you to everyone who has supported our Big Pedal challenge. Our current ranking at the time we went to press was 3RD IN SOUTHEND and 35TH IN THE COUNTRY. A great achievement.

Netball Match Report

On Tuesday, the netball team had a match against Hamstel School. The final score was 4-3 to St George's (a well-earned victory). We worked well together as a team and supported each other. We were very pleased with our play; the passing and shooting was excellent. We would like to say a massive thank you to Miss Rusz for being an excellent coach and to the whole team for playing superbly!

By Anna & Poppy (St Peter)

Well done girls, we are really proud of you.

Charlotte, Aimee, Mina, Emily A, Poppy, Hannah, Anna & Emily M

Don't forget.....Saturday 22nd April



St. George's School

Annual Fun Run

Saturday 22nd April 2017 9.45am

Start Line: Sealife centre, Southend.

Route: Along the Seafront.

Finish Line: Uncle Tom's Cabin



We will be joining Sacred Heart this year,

starting 15 minutes after them. For that reason, we ask that the children wear a predominately white t-shirt so that we can spot you all and can also identify our year group winners. There is no entry fee, but we ask that individuals are sponsored by family and friends with all money raised going towards PTA funds. Once you have filled in the entry form please return it to the office. Sponsor forms have been sent home with all the children so they can make the most of the Easter holidays. We remind all children not to ask any strangers to sponsor them. They should be family members or friends that are well known to them. Due to the Poppies Exhibition, Southend Borough Council has requested we make alternative arrangements when parking and not use Uncle Tom's Cabin. I know that all parents will be very supportive of this.

Head Teacher's Award

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

Natalia (St Francis) ~ for her excellent phonics work

Ernie (St Therese) ~ for a fantastic attitude to learning and always doing his best

Edward (St Elizabeth) ~ for outstanding understanding in Maths this week

Morten (St Bernadette) ~ for excellent creativity and enthusiasm when working with the sculpture artist

Maddie (St Joseph) ~ for being a wonderful example of an enthusiastic learner

Brian (St Anthony) ~ for his noticeable commitment to all areas of school life. His class teacher has especially noticed his caring and responsible attitude, especially when supporting his peers during sports drill with patience and clarity.

Emily A. (St Peter) ~ for always working with focus and enthusiasm. She is a fantastic example to others

This week I am pleased to publish the name and reason for a very **special** Head Teachers's award.

Oliver By. (St Joseph) for showing great courage at a difficult time and coming back into our school community with such a positive attitude. We are so pleased to see you so well and truly on the road to recovery.

Reading Awards

Well done to the following children who gained their bronze award this week

Loui (St Elizabeth)

... the children who have reached 100 reads and earned their silver reading certificates

Isabelle & Nate (St Therese), Keavy & Florance V. (St Elizabeth) Isabel (St Bernadette),
Georgia, Poppy & Jack (St Joseph) Callum, Brian & Lily (St Anthony)

....our gold winners

Tymon & Natalia (St Francis), Edie (St Therese), Jessica & Jason (St Elizabeth)
Richard & Freddie (St Bernadette) Louie (St Anthony)

and our diamond award winners who have been rewarded for 200 reads

Cillian, Samuel, Logan & Joseph (St Therese)

Eden & Eliana (St Bernadette)

Maisie (St Anthony)

100% Attendance

Well done to the children who received their bronze for 100% attendance this term

Conor, Aubrey, Theodore, Jacob & Reuben (St Francis)

Thomas, Cillian, Harry L., Nate, Isabelle & Jasmine (St Therese)

Grace, William, Kyrea & Fred (St Elizabeth)

Morten, Eliana, Sian, Declan, Xavier, Alex, Eden, Phoebe & Ruby (St Bernadette)

Jack, Harley, Henry I., Adam & Gabriel (St Joseph)

Henry B., Markus, Isabel, Lily, Andrew, Daisy & Ben R. (St Anthony)

Emily A., Finley, Charlotte, Joshua, Finlay, Marco, Harrison & Francesca (St Peter)

And congratulations to those children who received their silver badge for 100% attendance
since the first day back in September

Thomas, Eva, Joshua, Florence I. & Georgina (St Francis)

Harry C., Charles, Isla & Isis (St Therese)

Edward & Loui (St Elizabeth)

Emily, Lucy, Amelie, Lexi-Rose, Joseph, Regan, Richard,

Lily & Monty (St Bernadette)

Oliver B, Aidan, Catherine, Adele & Chantelle (St Joseph)

Maisie, Christian, Holly, George, Callum & Rose (St Anthony)

Truly-Rose, Aimee & Anna (St Peter)

Sports Awards

Congratulations to this week's winners.

Most Improved ~ Florence (St Joseph) Sports Performer ~ Hannah (St Peter)

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated a birthday this week

Samuel, Declan & Daniel V. (St Francis)

Sian (St Bernadette)

Emily A (St Peter)

And those celebrating during the Easter holiday

Lucy & Florence R-F. (St Francis)

Charlie (St Therese)

Casey & Jason (St Elizabeth)

Eliana, Richard & Regan (St Bernadette)

Oliver S., Florence & Catherine (St Joseph)

And Mrs Gillett, Mrs Grimes, Mrs Parascandolo & Mrs Sayer



Our visiting artist

Yesterday pupils from Year 3 completed their final sculpture workshop with the artist Kieren Reed. Everyone had a fantastic time using a range of materials such as wood, cardboard and canvas to create a large scale sculpture. The next stage is for Kieren to design the sculpture for Shoebury Park which will incorporate lots of the children's ideas and designs.

End of Term Mass

Thank you to everyone who attended Mass this week. It was wonderful to celebrate the end of term with family and friends. Mrs Lawrence did an amazing job of organising and preparing the Mass and the children and Fr Brett was his usual magnificent self! Thank you both.

Teaching Vacancies for KS1 or KS2 teacher (F/T permanent and maternity cover) at ST George's School

Required for September 2017

We invite applications from newly qualified teachers and experienced teachers who wish to join our happy, successful and hardworking school.

We are looking for a teacher who:

- Is a practising Catholic or one who will support the ethos of our school
- Is passionate about learning, highly motivated and creative with a desire to develop outstanding practice
- Has excellent communication and interpersonal skills

We can offer

- A happy, learning environment where everyone is valued with Christ at the centre
- Children who have a love of learning, a highly motivated staff and supportive parents
- A committed and supported environment where you will be encouraged to develop professionally

Informal visits to the school are warmly welcomed, either during the day or after school.

Closing date ~ Wednesday 26th April 2017

Interviews ~ Wednesday 3rd May 2017

Year 2 and Year 6 SAT tests

An information booklet and a video has been made available for parents of children in Year 2 and Year 6 to explain how the KS1 and KS2 tests are administered. These are available to view by clicking the links below.

- [2017 national curriculum tests for key stages 1 and 2: information booklet for parents](#)
- [Information video for parents: 2017 key stage 1 tests](#)
- [Information video for parents: 2017 key stage 2 tests](#)

50th Anniversary of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School

This year is the 50th anniversary of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School, Rayleigh and the highlight of their celebrations will be a special Mass in a marquee on the school playing field on Friday 14th July at 10.30am (please note change of time). Bishop Alan Williams will be the main celebrant. They would love to welcome past pupils and staff to the Mass. If you would like to attend, please contact the school on 01268 785741 as they wish to ensure that they have adequate seating for everyone. Thank you.

Prayers

Please remember all in the community who need our prayers.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very holy and happy Easter as you spend time with families and friends. I look forward to seeing everyone back, safe and well, on

TUESDAY 18th APRIL.

God bless,

Mrs Delgado