



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,



May I wish all our Mums a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday. I have heard so many promises of breakfast in bed, being kind and helpful and of course telling you how much they love you; I am expecting you all to come back on Monday morning looking refreshed and suitably appreciated!

March

Mon 27 th	Bling your bike and Soup up your scooter!
Tue 28 th	PTA meeting 3.30pm & 8pm in the Community Suite
Wed 29 th	End of term Mass @ 2pm in the school
Thu 30 th	Year 5 Class Assembly
Fri 31 st	Last day of the Spring Term Non uniform day for the winning house team

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

Tue 18 th	First day of Summer Term Children return in Summer uniform
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Congratulations!!

It is wonderful to begin this week's newsletter with the news that TWO of our teachers, Mrs Sayer and Mrs Lawrence, are expecting babies. They are both due in late summer so will be able to enjoy the rest of the year with their classes. We are so very happy for each of them and their families.



Class Assembly

St Francis' class made all of us smile (and cry!) this week with their class assembly. The theme was 'Mother's Day' and they demonstrated their art skills with handmade hearts and special portraits of their mum. My thanks go to the wonderful children for leading the whole school and the amazing staff: Mrs Wallen, Mrs Philips, Mrs Halvey, Mrs Marquis and Mrs Sapsford, for preparing the children so well.



Big Pedal 2017



Apologies for last week's confusion around the date of 'blinging your bike!' This Monday, 27th, will be the second chance to decorate bike and scooters and the children will have the chance to parade their bikes to win prizes. We did award prizes last Monday for those who made their scooters sparkle and bikes look beautiful. The winners were:

Year 1 ~ Oliver Year 2 ~ Edward Year 3 ~ Holly
Year 4 ~ Catherine Year 5 ~ Lily Year 6 ~ Charlotte

Year 5 Victorian Day

Miss Rusz organised a fantastic Victorian Day on Wednesday. The children really did look the part in their wonderful outfits. They played games of the period and even sampled some foods including 'gruel' – some of the children even asked for **more....** just like Oliver!!
A big thank you to Miss Rusz and her scullery maids for making the day so enjoyable.

Year 3 Library

This week the children had a wonderful time at Shoebury Library. They enjoyed learning about the different types of books and how the library is organised.

Hot Cross Run

On Tuesday, 48 of our Key Stage 2 children represented St George's at the annual 'Hot Cross Run'. Each athlete performed as if it were their Olympic final and we celebrated individual and team success. **Holly** (St Bernadette) came second and **Jack** (St Peter) came first in their year group. Year 4 girls achieved 'team' 3rd and year 6 boys achieved 'team' 2nd.

All the runners worked as a team to gain points and we came 4th overall,
a great achievement.

Year 3 ~ Eliana, Holly, Lexi-Rose, Emily, Lucy & Isabelle
Joseph, Charlie, James, Declan, Freddie & Alex

Year 4 ~ Catherine, Ella, Grace, Maddie, Georgia & Florence
Aidan, Michael, Oliver S., Adam, Ewan & Oliver B.

Year 5 ~ Maisie, Isabel, Daisy, Grace, Lily & Olivia
Callum, Gabriel, Henry B, Alexander, Oliver & Todd

Year 6 ~ Hannah, Poppy, Anna, Charlotte, Emily M. & Isabella
William, Jack, Marco, Finley, Elliott M & Jabez

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to Mr Fisher, our caretaker, who trained the children during lunchtimes in preparation.

Staying with the running theme.....



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 will be handed out once you have confirmed that you are taking part.

Mother's Day Gift Sale

Thank you to all those involved in organising, selling and wrapping. We raised just over £126 for PTA funds.

Sculpture Project

This week Year 3 took part in a practical session with one of the artists exploring sculpture and developing ideas to inform the public sculpture for Shoebury Park. Next week they will complete the final session with Kieren to think about scale and possibilities for the commission.

Book Fair Week 20th – 24th March

Thank you to everyone who supported our book week, especially the parents who helped organise and set up on a daily basis.

Head Teacher's Award

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

Samuel B. (St Francis) ~ for focus and enthusiasm during assembly practice

Chloe (St Therese) ~ for growing in confidence and improving in all areas of maths

*Finley (St Elizabeth) ~ for showing great enthusiasm and independence during writing tasks
this week*

Amelie (St Bernadette) ~ for excellent effort and her desire to improve on a daily basis

Maia (St Joseph) ~ for creativity in her art lesson this week. Great focus, well done!

Ben H-C. (St Anthony) ~ for approaching Victorian life with enthusiasm; it was great to see his love of learning. He has also become increasingly helpful and considerate to adults in the class. Well done!

Harrison S. (St Peter) ~ for working with improved focus and enthusiasm in all areas

Reading Awards

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

Lucy (St Francis), Harley (St Therese) & Hannah (St Peter)

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

Daniel V. (St Francis), Ernie (St Therese) & Laurence (St Anthony)

....our gold winners

Kundai (St Francis), Charlie (St Therese), Frankie (St Joseph)

And for the first time this year, our diamond award winners who have been rewarded for 200 reads

Thomas & Georgina (St Francis)

William, Harry & Isis (St Therese)

Kyrea & Fred (St Elizabeth)

Emily & Amelie (St Bernadette)

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 next week. 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.

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated a birthday this week

Joseph & William (St Therese)

James (St Elizabeth)

Maddie (St Joseph)

Brian (St Anthony)

And Mrs Noblet



Summer Uniform

We will be changing from our winter uniform to our summer uniform on the first day back after the Easter holidays, 18th 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 £4.50 (3-12yrs) or £5.00 (12 - 16yrs) with free p&p.

1. Go to <http://www.clothingattesco.com/icat/embschoolwear>
2. Type in the school postcode SS3 9RN
3. Click on 'St George's'
4. 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</u> polo shirt (white with embroidered badge) *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.

Infant Lunches

All infant lunches for next term must be ordered by 12 noon on Wednesday 29th March. As we are entering into a new term, everyone will need to place a new order. All existing repeat orders have been deleted. For those of you that haven't noticed, you can now opt out of having a dessert (please select the 'nothing' option).

Breakfast Club ~ Summer Term 2016

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 Thursday 30th March.

Prayers

Please remember all in the community who need our prayers

God bless,

Mrs Delgado