



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 St Patrick's Day to our families with Irish connections.

Enjoy your feast day!



At St George's we are all really excited to be taking part in Sport Relief 2018! As one of the UK's biggest fundraising events, Sport Relief brings the entire nation together to get active, raise money and change lives. This year, Sport Relief will be taking place in schools and nurseries between Monday 19th March and Friday 23rd March.

To do our bit and raise money we will be running various activities during break times in the school hall:

Monday: Joe Wicks Fitness

Tuesday: Yoga

Wednesday Just Dance

Thursday: Skipathon (on the playground)

Friday: Zumba

We are aiming to fill up the letters to spell 'SPORT RELIEF' with coins. Any loose change such as 1ps, 2ps, 5ps, 10ps and 20ps as a donation for running the events would be greatly appreciated. And, the best thing is, the money raised by the public is spent by Comic Relief to help people living incredibly tough lives, both at home in the UK and across the world's poorest countries. To learn more about how Comic Relief spends the money raised for Sport Relief please visit sportrelief.com/schools. We really appreciate your support and hope that you'll have fun helping our school raise lots of money for Sport Relief!

Dates for your diary



March 2018

Tue 20 th	Steps Ahead Performance to Parents 4.30pm
Wed 21 st	Reception Class - Parent Road Safety Walk

Mother's Day Sale

A big thank you to our army of mums who organised last week's sale. They raised a fantastic £150, as well as making all the mums smile on Sunday morning!

Open Evening and Parent Consultations

It was good to see so many parents attend the Spring Term Open Evening. Parent consultations continue during next week and the teaching staff look forward to meeting with you.

Year 3 Trip



On Monday Year 3 went to Colchester Castle.

'I was so excited! My favourite part was when we were given a tour 'back in time'. We travelled to 43AD, 54AD and 61 AD. When we reached 61AD, we heard all about Boudicca the warrior queen.'

Keavy

'My favourite part was when we went into the dungeon. I loved it because we learnt lots of facts and played games.'

Harley

Year 4 First Aid



'On Thursday, Mr Howell, a paramedic from the Southend Ambulance Station visited our School to teach us First Aid skills. This week is British Science Week and the theme is 'Discovery and Exploration'. We learned how to do CPR and how to place someone in the recovery position. We also learned the phrase Dr ABC, this tells us the order of how to look after a patient before the medical team arrive. We practised bandaging our friends, including using a sling. We were also told how to stop a nose bleed and how to treat a bad cut. We asked Mr Howell lots of questions about his job, why he chose to become a paramedic and what inspired him to do this. We had lots of fun; it has made us think about working in the medical profession in the future and, most importantly, how to look after each other.'

Amelie and Declan

Essex Police & Fire Service

'On Thursday Essex Police & Fire Service paid us a visit. They visited Year 6 Class to discuss Cyber Safety and Year 3 Class found out all about Safety in the Home.

Steve from Essex Police and Fire Service came to talk to us about Online Safety. He told us that all social media sites are 13+ and we should stick to the age recommended. We heard stories about Internet bullying, or Cyber Bullying, can cause great upset for children and cause them not to want to come to school. Everyone should be careful about what they say, because no one would want to be labelled a 'cyberbully'. Steve also informed us about identity theft, when someone steals your passwords, money from bank accounts etc. It is definitely something that we all should be aware of.'

Ben R. & Maisie

People who help us

Today, St Francis had a visit from the Fire Brigade. After learning how to keep safe around the house, they then had a tour around the engine and all had a chance to try out the hose.

Help for HARP

This week, four Year 6 boys came to see me to discuss how we can support HARP, Southend's Homeless Charity, by collecting food donations at school. We discussed the wish list that HARP publish on their website and the boys identified three items that could be collected every fortnight from families in the school. The table below shows which donation items the boys are asking for.

19 th – 28 th March	Water, tinned meat & baked beans
16 th April – 27 th April	Fruit squash, tinned vegetables & cup-a-soups
30 th April – 11 th May	UHT, tinned meals e.g. curry, chilli etc & microwave rice
14 th – 25 th May	Cans/cartons of soft drink, tinned fish & tinned new potatoes
4 th – 14 th June	Fruit juice, tinned fruit & multipacks of crisps
19 th – 29 th June	Snack chocolate bars, water & curry/Bolognese/chilli sauce

They will collect from the classes daily and we will keep the community updated with how we are doing via the website, Facebook and the newsletter. On behalf of the boys, I thank you in advance for your generosity.

Mercy Awards

Congratulations to our recipients this week.

Brian, Oliver, Alex & Gabriel (St Peter) ~ for thinking of a practical way that we, as a school, can come together to support a local charity that makes a huge difference to vulnerable people in Southend.

Relish Infant Lunches

All half termly and termly lunch orders will be repeated until the end of next term. (20th July) If you want to change your order it must be done by 12 noon Wednesday 28th March. We always take the most recent dated order.

Contact Information

It has recently come to light that several families only have one emergency contact number. It is crucial that we have at least 2 contact numbers which must be local to the school. Any parents that need to supply additional numbers will be contacted by text.

After school clubs

All clubs are now finished for this term due to parent consultations next week with the exception of **STEPS AHEAD, SOUTHEND UNITED and WRITING CLUB**. We will put out the list of clubs for Summer Term during the last week of Spring Term. Thank you to all the staff for their time and commitment running the clubs.

Breakfast Club ~ Summer Term 2018

Bookings for the Summer Term can now be made on WisePay. We ask that if you wish to secure a place for the first week back that you book by **3pm Wednesday 28th March**. We have seen an increase in the number of children attending and remind parents that bookings should be made 24 hours in advance.

Head Teacher's Award

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

Oscar (St Francis) ~ for giving everything a go with determination, focus and a wonderful smile!

Alexander (St Therese) ~ for always trying his best and being a responsible and independent member of Year 1. This week Alex has been amazing us with his 'wow' words to make his writing more exciting

Logan (St Elizabeth) ~ for making excellent progress in English, especially with his handwriting

Noah (St Bernadette) ~ for having such a responsible approach to the fire safety discussion and for asking some excellent questions

Declan (St Joseph) ~ for being a very focused and enthusiastic learner during the Year 4 First Aid training, A paramedic of the future?

Kie (St Anthony) ~ for being an asset to Year 5. He is thoughtful, considerate and always wants to challenge himself to do better. Keep up the hard work, Kie!

Andrew (St Peter) ~ for being the most outstanding role model to others. He sets the ultimate example of how to behave and learn. Well done!

Sports Awards

Well done to our winners this week

Most improved ~ **Daisy (St Peter)** and Performer of the week ~ **Nadia (St Joseph)**

Birthdays

Congratulations to all those who celebrated their birthday during the last week.

Samuel S. & Florence I. (St Therese) and Aidan (St Anthony)



Reading Awards

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

Lucy & Corey (St Therese), Gabriel, Henry & Ted (St Bernadette)
and **Oliver B. & Maia (St Anthony)**

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

Oscar (St Francis), Alexander (St Therese) Charlie (St Elizabeth),

Finley, Ted, Henry & Harley and Isabelle (St Joseph)

And our gold awards for 150 reads

Hannah (St Francis), Jessica & Edward (St Bernadette)

Lily-Grace & Charlie (St Joseph) and Adele, Frankie & Maddie (St Anthony)

Running Miles

This week's results are:

Class	Miles this week	Total so far	Travelled to....
Reception	21	290	Skegness
Year 1	75.8	449.9	Middlesbrough
Year 2	59.7	476.6	Newcastle
Year 3	44.5	460.7	Middlesbrough
Year 4	73.8	532.7	Newcastle
Year 5	79	529.8	Newcastle
Year 6	82.3	563.9	Edinburgh

Summer Uniform

We will be changing from our winter uniform to our summer uniform on the first day back after the Easter holidays, 16th April. I have outlined the expected uniform below.

- Polo t-shirts and summer dresses are now available to purchase from the school via WisePay
Or
- You can order a school polo top from Tesco, with the school's badge embroidered onto it.

You will need to buy directly from Tesco Online using our unique school information. The cost of these polo shirts will be £5.00 (3-12yrs) or £5.50 (12 - 16yrs).

Go to <http://www.clothingattesco.com/icat/embschoolwear>

1. Type in the school postcode SS3 9RN
2. Click on 'St George's'
3. Follow the ordering process

Please be aware that the quality of the polo shirts from Tesco may differ from the school's polo shirt. The school will accept no responsibility for the quality of the material or the manufacture of these shirts.

❖ You can buy a red and white checked summer dress from any stockist, Asda, Tesco etc.

In order that it is accepted as school uniform, it must:

- be a red and white checked dress ~ no stripes
- have a predominantly white collar
- be a plain design with no extras, such as waist ties, frilled skirt, 'feature' pockets/buttons etc. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Boys	Girls
<u>School polo shirt (white with embroidered badge)</u> *Also available form Tesco Clothing Online	Red and white check summer dress (<u>with a white collar</u>)*
Grey trousers or shorts	Red, white, navy or black hair band or scrunchie

Grey socks	White socks
Black shoes	Black shoes (no heels or open toe shoes)
<u>School</u> pullover *	<u>School</u> pullover or cardigan *
School reversible fleece jacket* or a <u>plain</u> waterproof outdoor coat (with hood)	School reversible fleece jacket* or a <u>plain</u> waterproof outdoor coat (with hood)
<u>School</u> baseball/summer hat **	<u>School</u> baseball/summer hat **

Items marked * are available to purchase through school. All other items can be purchased from clothing outlets/supermarkets

** At St George's, we believe that children's safety in the sun is of paramount importance and this includes wearing a sun hat/cap. If a child has misplaced their school cap/hat, we expect any replacements to be plain with no bold, fashion logos. Red is the preferred colour as it enables us to easily identify the children walking to church, sports events etc.

Plain means no bold logos, slogans, brand names, inappropriate symbols etc.

BBC singing coaching

Southend Boys Choir have arranged coaching sessions with the BBC Ten Pieces scheme for boys aged 9 – 11 and invited boys from our school. This will take place at St Christopher's School, Leigh on Friday 20th April and Friday 8th June 2018, 4 – 6pm. If your son enjoys singing and would like to attend these sessions, please give their name to the office by next Friday.

End of Term Mass

We are very fortunate that many families attend end of term Mass, showing support for the importance of celebrating the end of a term. However, the numbers have grown to such a size, and after consulting with the school's fire marshal, it has been decided that our school hall cannot accommodate everyone who would want to attend. Therefore to ensure the safety of all, we will be issuing numbered tickets for the end of term Mass on Monday 26th March. This is to ensure we do not exceed numbers which could make it uncomfortable or unsafe for the children and adults, should there ever be the need to evacuate. There are **80** tickets available and we are limiting it to **one per person per family** (babies and pre-school children are welcome but they will have to share the chair!). Whilst this may seem restrictive, we have 158 families and no doubt as many as possible would want to attend. The tickets will be on a first come basis and can be collected from the office. We will not be keeping a register, therefore **you MUST have your ticket as you come in.** Any parents, carers, siblings, family members without a ticket will, unfortunately, not be able to join us on this occasion. Children can be taken home after Mass, around 2.45pm, and even if you do not attend, you can collect your children at this time. We will inform you by text when Mass has finished.

Friend of St George's News ~ St. George's Disco

Come join the fun with local children's entertainer Tidimix. The disco will include magic, puppet show, games as well as popular dance tracks. Each ticket includes a visit to the exciting photobooth and prints to take home.

Date: Friday 27th April 2018
Time: Yr R, 1 & 2 ~ 4pm till 5.15pm
Yrs 3-6 ~ 5.30pm till 6.45pm.

Tickets are priced at £2.50 each and are now available from your class reps.

Reception – Kate Clifton, Year 1 – Suzanne Richardson-Foster, Year 2 – Louise Hammond,
Year 3 – Louise Rossiter & Lindsay Rainbow, Year 4 – Hannah Fitzpatrick,
Year 5 – Helena Cochrane, Year 6 – Catherine Fitzgerald

There will be a tuck shop available to purchase drinks, snacks and fun party accessories.

Little Princess Trust

One of our year 6 pupils, Maddie, will be raising money for the Little Princess Trust. She will be cutting off her long flowing locks at the end of April/beginning of May for this worthwhile charity. If you would like to sponsor her, her just giving page is below

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/madeleinecousins>

Friend of St George's News ~ Trip to Matilda 14th June

The PTA have arranged a trip to see the musical Matilda in London for an evening performance. Tickets are £45 each which includes transport by coach from the school to London. Tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis from Monday 12th March. Please complete an order form along with your £30 deposit to secure your place by 23rd March. Unfortunately the PTA are unable to reserve places. Please return your order forms to the school office in a named envelope, cheques payable to Friends of St. George's or the correct funds.

Matilda

Order form – Thursday 14th June

Lead Name:

Contact mobile number:

Number of tickets required:

Ticket Price £45

Deposit - £30 per ticket due by 23rd March 2018

Final payment - £15 per ticket will be due by 25th May 2018

Prayers



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

Have a great half term,
God Bless,

Mrs Delgado

