



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,

Respect - our message



On Tuesday I had the pleasure of working with each class to recap on our school and community message of Respect. Our world continues to have very complex and challenging situation, especially at the moment, therefore to teach the children the

importance of respect seems as crucial as ever. The children were able to demonstrate so much understanding learnt from the previous term and we identified ways that we can show respect daily, to other children, adults and our whole community and world.

Each child was presented with their Respect badge to show they are part of this positive message that everyone who is part of St George's gets and gives respect. This badge is now part of their uniform, like their house badges, to show their commitment. You can see the children receiving their badges by clicking on the **Respect** image above.

I would like to invite parents and carers to a session which will mirror the children's session this week. It will last around 20-30 minutes and will cover what respect means to us as a community, ways to promote respectful behaviour and strategies to deal with challenging behaviour from others. It would be fantastic to see as many of you there as possible. The sessions will be on Monday 14th March - the same date as open afternoon - with the hope that as you are in school, you will be able to attend one of the sessions. The first will be at 3.30pm and the second at 4.30pm.

Parents, carers and other family members can purchase our unique badge via Wisepay for £2.50. You can also purchase replacements and we will swiftly deliver any orders.

We really hope that this message of love for ourselves, our peers, our friends, our local community and the world around us spreads further than just our school and we would love all of you to be part of it.



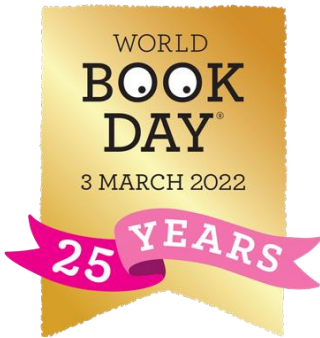
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Spring Term 2022

Thu 3 rd Mar	World Book Day – Children invited to dress up as their favourite book character or bring their favourite book to school with them
Thu 10 th Mar	Phonics session for Year 1 parents @2.30pm. Entrance via the infant gate and down the red carpet!
Fri 11 th Mar	Come to school in PJs day in support of the homeless teens
w/b Mon 14 th Mar	Parent & Carer consultation week Book Fair in school – Community Suite after school
Mon 14 th Mar	Open Afternoon to look at the children's work 3.30pm – 5.30pm Respect Session for parents and carers at 3.30pm & 4.30pm. Children will be supervised in the ICT suite.
Wed 23 rd Mar	KS2 Cross Country @ St Thomas More
Thu 24 th Mar	Reception Class Assembly 9.05am Parents, carers and family welcome
W/b Mon 28 th Mar	Year 3 & 4 present Stations of the Cross (see newsletter for further details)
Fri 1 st Apr	Last Day of Term

World Book Day 2022 – Thursday 3rd 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 (bring the book along with them, if possible) or wearing a badge that shows they are a reader. Reception and Year 4 P.E sessions will be timetabled for an alternative day so that all children can dress up.

Phonics Session for Year 1 parents – Thursday 10th 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 11th 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 11th, we ask that you make a donation to the just giving page that Stacey has set up. You can use the QR code to donate. Thank you in advance for your support.





Head Teacher Awards

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

Rosie P. ~ (St Francis) ~ for great effort in all areas of learning. What a superstar!

Lex ~ (St Therese) ~ Lex has made a fantastic start to this half term, particularly in his writing. He has impressed us all with his planning, detail and beautiful handwriting. Great job!

Mia-Rae ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for her growing independence and positive attitude to working hard and trying her best at all times.

Albert ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for his amazing effort and focus this week in maths. Keep up the hard work!

Mia ~ (St Joseph) ~ for working with focus and enthusiasm in all areas. She has impressed with her attitude to learning and desire to improve. Well done, Mia!

Oliver ~ (St Joseph) ~ for working incredibly hard and making outstanding progress in Maths and English. The writing he has produced this week has been fantastic! Well done, Oliver!

Ava-Joy ~ (St Anthony) ~ for returning to this new half term with greater confidence and being a super learner this week, particularly in Maths and Reading! Well done Ava-Joy, you are a superstar, keep up the great work!

James ~ (St Peter) ~ for being a model learner this week. James has been super enthusiastic in all our lessons this week and made excellent contributions to class discussions. He has also completed a number of maths extension activities this week too! Keep up the great work James!



Sports Awards

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

Samuel and James from St Peter's Class. Together they independently planned and performed a sequence of gymnastic movements to music to an extremely high standard.

Imogen from St Bernadette's class was also selected this week as she demonstrated excellent tennis skills.

Finally, **Lauren** from St Therese class was chosen for her fantastic circuit skills. She demonstrated excellent core strength.

Reading Awards

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

Rosie (St Francis), **Maddison & Lauren** (St Therese), **Mia & Freya F.** (St Joseph)

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

Eva, Melissa, Victoria, Elsie, Tabitha, Isla M. & Scarlett (St Francis), **Sebastian** (St Therese),
Albie, Mia-Rae, Shia & Freddie (St Elizabeth),

Alex, Sam and Aubrey (St Anthony)

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

Teddy, Sophia & Abigail (St Therese), **Natalia & Samuel** (St Anthony) and **Joseph** (St Peter)

Respect Awards

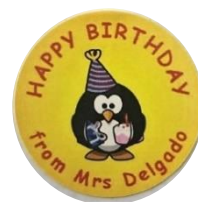
As part of our Respect message, the children were invited to design a canvas that reflected one of the definitions of Respect. The designs were amazing and it was very difficult to choose the winners. I am pleased to announce that the winning designers were:

Isla P. (St Francis), **Megan** (St Therese), **Erin** (St Elizabeth), **Lily** (St Bernadette), **Isabelle, Honey, Kieran, Freya F. & Albey** (St Joseph), **Natalia** (St Anthony) and **Samuel, Scarlett, Isla, Joseph & Elicia** (St Peter's Class).

The canvases will be displayed at the front of the school, just outside of the hall. I encourage you to have a look when you come into school for open afternoon. They will also be on our social media pages.

Birthdays

Congratulations to **Folami & Amaya** (St Elizabeth) and **Mrs Harris** who celebrated birthdays this week.



Punctuality Update

It's been a good first week back after half term. A huge well done to YEAR 4 who were the only class with 100% punctuality this week. Can they keep it up? Can any of the other classes join them? I look forward to seeing next week's results!

Year Group	Yr R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Punctuality	92%	97%	96%	98%	100%	90%	98%

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 th March	Year 4	1-3	Year 4 parents welcome	Whole school
Tuesday 29 th March	Year 3	4-6	Year 3 parents welcome	Whole school
Wednesday 30 th March	Year 4	7-10	Year 4 parents welcome	Whole school
Thursday 31 st March	Year 3	11-14	Year 3 parents welcome	Whole school

COVID update

As you know, restrictions are being lifted/changing from tomorrow which will have some impact on day to day life at St George's. Several things are in/will remain in place to reduce risk

- Vaccinated and boosted staff
- Weather becoming warmer
- Sanitiser/washing hands
- Ventilation

The advice points in the direction of where we were prior to COVID and treating it like flu or norovirus. The message to parents and carers will be to keep your children at home if they are unwell, i.e. not themselves, quieter than usual etc. until they are. If parents feel they may have Covid, you can test them. If they are positive, they will have to follow the guidance of at least 5 days full days at home and follow current testing advice. You will still need to advise the school by email if this is the case.

If a child seems unwell in school (looks hot, has a continuous cough) a staff member may want to take their temperature to see if there is an infection present. If a child has a continuous cough but no temperature, we will encourage drinking water as it may be a tickly or allergen cough. However, if it is causing them discomfort, we may still need to contact parents.

If you need any further guidance, please do not hesitate to contact the school before the school day.

Parent/Carer & Teacher Consultation

The booking system for arranging your appointment went live today. You will receive an invite via your email address to book your consultation.

Prayers

Please remember all in our community who need your prayers at this time. We especially pray for the situation in the Ukraine and Eastern Europe. We ask that a peaceful resolution can be found quickly, as so many lives have already been, and may possibly be affected.

God Bless,

Mrs Delgado