



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,

Keeping our children safe ~ online and at school

Safeguarding is often spoken about in the local and national press, but the potential threats are here every day. On Tuesday 7th, the school will be participating in Safer Internet Day 2017 with the theme 'Be the change: unite for a better internet'. The materials that we will be using at school will be looking particularly at 'The Power of Image'. Find out more about helping your children stay safe online by visiting saferinternet.org.uk

Next week we will be sending home a letter to all families about the formation of a Safeguarding Working Group for St George's. It is vitally important as parents and carers that we fully understand the signs of any abuse and what we can do to prevent children from harm. As a School community we need to know who to tell and what to do if we suspect a Safeguarding concern. All parents and carers will be invited to join this group to learn about the school's policies and procedures and to suggest safeguarding issues for discussion at future meeting. The first meeting will be on Thursday 23rd February 2017, 7.30pm, in the Community Suite and will be chaired by the school's safeguarding governor. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Could I please remind all parents that the school car park is in constant use and parents should not block the entrance, cause a stopping hazard just outside, nor pull into the car park at the beginning or the end of the school day. The pathway across the car park is in constant use by parents and children, and driving in or out - sometimes even reversing, can risk the safety of our pupils. Thank you in advance for your support.

February 2017

Mon 6 th	Friends of St George's meeting 8pm
Tue 7 th	Safer Internet Day 2017
Fri 10 th	Last day of First Half Spring Term
HALF TERM 13 TH - 17 TH FEBRUARY	



Class Assembly

Well done to St Elizabeth class for their wonderful assembly, 'Books', on Thursday morning. I was amazed by every child; their confidence, their speaking ability and their superb artwork. My thanks go to Mrs Cracknell, Mrs Sayer and all the support staff for organising and preparing the children so well.

Year 4 Bikeability

On Wednesday, Year 4 took part in a Bikeability afternoon. The first session was all about how to keep ourselves safe and what we should wear to be seen. When we went outside, our trainers explained how to check our bikes ready to ride safely. We now know how to check the tyres and how to check our brakes are working. Jo and Sarah worked with different groups and taught us new skills. Some of us were a little bit nervous, but our friends encouraged us. We really enjoyed riding on the playground, it was great fun and most of us have earned our Level 1 Bikeability Skills Award. Some of our friends had bikes which needed small repairs. Others were very kind and offered to share so that we could all have a turn. Other comments that our friends made were:

"My confidence has really grown"

"I felt really proud when I was peddling on my own at the end."

"I have learnt lots of new things."

"I learnt the ABCD checklist to get my bike ready to ride."

"It was amazing!"

Thank you to them and especially to Jo and Sarah. We are already looking forward to Bikeability in Year 6.

Chantelle and Georgia (St Joseph)

Reading Awards

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

Truly-Rose (St Peter)

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

Tymon (St Francis)

Jasmine, Elicia, Lilah & Edie (St Therese)

Alvin & Jessica (St Elizabeth)

Freddie & Lucy (St Bernadette)

Madeline & Chantelle (St Joseph)

And our first gold award winners this year!

Georgina (St Francis)

Isis & Harry (St Therese)

Kyrea & Fred (ST Elizabeth)

Emily & Eliana (St Bernadette)



Head Teacher's Award

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

Eva (St Francis) for great work in reading and phonics

Samuel (St Therese) ~ for persevering and always challenging himself in maths tasks

Ella (St Elizabeth) ~ for always working to the best of her ability with focus and enthusiasm

Freddie (St Bernadette) ~ for great effort and enthusiasm for our mountain topic work

Georgia (St Joseph) ~ for great perseverance shown during the Bikeability workshop. By the end of the day, Georgia's new found confidence in bike-riding was shining brightly

Holly (St Anthony) ~ for impressing us with her imaginative art work this week, taking care with special details. She is also continuing to work with increased confidence in Maths

Elliot (St Peter) ~ for outstanding work in English and for showing a real passion to learn

Sports Award

The winners of this week's sports awards are:

Most Improved ~ **Dan** (St Joseph) Performer of the week ~ **Grace** (St Elizabeth)

Mercy Awards

Congratulations to this week's Mercy award winner.

Roman (St Francis) for being very helpful to a friend in the class

Jasmine (St Therese) for being proud of her peer's achievement

Harley (St Therese) for comforting an upset friend

Attendance award

Congratulations to Year 5 who have 100% attendance this week.

Birthdays

Congratulations to **Leah** (St Francis), **Callum** (St Anthony) and **Mrs Archer** who celebrated their birthday this week.



Good Luck

This weekend, two of our children are swimming in the County Championships. Isabel (St Anthony) and Jack (St Peter) have been selected for the Essex squad. We wish you both well and look forward to hearing the results on Monday.

Swimming Years 1, 3, 4, & 5

Unfortunately we have to cancel swimming on the 24th February due to GB's training schedule. To make up for this and the cancelled session on the 20th January we will be adding 2 extra sessions. Friday the 24th & 31st March.

Friends of St George's Meeting

There will be a meeting on Monday 6th February for those parents who were unable to make it to the one held a fortnight ago. The agenda will be the same so that all parents have the opportunity to be kept informed. We will be discussing key points that were raised from January's meeting and look forward to hearing any suggestions or ideas for future events.

Musical Monday ~ 13th February

A fun day of music making for children and young people aged 7+. All standards and abilities are welcome, from beginners to advanced players. Players can bring any instruments – strings, woodwind, percussion, brass, recorders, keyboards, guitars etc and enjoy making music together. There is an informal concert at the end of the day for family and friends to attend. The day takes place at St Mary's C of E Primary School, Southend, and costs just £9 per child. Book online at musicalmonday.eventbrite.co.uk

Prayers



Please remember all in our community who need your prayers at this time. We especially pray for Mr Stoner, grandad to Harley (St Therese) and husband of Mrs Stoner. May Christ's healing presence surround him.

Have a great weekend,
God Bless,

Mrs Delgado