



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,

<u>March</u>	
Mon 18 th	Book Character Dressing Up Day Book Fair begins
Thu 21 st	Year 5 Class Assembly @ 9am

Don't forget our school Book Fair begins on Monday 18th March, after school in the Community Suite. It is also our book character dressing up day which celebrates not only the Fair, but also World Book Day which was on Thursday 7th.

Car Parking ~ A reminder

As requested in the newsletter just before half term, can I remind all parents that **the staff car park is for staff parking only**. This includes during the school day. Parents should not use the car park when dropping off any items, collecting children for appointments etc. The only exception is when parents are bringing the children into breakfast club before 8.00am. After 8.00am we ask that parents using the parking opposite or nearby, not the car park, as the majority of staff arrive at this time and it can cause congestion as the car park is not big enough for two-way traffic. We also ask any parents who drop the children off for breakfast club to bring them safely to the back door and not allow them to wander across the car park that is in constant use. Our primary concern is to keep the children safe at all times.

School Nurse

Unfortunately no parents attended the organised session with the school nurse this week. However, we have another one planned on **Wednesday 5th June** from 9.00am – approx. 11.30am, where the school nurse will be talking about sleep/electronic gadgets at bedtime, again followed by a drop in session. We would love to see as many of you as possible attend this session. There will be refreshments during the morning.



Parent Consultations

The online booking system for Parent Consultations is live and taking bookings. At your appointment, you will be given a **Data Collection Sheet** which contains highly confidential & sensitive information about your child. After your appointment, please would you spare a few minutes to check the details on the form, (there will be tables & chairs set up in the hall) make any necessary amendments, (you can use the reverse of the sheet if needed) then sign & date the form and hand it into the office as you leave.

School App

Don't forget to download our new school app for mobile devices. It can be downloaded free of charge and gives immediate access to our website, calendar and it is used for all group communications. We wouldn't want any family to miss vital news or important notifications!

Little Princess Trust

One of our year 5 pupils, **Phoebe**, decided to donate SEVEN inches of her hair to the Little Princess Trust. She also raised £100 to donate to a bone cancer charity. She was presented with a Head Teachers Award this afternoon for being a wonderful example of the thought and care we can show for others, including those we may not even know. Well done Phoebe!

Governors

I am very pleased to announce that we have three new governors who will be part of the Local Governing Committee at St George's. They are: **Mr Paul Shadbolt, Mrs Lindiwe Ncube and Mrs Nina Nathan**. I look forward to working with them and know they will be a real asset in their new role.

School Uniform

When we return from the Easter holidays, the school will no longer be selling school uniform directly to parents. The reason for this change is that it is costing the school money to provide this service and as the school budget gets tighter, we want to ensure that every penny is spent on the children's education. An alternative uniform supplier approached the school and their plan to supply parents with uniform is very straight forward and their prices, whilst slightly higher than the school, due to us selling at cost price with no profit, are cheaper than local shop outfitters. Parents will be able to order and pay online and the uniform will be delivered to the school for your child to bring home. We already know that school jumpers will increase more than other items due to the manufacturer putting the cost price up from 1st April. We have been fortunate that the jumpers haven't seen an increase in the last 15 years! We will still be selling our stock of uniform until the Easter holiday which gives parents the opportunity to buy any uniform items that are needed **before the price changes**. We will also be selling our stock of summer dresses at **£3.50 each**. All sales will be while stocks last. As we anticipate a

high volume of orders, we may take a little longer in sending items out, but we guarantee that you will receive all items by the Easter holidays.

Year 3 & 4 Easter

As you may be aware, Easter falls at the very end of our Easter break this year and we will still be in Lent as we break up for the holiday. We wanted to reflect the liturgical time of year in the end of term Year 3 & 4 'performance', so therefore instead of the retelling of Christ's Passion on a stage in school, it will be in St George's Church, and the children will use the Station of the Cross as their way of giving us the opportunity to pause and remember. You will not need a ticket and everyone is welcome to attend. It will begin at 2pm and will finish before the end of the school day on Friday 29th March.

Sporting Round Up

Football

Well done to the school football team who secured another league win this week, 2-1 against Hamstel. We are getting very excited about the final couple of games and where we may come this season.

Congratulations to **Oliver, Murphy, Samuel, Michael, Aidan, Freddie, Declan and Charlie**

Netball

Congratulations also to our Netball team, who represented the school on Thursday at Alleyn Court. The girls played magnificently, as ever, and their smiles couldn't disguise how much they enjoyed the experience.

Well done to **Adele, Riley, Alice, Ella, Tinaye, Holly, Isabelle, Nadia & Sian**

Thank you for being such magnificent representatives of the school.

Class Assembly

Apologies that Year 3's Class Assembly had to be cancelled. It will be rescheduled for the Summer term, date to follow.

Scientist of the Week!

This week, we have been celebrating British Science Week. We held a Practical Science Day on Wednesday, each class took part in a range of practical experiments and investigations. The children have shown great engagement and enthusiasm, with wonderful observation and questioning skills being demonstrated. Next Friday, the children will be taking part in Class workshops, linking to this year's theme "Journeys". However, today, we announce the Scientist of the Week awards as follows:

Mrs Howell gave out Scientist of The Week certificates to the child from each class that had shown outstanding engagement, great knowledge and super understanding.

Sarah-Jane (St Francis) for excellent science knowledge.

Edison (St Therese) for his great explanation of density when we did our class experiment and then he related that to our 'fireworks in a glass' experiment.

Reuben (St Elizabeth) for his enthusiasm and knowledge in science. We made a 'balloon rocket' and he knew that the action of the air being pushed out of the balloon caused an opposite reaction to make the balloon move upwards.

Charles (St Bernadette) for showing fantastic collaborative skills, enthusiasm and determination not to give up. A leader in the making!

Casey (St Joseph) for his wonderful enthusiasm in all our Science activities this week. He has been engaged in every activity, asking intelligent questions and making detailed observations to further his knowledge and enjoyment of the subject. A scientist of the future?

Michal (St Anthony) Michal showed fantastic perseverance when his experiment wasn't working straight away. His enthusiasm, dedication and ability to work collaboratively showed qualities of a true resilient scientist. Well done Michal!

Florence (St Peter) for working with enthusiasm, listening well and identifying the importance of fair testing. Well done!

Head Teacher's Award

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

Katarina (St Francis) ~ for always doing her best with a smile.

Albert (St Therese) ~ for being a super example of a good friend and responsible member of year one. Albie is becoming more and more independent with his work and he always tries his best.

Ava-Joy (St Elizabeth) ~ for her great enthusiasm and engagement in learning, especially our work on fractions and story writing

Harry L. (St Bernadette) ~ for great effort in all areas and approaching school life with a positive attitude and always a smile.

William (St Joseph) ~ for being a focused and enthusiastic mathematician this week. Continue to progress and be a maths superstar!

Jacob (St Anthony) ~ for showing all of us that a hardworking and resilient attitude can overcome any challenge which makes him a real success in all areas of year 5.

*Riley (St Peter) ~ for always working with enthusiasm and perseverance.
Well done and keep it up!*

Reading Awards

*Well done to the **Ben (St Therese) and Conor (St Elizabeth)** who gained their bronze award this week and the children who have reached 100 reads and earned their silver reading certificates*

*Oliver (St Therese), Leandro & Stanley (St Joseph) and Lyric (St Anthony)
.....and our gold winners*

*Freya W. (St Therese), Joshua (St Elizabeth), Harry L. (St Bernadette),
M'meli, Sophia & Maxwell (St Joseph), Freddie (St Anthony) and Adele & Maddie (St Peter)*

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who celebrated a birthday this week.

Lily (St Francis), Samuel S. & Florence (St Elizabeth),

Maxwell (St Joseph) & Aidan (St Peter)

Running Miles

This week's results are:

Class	Miles this week	Total so far	Travelled to....
Reception	64.5	804.7	Manchester
Year 1	77.2	1566.9	Portsmouth
Year 2	50.9	1565.9	Portsmouth
Year 3	81.2	1483.6	Exeter
Year 4	79.9	1617	Brighton
Year 5	90	1801	Calais
Year 6	90	1818	Calais

Sports Awards

Congratulations to this week's winners.

Performer of the Week ~ Aidan (St Peter) Most Improved ~ Marley (St Anthony)

PTA News

This year one of our parents, Stuart Robertson (dad of Max in St Francis Class) will be running the London Marathon to raise money for our PTA, the Friends of St George's. He is training on his days off and early mornings in preparation for his 26.2 mile marathon run. A form is available at the office for pledges to sponsor him or you can donate to his Justgiving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stuart-robertson88>

A BIG thank you to Stuart and all those who donate.

Have a lovely weekend, God bless,

Mrs Delgado