



# 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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To our wonderful parents, families and community,

### What a week to kick start the Summer Term!

Yesterday we celebrated St George, our patron saint, and the patron saint of our country. It seems very apt that whilst we began the new school term apart from each other, we came together as a community, and a country, united by a saint who reflected the qualities of strength and courage. So many of the staff, families and parish members were part of making yesterday special. Many of you joined with members of our parish to celebrate Mass at Abbotswick with Fr Dominic – thank you all for being there. We posted the photo montage early in the day so you could see the friends, families and staff that we are all missing so much. And then, the icing on the cake was the wonderful video created by Mrs Bracknell, showing afternoon teas and other exciting activities, which left us all in no doubt, although not together, we still celebrated as one.



A special THANK YOU to:

Fr Dominic and Mrs Bracknell for making it a day to remember, Mrs Wallen for her ICT skills and to ALL of you that sent photos, videos and were there with us at Mass.

Much love, Annabelle Delgado



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## Home learning

This week we began our new school term. The class teachers shared the week's activities via their class page on the website and two new sites, Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed, were introduced for several of the year groups. The staff have been very impressed with the children's engagement online and are able to review and give feedback on all the learning activities that are going on. We encourage all the children to complete the activities set as it will keep key skills sharp and also to ensure the children's well-being by interacting with the class teacher and class mates. If you are experiencing any difficulties, we ask that you contact your child's class teacher at the earliest opportunity.

Please be assured though, that whilst we have the highest expectations of your child, we are also aware that families have to work around each other at this time. Some children are able to log on daily following a more formal timetable, whilst others complete activities and then will post once a week. There is no set number of times your child needs to post, however we do ask that they post something at least once a week – we miss seeing them! We also strongly recommend that they read daily.

And finally, we would just like to say THANK YOU! We know how challenging it is and it is only with your support that we can successfully put this in place.

Next week, class teachers will be ringing the children to say hello and see how they are doing. They are all very excited as they have missed the children SO much!

## Weekly update 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020



What a great start everyone has made with our new theme this term! This week much of the learning in EYFS has been based around the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. There has been some fantastic writing and drawings of favourite parts of the story. We have also seen some lovely 'magic bean' repeating patterns in maths and some very creative beanstalks made using a range of materials. Our quick fire daily maths has got the children completing quick, practical activities in a fun way. It has also been really lovely to hear children reading to us through video uploads to 'Tapestry'. The outdoors has continued to provide many different physical activities with scooter and bike rides proving particularly popular. We clearly have many 'green fingered' children in the class as there have been lots of seeds being planted and we are looking forward to seeing them grow over the coming weeks. We have also loved seeing all of the creative St George's Day work, including flags, dragons and even a board game about St. George! Great work children!





Although we are missing being in school, Year One have all continued to be busy and creative in their learning to make a super start to the Summer term. We have begun to learn about Fairy Tales, looking carefully at the story of Cinderella this week. The children have talked to their families about what a Fairy Tale is and thought of describing words for their favourite character. Some of the children made posters and used 'super sentences' to write their description. They did a fabulous job! That was as well

as thinking about favourite holiday destinations for R.E., terrific trees in Science, equal groups in Maths and much, much more. We have been busy! Of course there was also the excitement of St. George's Day where flying dragons and knight's helmets were made, stories were written and St. George finger puppets were created to help solve number problems! Keep up this great work year one!



Year 2 This week has been an incredibly busy and special week with the wonderful celebrations of our Feast Day! I absolutely loved watching the St George's Day video and have watched it several times, even though I found it quite emotional! I am sure you are all like me and are beginning to really miss seeing our friends from the St. George's community! It was also lovely to see so many of you celebrating with afternoon tea yesterday as well! I hope you all had a lovely time!

One thing I have also really enjoyed seeing this week is the amazing prayers, stories and artwork based on St George and the Dragon. I have been so impressed with the creative talent we have in our class. Many of the children have also been very musical this week as they have designed and made their own musical instruments. We have had everything from shakers to trumpets and even a water xylophone! The children then tried to learn the words to the song, 'Don't Worry, Be Happy'. After that, they followed a YouTube link and joined in with children from all around the world to sing the song and play their instruments all together.



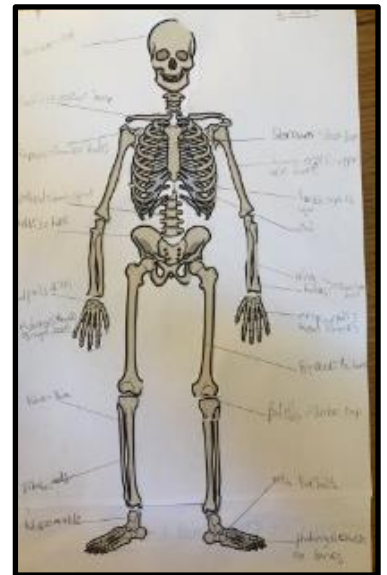
I have also been very impressed with the practical tasks set on money. I think you must have all been raiding your piggy banks to help you with so much counting and adding up this week! I can see that lots of you have also been busy on our new Times Table Rock Stars and Spelling Shed websites that we have subscribed to and I have seen some great Avatars created.

I would like to say thank you and well done to the children and parents in Year Two as they have been working so hard with their home school learning. I appreciate how things can be tricky when many parents are busy working from home themselves and/or looking after siblings. You are all doing a great job!



**Year 3** It has been lovely to be back in action this week to see all the brilliant work the children have produced, as well as sharing some lovely photos of family time and sharing creative pieces of work.

The children have researched about the human skeleton this week and have been able to successfully put a skeleton together. Jacob R has even managed to learn some of the names of the bones that make up the skeleton which is great! Aubrey has also shared some news, that he attended the Chelsea FC virtual training school, in order to keep his fitness up, and has proudly displayed his certificate on our class blog. Well done Aubrey!



The children have celebrated St. George's day this week, in a number of ways such as sharing afternoon tea with family, making cakes and producing some lovely art work. Joshua produced a very clever painting of a dragon, using his hand print.



The children have also shared some lovely activities that they have done at home with their family. I was impressed that Samuel S made dog bandanna's using a sewing machine, and Florence R-F has grown a beautiful fairy garden. Furthermore, Lucy shared a very neat piece of writing using some lovely descriptive words. Well done Lucy!

I have enjoyed seeing all of the diverse skills that the children have displayed, and can't wait to see more of what they can do next week!



Year 4 Although we can't be in school all together for the beginning of the Summer Term, it has been lovely to see all our children's happy, smiling faces this week. What a great week to start, with the Feast of St George to celebrate yesterday. St Joseph's Class was challenged to a St George's Day Home Scavenger Hunt, searching for red and white objects around the home to create a St George's Day flag. They have also been writing profiles of our Patron Saint, baking and decorating cakes and biscuits, making decorations and I even saw a dramatic retelling of the legend of St George and the Dragon. The class have been designing

multiplication maths games and writing lovely prayers linking St George's strength, bravery and courage. I have seen some wonderful work this week, particularly the introduction activities in our Rainforest topic and Science. Physical activities are continuing, St Joseph's Class have been practising ball skills, running the daily mile and even improving archery skills. I



would like to thank all of the children in St Joseph's Class for being so engaged in the tasks I am setting. Also, to our class parents – for all your support and encouragement at home, thank you, you are amazing!



What an amazing first week to the Summer Term. Although it's not the term we were hoping for, the Year 5 children have certainly made it one to remember. Thank you for your enthusiasm and always having the ability to put a big smile on my face no matter where you are!



We've been tackling difficult decimals, interesting instructions, groovy Greeks, amazing art and scintillating science activities this week. Our English topic is 'Instructions' and the year 5s have been particularly busy going on scavenger hunts for recipes and instruction manuals, they've been playing games of 'Simon Says' and creating obstacle courses for each other (some even completed them blindfolded with instructions from others) and we've been using instructions to learn new skills such as baking, drawing and lego building. Science has seen lots of



gardening and looking at plants, we have some lovely sunflowers, vegetables and herbs growing in our gardens and we've been busy labelling and sketching parts of plants. Our Ancient Greece topic has included learning our names in the Greek Alphabet,

creating Greek patterns and making fact files on modern day Greece.

We've had an extra special week as we've been celebrating St George's Day too! There's been beautifully decorated cakes and biscuits in the theme of St George, poems about typically English things, prayers that summarise hope and our community spirit and, we've even seen a real dragon egg made! Wow! If this is anything to go by, I can't wait to see what the rest of the term brings! Well done Year 5.



The first week of the summer term has whizzed by for **Year 6!** They have been busy baking, making, creating and working as hard as ever! We have had lots of thoughtful, poignant prayers written for our Feast Day along with some great writing for our new RE topic of Witnesses. Our Science topic of Light has come to a close with a shadow investigation – the sunshine has certainly helped with this one! From ice creams to football

keepy uppies, flying birds and even the butterfly life cycle Year 6 have been very creative with their shadow puppets. To celebrate St. George's Day we have seen some lovely afternoon tea celebrations and impressive scone, shortbread, cake and biscuit baking. Year 6 have all worked well to complete their Purple Mash 2dos and have also familiarised themselves with our new learning platforms of Spelling Shed and TimesTablesRockStars. Alongside all the learning that's been going on it has been wonderful to see the complex puzzles being completed, imaginative lego structures being created and even a huge k-nex rollercoaster being built. Final highlights of the week for Year 6 are on an animal theme; Lucy hatched 25 healthy chicks and Joseph was lucky enough to spot a seal on his daily walk along the seafront! I think everyone is ready for a weekend rest – including the Year 6 TEAM!



### Reading Awards

#### WELL DONE to:

Mia (St Elizabeth) who reached 50 reads this week, gaining her **BRONZE** award,  
Charlotte (St Francis) and Grace (St Anthony) who reached 100 reads and were awarded  
**SILVER,**

Nathan (St Francis), Lily, Beatrice & Rosie (St Therese) and Matthias (St Elizabeth) and  
Florence O. (St Anthony), our **GOLD** readers who have reached 150 reads  
and Jude (St Francis), Matthias (St Elizabeth), Samuel S. (St Bernadette), Isis (St Joseph),  
Natalia, Harley, Maxwell, Sophia (St Anthony) and Charlie (St Peter)  
our **DIAMOND** readers who have reached 200 reads

## Head Teacher's Award

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



*Darcey (St Francis) ~ for a fantastic range of home learning this week and an amazing 'beanstalk' creation! You have worked really hard Darcey.*

*Lily (St Therese) ~ for her creative Cinderella work*

*Ted (St Elizabeth) ~ for his amazing involvement in having a go at everything he possibly can whilst completing his home school learning! Great to see such effort and enthusiasm!*

*Samuel S. (St Bernadette) ~ for his fantastic contribution to our class blog, and for sharing some of his brilliant skills such as sewing, dancing and cake making. Well done Samuel!*

*William (St Joseph) ~ for completing all curriculum tasks set this week to a very high standard, particularly English writing and topic tasks and for engaging in our class blogs with fantastic photos and comments. Thank you.*

*Harley - (St Anthony) Harley's attitude to learning at home has been exceptional. He has shown enthusiasm in all areas of the curriculum and especially by working hard in his Maths and English tasks and challenging himself to do extra independent work. His efforts and talent are really shining bright right now, everyone in year 5 are very proud! Well done Harley!*

*James (St Peter) ~ for his fantastic effort to engage with all aspects of learning from home. He always completes the daily exercise challenges, posts photos to the different blogs and gets involved. Keep up the wonderful enthusiasm James.*



### Artist of the Week

I have got to say that this week has been the most difficult to choose an artist of the week as so many of you have been amazingly creative with our theme of St. George and the Dragon! The quality of the drawings, paintings and 3D work really has impressed me! I think there will be many illustrators, graphic designers, artists and craftspeople in the future based on your talents seen this week. A huge well done to everyone for their efforts! However, the winner of this week's artist of the week goes to 'George-ina' (St Bernadette) ~ for making a fantastic St. George's shield and sword



### Sports Awards

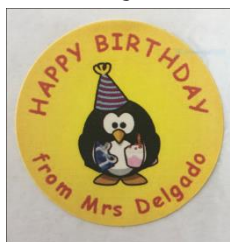
Well done to our winners this week.

Performer of the Week - **The Rutter Family** ~ Their effort and engagement on the PE blog is amazing

Improver of the Week - **Jacob Robb** ~ For finally managing a flip on the trampoline! He has been trying to do this every day and finally did it.

**DON'T FORGET** ~ Miss Rusz puts lots of activities on the P.E. blog to encourage you all to try something new and get involved. She would love to hear what you have been up to!

### Birthdays



Congratulations to all those who celebrated their birthday this week and those celebrating over the weekend

**George (St Francis), Albert (St Therese), Nate (St Joseph)**  
**Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Russell**

### Prayers

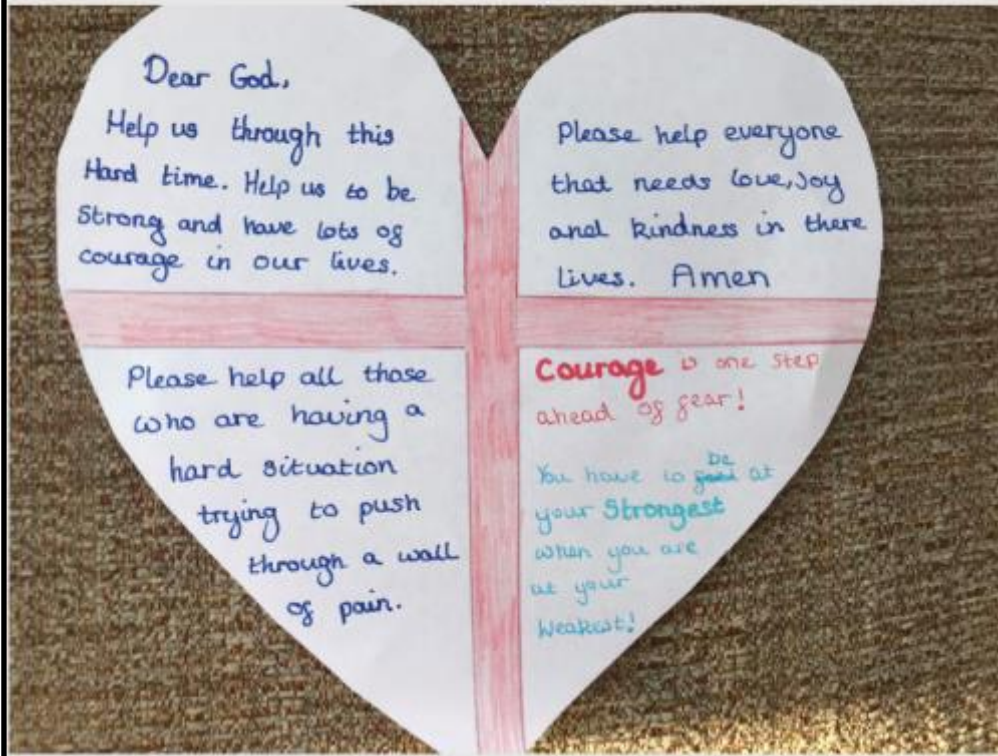
This week two families in our community need our love and prayers. Unfortunately the Irons family are dealing with the loss of their beloved Auntie Jo, who died at the beginning of this week. The Hodges sadly lost their wonderful nanny/great nanny this week. She was 93 and they ask for our prayers at this time.

**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen**



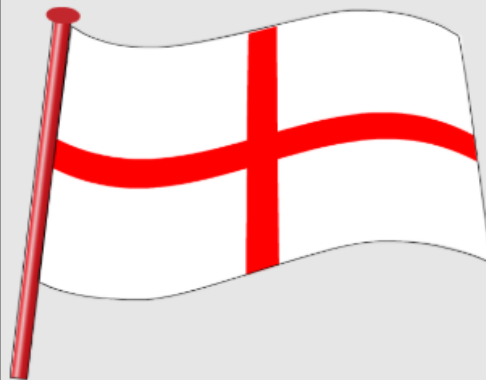
Lucy

Last Tuesday at 18:05



DEAR GOD,  
THANK YOU FOR LOOKING AFTER US DURING THIS HARD TIIME.  
THANK YOU FOR ALL THE PEOPLE WHO LOVE US AND THAT WE CAN SPEND LOTS OF TIME WITH OUR FAMILIES.  
PLEASE CAN YOU HELP US ALL TO STAY SAFE AND SUPPORT ONEANOTHER AS A COMMUNITY.  
AS WE CELEBRATE ST GEORGE'S DAY, WE ARE THANKFUL FOR OUR SCHOOL AND PARISH.  
HELP US TO KEEP PRAYING TO YOU AND WORKING HARD

AMEN



Julia Kanafa

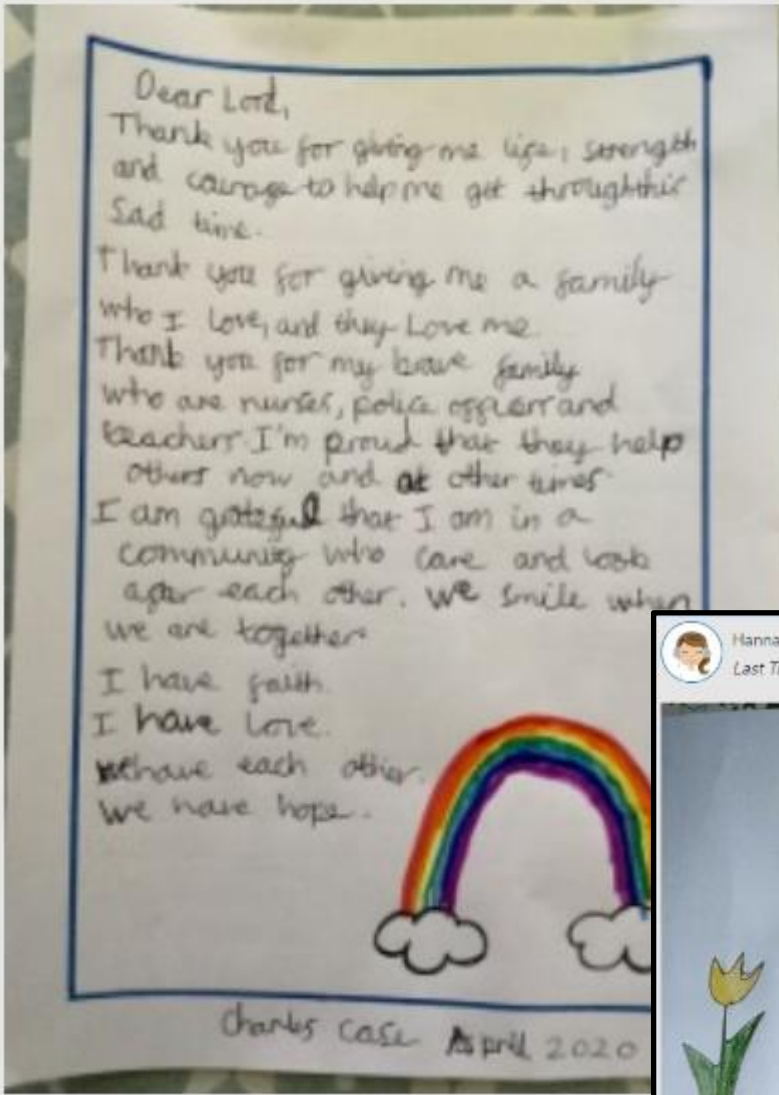
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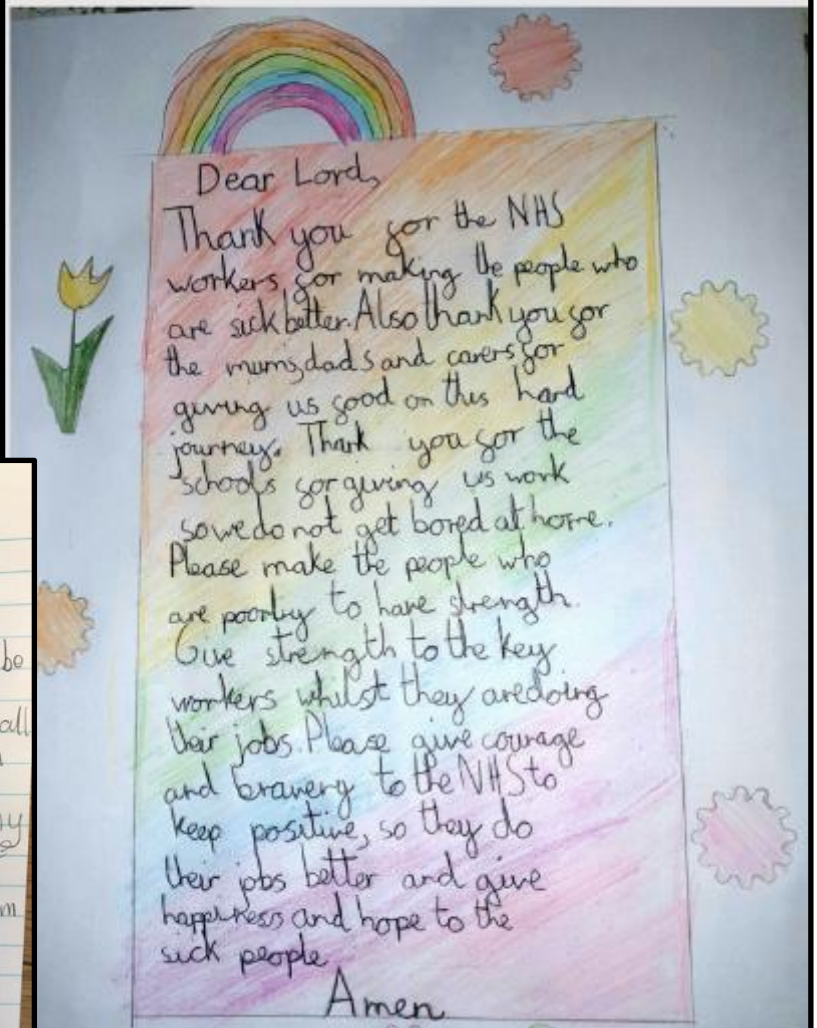
Charles Case

Last Tuesday at 12:08



Hannah Rutter

Last Tuesday at 11:27



### St. George's Day prayer

Dear lord

Please help us to be like St. George and to be  
 strong and have courage during this <sup>time</sup> at home.  
 Please help us to remember that staying at home all  
 the time protects the NHS which will help them  
 protect us.

Please look after all of my teachers and my  
 friends because I miss them a lot. The teachers are  
 working really hard.  
 Please look after my family and keep them  
 safe.

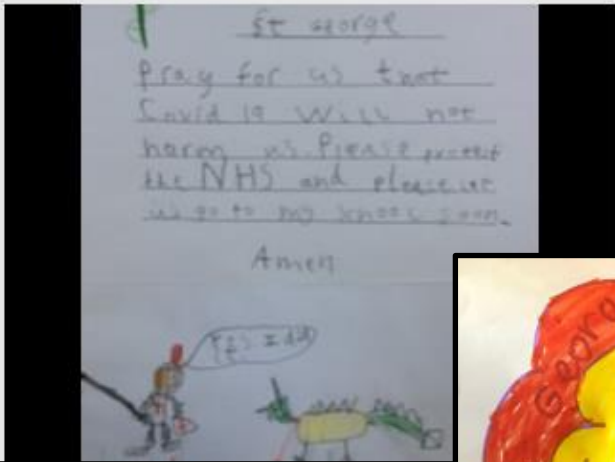
Amen





Albert Cochrane

Last Monday at 15:00



Otilie Harriss

Last Wednesday at 22:36



God Bless,

Mrs Delgado