



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,

With the snow and ice well and truly gone, it has been great to get back to a full week at St George's with all the usual learning, excitement and great achievements.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Fisher, our caretaker, who did a remarkable job last week gritting and clearing paths. We are very blessed as a school to have such a committed member of staff who will do everything possible to ensure the smooth running of our school and the safety of everyone in and around it. It is therefore with great sadness, that I have to share the news that Mr Fisher will be leaving us when we return after Easter. He is hanging up his keys and tool belt for a change in career direction.

On behalf of all the children, staff and governors, I would like to thank you Mr Fisher for everything you have done during your 5 years as caretaker. We will miss you greatly but wish you every success in your new job; they are very fortunate to have you!



May I wish all our Mums and Grandmas 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!

Dates for your diary



March 2018

Mon 12th

Year 3 Class Trip

Wed 14th

Open Evening 5pm - 7pm

A HUGE thank you

Many of you may be aware that Lyn Tate, Tate Art Galleries at Leigh, died last year and her husband made the decision recently to sell many items from the shop. Mr Mahony, Grandad to Samuel (St Francis) and Lily-Grace (St Joseph) very kindly offered to buy some of the stock for St George's PTA. The PTA sourced some fabulous items which they will be able to utilise at various events. The donation will be sent to the charity Myeloma UK. On behalf of the school, we thank you, Mr Mahoney, for supporting us and such a worthwhile charity.

Swimming

As Years 2, 3, 4 & 5 missed a swimming lesson due to the bad weather we have arranged another lesson for Friday 20th April.

Jack Trelawny authors visit

On Tuesday afternoon, the author Jack Trelawny visited our School to celebrate World Book Day. He read the opening of one of his books 'The Crystal Pool' to all the KS2 children. We were amazed that he knew it all from memory. He asked us lots of questions and some of the pupils were lucky enough to win one of his books. He gave us some great hints and tips about story-writing. All it takes is a picture or a memory. He showed us some very funny animal pictures, they got lots of laughs. We have been inspired to keep writing and use his ideas. Jack told us he believes that reading is really important, but also a lot of fun. We agree!

Marley and Eliana (St Joseph)

Year 5 Wat Tyler Park

On Wednesday Year 5 ventured to Wat Tyler Park for their spring term trip. They developed many skills including river building, plant identification and orienteering. They had to use a compass and follow specific directions.

Firstly, you line up the red hand with the North arrow. Make sure you hold your compass flat! This is called your walking arrow. You can then set up the bearings, which are in degrees and follow the walking arrow. The magnetism under your feet in the earth guides your way.

Samuel and Kie (St Anthony)

Reception Class Assembly

On Thursday we celebrated Mother's Day with St Francis Class. Their family and friends joined with the school community to hear all about the special person in their life, their wonderful mum. They spoke with great confidence and clarity and we were all very moved by the heartfelt words they said about each and every mum ~ in fact, I don't think there was a dry eye in the house! Well done Year R, you were magnificent and thank you to Mrs Wallen, Mrs Halvey, Mrs Davey and Mrs Rutter for preparing the children so well (especially in such a short space of time!)

Netball Match

'On Thursday the year 5 Netball girls played a tournament against 10 schools. It was our first tournament, each game was 8 minutes long and when it was 4 minutes of the game we went back to the places we started at. We all worked well together and had lots of fun while doing it.'

Well done to Maddie, Grace, Ella, Florence, Alice, Orla, Catherine, Chantelle & Adele for being such fantastic representatives.

Sports Awards

Well done to our winners this week

Most improved ~ **Georgia** (St Anthony) and Performer of the week ~ **Maddie** (St Anthony)

Book Fair

Unfortunately due to the lack of volunteers we were only able to run the book fair over three days this week. I would like to thank Mrs Irons, Miss Hall, Mrs Antoine & Mrs Ward for giving up their time and to those families who supported the book fair and purchased books. We will let you know next week how much was raised towards purchasing new books for the school library.

Artist of The Month

Congratulations to **Maddie** (St Peter) who has been recognised as Artist of the month for March. Her stunning picture of an arctic scene can be seen displayed in the office reception area.

Head Teacher's Award

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

Jacob (St Francis) ~ for an enthusiastic approach to everything especially our assembly

Tymon (St Therese) ~ for sheer enthusiasm and perseverance in all areas. Tymon tries so hard to be independent but now also asks for help when he needs to. Great job, Tymon!

Isla (St Elizabeth) ~ for always working with great focus and for being so brave after her fall in the playground

Henry (St Bernadette) ~ for his focused approach in class and consistently giving his best in everything he does

Nadia (St Joseph) ~ for demonstrating how to be a good learner in every area of the curriculum and always with a bright and sunny smile.

Orla (St Anthony) ~ for consistently showing qualities of an excellent learner. She has shown a mature approach to her English work.

Laurence (St Peter) ~ for working with focus and motivation in all subjects. Keep up the excellent work!

Birthdays

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

Jacob R. & Jacob S. (St Therese) Scarlett, Lilah & Ernie (St Elizabeth),
Zofia (St Bernadette), Marley (St Joseph) Chantelle (St Anthony)
and Todd (St Peter)



Reading Awards

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

Cillian (St Elizabeth), Ruby (St Joseph) and Ella (St Anthony)

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

Ottillie, Freya W. & Matthias (St Francis), Joseph (St Therese),

Lilah (St Elizabeth), Loui & Jason (St Bernadette), Richard & Monty (St Joseph)
and Rose (St Peter)

And our gold awards for 150 reads

Lanai (St Francis), Samuel (St Therese), Julia, Logan, Isla & Harry L.. (St Elizabeth)

Natalia (St Bernadette)

Lexi-Rose & James (St Joseph) and Todd (St Peter)

Times tables challenge

Congratulations to the children who celebrated their tables award this week:

For their bronze award:

Scarlett, Logan & Cillian (St Elizabeth)

Leandro, Natalia, Daisy, Alvin, Grace, Sophia & Fred (St Bernadette)

Faith (St Joseph)

...and for their silver award:

Harley & Casey (St Bernadette)

Kie & Ella (St Anthony)

...and for their gold award:

Freddie & Lily (St Joseph)

Catherine, Maddie & Orla (St Anthony)

...and our diamond award winners:

Marley & Amelie (St Joseph)

Florence, Oliver B., Adele, Oliver S. & Ewan T. (St Anthony)

Ben R., Laurence & Henry F. (St Peter)

Uniform

Summer dresses and polo~shirts are now available to purchase via WisePay. The uniform will change from winter to summer on Monday 16th April, the first day back after the Easter holidays.

Running Miles

This week's results are:

Class	Miles this week	Total so far	Travelled to....
Reception	41	269	Boston
Year 1	64.8	374.1	Sheffield
Year 2	68.1	416.9	Leeds
Year 3	65.2	416.2	Leeds
Year 4	74.6	458.8	Middlesbrough
Year 5	76.7	450.8	Middlesbrough
Year 6	80.9	481.6	Newcastle

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.

Cycle Southend

Cycle Southend have a LEVEL 2 Bikeability event taking place during the school Easter holidays at Southchurch Park for ages 9~14. It takes place on the 9TH & 10TH April 2018 (both days must be attended to complete the course) from 9am to 1pm and costs £30.

Level 2 Bikeability teaches the skills needed to make a journey on quieter roads. The course includes how to recognise hazards, positioning on the road and how to use junctions. This is suitable for children that can already ride a bike and want to learn new skills. To take part all that is needed is a roadworthy bike and a helmet!

Booking is essential, please go to www.cyclesouthend.co.uk or call 01702 215595.

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