



# 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 community,

Dear Lord, we know that you are all-powerful and that nothing is too difficult for you. During this time, many of us struggle with worry and fear, still carrying the same burdens leftover from last year. Please lift all the things that are weighing us down, right off shoulders and give us the peace that only you can provide. We know that you care for whatever concerns us, and your ears are open to our prayers. We know that you understand our struggles, and you see right where we are, even on the days we feel that no one notices. Thank you Lord.



Sadly the start of this New Year does feel like the continuation of the previous year. However, we must hope and pray that closing the schools, to reduce community transmission, will make the change that is needed and enable children to return to school.

Most importantly, I would like to thank all of you for this first week! The staff have been amazing, setting up Google Meets so they can see every child, every day, in addition to providing the children with online and practical activities which supports the children's learning whilst at home. The children have been fabulous; engaging with the tasks, meeting up with their teacher and other classmates, completing their tasks and uploading work they are really proud of. Parents and Carers, you too have been awesome in this first week. You have supported the learning, even though I know that for many of you, juggling this, work and family is a real challenge.

I thank you all.

From next week onwards, I will be hoping to share what each class have been up to during the week, with photos. I know many of you enjoyed reading what was happening in our community, especially during a time when we miss that feeling of community.

Have a wonderful weekend, stay safe,

Much love, Annabelle Delgado



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## Congratulations!

It is wonderful to start the year with the wonderful news that **Brooklyn** (St Elizabeth class) and **Declan** (St Joseph class) have a new baby brother. Mum and baby are now home, but there's no name as yet! I'll let you know as soon as I hear! Congratulations to the whole family.



## Online protocol for Google Meets and emails

It has been wonderful that the children have been able to meet up with the friends on the screen. Can I ask parents and carers not to take photos or screen shots of the meeting. Also, if you need to contact your child's teacher, please use [office@st-georges.southend.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-georges.southend.sch.uk), not their google email. The google address is purely used for the online meetings. Teachers will not be monitoring or responding from these mailboxes.

## Support for home learning

In addition to the tasks and activities that the class teacher is setting for the children, there are many other online activities that the children can access.

1. Starting on Monday 11 January, each week day on CBBC will see a three-hour block of primary school programming from 9am, including BBC Live Lessons and BBC Bitesize Daily, as well as other educational programming such as Our School and Celebrity Supply Teacher and much loved titles such as Horrible Histories, Art Ninja and Operation Ouch.  
BBC Two will cater for secondary students with programming to support the GCSE curriculum, with at least two hours of content each weekday.  
Content will be built around Bitesize Daily secondary shows, complemented by Shakespeare and classic drama adaptations alongside science, history and factual titles from the BBC's award-winning factual programming units.  
Bitesize Daily primary and secondary will also air every day on BBC Red Button as well as episodes being available on demand on BBC iPlayer.  
For more information, please visit [bbc.com](http://bbc.com).
2. Joe Wicks will recommence his 'PE With Joe' YouTube series from Monday 11th January. The sessions will be live on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9AM on YouTube
3. Parents Zone – The Experts in Family Digital Life. This is a free resource that covers EVERYTHING parents and carers need to know about being online, in addition to extra resources that you may never have know before. We highly recommend that you visit this site. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the site

This is in addition to [Times Table Rockstars](#), [Spelling Shed](#), [Purple Mash](#), [My Maths](#) and [Phonics Play](#). We have also attached a parents newsletter from Purple Mash so that you can make most of the site and to support you when using it. Don't forget to look at the [class pages](#) on the school website. You can access Google Classroom on a Playstation or Xbox. The next pages give tips on how to access it.

## Accessing Google Classroom on PlayStation or Xbox

During this period of distance learning, your children are being assigned work on Google Classroom. This might mean that there are multiple people needing few devices, including parents for work purposes. Did you know that you can access all of your work using your Xbox or Playstation? Here are the instructions:

### Xbox

1. Plug a keyboard in to the Xbox USB slot.
2. Go to my games and apps.
3. Find and select Microsoft Edge.
4. Type in Google click on the blue button to sign in.
5. Click the dots in a square and choose Classroom. You should now be able to see all of the work set and respond.
6. To move around, you can use the Xbox controller or plug in a mouse.



### PlayStation

1. Press the PlayStation logo on the controller.
2. Go to the library and find options for games and applications.
3. Go onto applications and you will find the internet browser (WWW with dots around it)
4. Type Google into the browser and click on the blue button to sign in.
5. Click on the dots in a square and choose Classroom. You should be able to see the work.



## Reading Awards

We are so thrilled that we can continue the reading awards during this time. If your child reaches the milestones, please let the class teacher know, via email. The milestones are:

**Bronze Award – 50 reads, Silver Award – 100 reads, Gold Award – 150 reads, Diamond Award – 200 reads and Super Reader – 250 reads.**

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

*Pippa & Sebastian (St Francis) and Chloe (St Anthony)*

And to the children who have earned their SILVER reading certificates this week:

*Imogen & Katie (St Elizabeth),*

*Daniel V, Thomas, Samuel S., Florence R-F. & Florence I. (St Joseph)*

*Harry C., Isis, William, Hannah and Jasmine (St Anthony)*

### Artist of The Week

Artist of the Week will also continue during this time. Children will be encouraged to upload pictures linked to the topic, or theme they are working on as part of their home learning. I can't wait to see the different works of art each week! Good luck everyone!

### Sports Performer and Improver

Miss Rusz and I are VERY keen to keep this weekly award going. We will need your support as parents and carers though. We will need you to nominate your child for the award. The 'Performer Award' is given for an exceptional performance, perhaps pushing themselves to complete an activity, perhaps finally learning to ride their bike, walking or running further daily etc. The 'Improver Award' is given for dedication and commitment to improve skills. It may also be a new attitude to exercise and sport. Could you email the office with any nominations FAO Miss Rusz. We look forward to celebrating the sporting achievement of the children.

### Birthdays



Congratulations to everyone who celebrated their birthday during the first few days of January.

*Pati (St Therese), James (St Anthony), Loui & Grace (St Peter)*

### Prayers



I know many of you are still unable to see love ones and we keep you all in our thoughts. We also pray for the families who have been, and who are currently affected by the Covid crisis. We pray for the amazing staff of the NHS who are working so hard to care with almost overwhelming numbers of patients.

Also, I ask that you keep Sophia and Jude and all their family in your thoughts and prayers. Their dear Uncle Tommy sadly passed away in the early hours of New Year's day. To honour Tommy, there will be a wave of light on Sunday at 7pm. We ask that if you would like to join, please take a picture of a lit candle and post on Maryanne and Tom's Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/maryanneandtom](http://www.facebook.com/maryanneandtom). Mrs Newman will be sharing a post on there to start the wave of light just before.

Have a lovely weekend, stay safe

And God bless,

*Mrs Delgado*