



# 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,

You should have all received an email from the school today with the latest government guidance on dealing with COVID-19. The key messages around symptoms and what to do are as follows:

You or your child must stay at home for 7 days if you display:

- **new continuous cough and/or**
- **high temperature**

If you have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home and do not leave your house for 7 days from when your symptoms started. This action will help protect others in the community.

Please ensure you follow these guidelines and inform the school if you decide to "self-isolate" your child.

Please can you also make sure that the school have your current contact details because we will be contacting you and asking you to take your child home if they display either of these symptoms while at school.

We are monitoring the situation and there is no cause for alarm in school as we are following all government advice to prevent any spreading of the virus. We have made adjustments in light of the current situation which are:

- **Year R Assembly and Year 3 & 4 Easter production** will be filmed and put on the website for parents to view. There will be no 'public' performance, only the other children within the school. We made the decision not to postpone as the children have been working incredibly hard learning their lines and songs etc.
- **Year 1 & 2 Assemblies** have been postponed until the summer term



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Whilst many of you will be disappointed, I am sure you will understand the reasons behind the decision.

No doubt you would have seen on the news that schools in Ireland have been closed, however we are not at that stage yet and will continue to be open until we are advised by the government. Should we be forced to close we will ensure that there will be distance learning for the children via the website and other educational sites. We will give you more information about this if or when it happens.

Any form of closure will be communicated via email, the school app and the official Facebook page and I will continue to keep you informed if and when the situation changes. I appreciate and thank you in advance for your support.

#### Diary Dates for March

w/b 16 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fayre Week
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	The Big Science Workshop
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day Gift Sale
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Samba Workshop
w/b 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last week of clubs
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Hot Cross Run ~ KS2 @ ST Thomas More 1-3pm
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day for the winning house team TBC
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Last day of term ~ Mass at 2pm

#### Goodbye and Good Luck!

We said goodbye to Brianna who is leaving us today. We would like to say thank you for being a wonderful representative of the school at sport and in music and a real asset to your class. We wish you every success at your new school.

#### After school provision

Thank you for the responses regarding the after school club. If you would be interested we ask that you email Mrs Parascandolo at [finance@st-georges.southend.sch.uk](mailto:finance@st-georges.southend.sch.uk) indicating the sessions and the days you would book for your child/children. Unfortunately if there is not sufficient demand it will not be viable. It would be a paid club (we anticipate around £7 for half a session, £10 for a full session, the price will be confirmed after this initial round of enquiry) which would need to be booked via Wisepay. We are planning that the sessions will be:

Half a session ~ 3.15pm – 4.45pm

Full session ~ 3.15pm – 6.00pm

#### Finger Nails

As part of our hygiene routine, we encourage the children to wash their hands and keep their nails clean and short to minimise any spread of bacteria, either from under their nails to their mouth, or to other children. Long fingernails can also cause injury to other children. We thank you in advance for your support.

## Birthdays



Congratulations to all those celebrating this week.

**Lily** (St Therese), **Samuel S. & Florence I.** (St Bernadette), **Scarlett** (St Joseph) and **Zofia** (St Anthony)

## Scientist of the Week!

This week, we have been celebrating British Science Week. We held a Practical Science Day on Thursday with each class taking part in a range of practical experiments and investigations. The children dressed up for the occasion and really looked the part! Some children came in uniform as 'natural scientists', whilst others dressed as Issac Newton, Katherine Johnson, Albert Einstein, Marie Curie, Charles Darwin, Beatrix Potter and many more important scientists. The children have shown great engagement and enthusiasm, with wonderful observation and questioning skills being demonstrated.

At this afternoon's assembly, Mrs Howell awarded Scientists of The Week from across the school who had demonstrated outstanding engagement, great knowledge and super understanding.

**Billy** (St Francis) for great enthusiasm and knowledge in all Science activities this week. Super!

**Lyla** (St Therese) for her enthusiasm and fantastic contributions to scientific discussions.

**Samuel** (St Elizabeth) for showing great interest in Science all year round, especially this week, where he has shown the ability to ask questions, make predictions, work accurately, make observations and draw a conclusion!

**Joseph** (St Bernadette) for his fantastic contributions to our science work this week. He has shared his predictions and explained them with good scientific reasoning and presented his research on a scientist really well, to the rest of the class.

**Casey** (St Joseph) for his wonderful enthusiasm and great knowledge, using excellent scientific vocabulary in group and whole class discussions in our Practical Science activities this week.

**Zofia, Grace, Daisy and Natalia** (St Anthony) ~ for their excellent teamwork, collaboration and precision when making ice-cream. And, their clear explanation and understanding when they wrote up the experiment.

**Eden** (St Peter) ~ for great contributions and engagement in our practical science activities this week.

## Head Teacher's Award

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

**Chloe** (St Francis) ~ for 100% effort and enthusiasm in all she does. Well done!

**Maisie** (St Therese) ~ for her focus and teamwork in science investigations and becoming more confident when working independently.

**Honey** (St Elizabeth) ~ for always working incredibly hard and for being such a happy, kind and caring member of the class.

*Jacob R (St Bernadette) ~ for always being committed to doing his best! Jacob always shows enthusiasm in the work we do in class, especially in science and topic work. He also makes valuable contributions to class discussions. Well done Jacob!*

*Isis (St Joseph) ~ for great effort in all areas and approaching school life with a positive attitude and bright smile every day. Keep it up!*

*Brianna (St Anthony) ~ for being a fantastic asset to the school and making so much progress in maths. This week she has used her knowledge to help others- well done Brianna!*

*Marley (St Peter) ~ for his positive attitude towards all aspects of school life. He always gives 100% in all he does and completes it with a smile on his face. Keep on being a star Marley!*

### Reading Awards

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

**Eva & Lucy (St Bernadette) and Holly (St Peter)**

And the children who have reached 100 reads and earned their silver reading certificate

**Ronnie C. (St Francis), Lyla (St Therese),**

**Harry, Oscar and Oliver (St Elizabeth), Aubrey (St Bernadette), Thomas (St Joseph),**

**Leandro & M'meli (St Anthony) and Richard (St Peter)**

and our gold Awards for 150 reads

**Harry H., Imogen, Heidi, Harry S. (St Therese), Hannah & Archie (St Elizabeth), Leah, Daniel & Samuel (St Bernadette), Isabelle, Oliver, Edie, Jasmine, Julia & Harry L. (St Joseph), Brianna & Max (St Anthony), Lily & Lily-Grace (St Peter)**

### Sports Awards

Well done to our winners this week

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

Performer of the week ~ **Ruby (St Peter)**

### Running Miles

This week's results are:

Class	Miles this week	Total so far	Travelled to....
Reception	87.2	573.7	Edinburgh
Year 1	74.5	1294.4	Cardiff
Year 2	70.5	1190.7	Birmingham
Year 3	50.6	1051	Dublin
Year 4	81.8	1245.9	Swansea
Year 5	73.7	1152.1	Birmingham
Year 6	82.3	1311.2	Bristol

### Prayers



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

God Bless,

*Mrs Delgado*