



# 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 parents, families and community,*

*I hope everyone enjoyed commemorating VE day last weekend. It was wonderful to see all the pictures that the children posted on their class blogs. We hope you enjoyed the special staff version of 'We'll meet again'!*

*As you can imagine, it's been quite a week for the school. Many of you will have listened to the Prime Minister last Sunday and the subsequent message from the government to begin a phased reopening of schools after the half term holiday. The government has asked us to continue looking after children of Key Workers, those with an EHCP and other vulnerable children and we were directed to welcome ALL children from Years R, 1 and 6 (in priority order) from 1st June.*

*The leadership team and I began working on the plan first thing on Monday morning. Our main priority being the safety and welfare of our children and staff.*

*By Wednesday we had produced a plan and by Thursday it had been presented to and agreed by staff and governors. You should have received a letter outlining our plan, via email, earlier today. I am very proud and thankful to the wonderful staff of St George's who have supported me and co-operated throughout this very challenging task. It is their willingness to always do what is in the best interests of the children, families and staff of the school, which results in this type of achievement, in such a short space of time.*

*As I write this newsletter, there has already been updated government guidance which may mean we have to revise the plan. Whilst I despair at the constantly shifting sands of direction from the government, I do not despair that the staff's endeavours have been wasted. I know that we have a strong plan, centred around the health and safety of the children, staff and families, which will only need to be modified in terms of dates, priority year groups, etc. Please be assured that I will keep you all updated over the next couple of weeks.*

*Have a great weekend, much love,*

**Annabelle Delgado**



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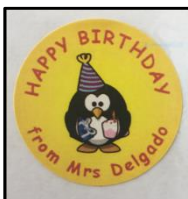
## Children's Questionnaire

Due to the how busy this week became, we were unable to send out the children's questionnaire. We will send it out next week.

## Half Term

During half term, the staff will be setting a weekly task (similar to Easter) for the children. Interaction on the blogs will also decrease during this week as the teachers will be preparing the school for the phased return of some pupils. I hope this will also be beneficial for families, and result in a slightly more relaxed week after the 'full on' five weeks after Easter!

## Birthdays



Congratulations to all those who celebrated their birthday this week

David (St Elizabeth), Mitchell (St Joseph), William, Henry & Ted (St Anthony),  
And Stanley (St Anthony) who is celebrating this weekend.

## Artist of the Week

This week Mrs Gillett set a task called Observe, Draw and Imagine! It was fantastic to see amazing observational skills and then use brilliant imagination skills to turn simple objects into a completely new thing. Once again, it was very difficult to choose just one



winner so this week's Artists of the Week goes to brother and sister:

**Lily-Grace (St Peter)** for turning her observational drawing of a fuchsia into

a beautiful ballerina dress and **Samuel (St Elizabeth)** for his drawing of a cactus and aloe vera plant, which he then

transformed into three octopus drawings! What a very talented and creative brother and sister!



## Weekly update 11<sup>th</sup> May – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020



Once again, we have been super impressed with the quality and quantity of learning in EYFS! We started the week by seeing some lovely photos from the long weekend and VE Day celebrations posted on Tapestry—the beautiful weather was certainly a bonus! Moving onto the class learning, we have been looking at

the story of 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle. This has provided a starting point for lots of plant and growing work. We have seen some great work on Purple Mash, labelling parts of a plant and have



looked at the life cycle of a plant. Fortunately, the weather has been quite good this week and we have been able to get outdoors to go on plant hunts, looking at different types of plants in our gardens and in surrounding areas on our walks. We also moved onto a new theme in our maths work, 'odd' and 'even' numbers. What a great range of creative learning we have seen here with lots of practical games to support this concept. Extra activities this week have included dressing up, arts and crafts and yoga. Well done to you all!

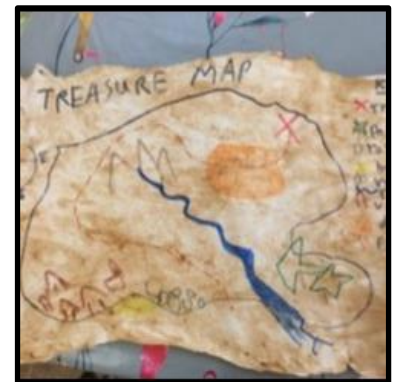


It has been another exciting and successful week in **Year 1** where we have seen a great mix of creative learning. The children have been loving their walks this week and have been identifying lots of wild plants and flowers as part of their Science with Mrs Cracknell. It seems the Dog Rose is a little harder to find but the children have searched far and wide to find it!



Our topic of Pirates has been very popular this week and we have seen an array of treasure maps, treasure chests, dressing up and thinking of new pirate names. Some quite scary!

I have been so impressed and proud this week of the writing that our children have been doing. Over the last couple of weeks the children have created villains and settings and this week they were set the task of writing a beginning, middle and end of an exciting story using their characters. Myself and Mrs Fitchew were on the edge of our seats with the thrilling stories that were created. All with beautiful writing, amazing adjectives and super sentences! Albert even turned his into his own book! Great work everyone!



The children have learnt more about Pentecost this week, making flame headbands, have been reading lots and Amelie has also encouraged us all to try new Science experiments. We are all helping to teach other now! Max is even trying his hand at learning Spanish! What a busy week!

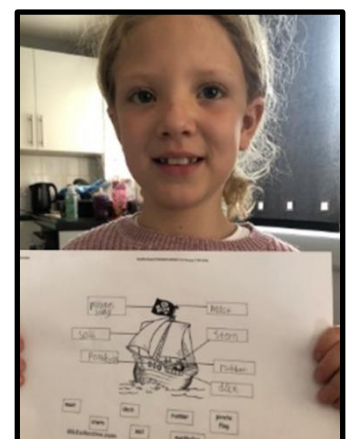
Keep up the amazing work Year One!

## Year 2

St Elizabeth's Class have once again been very busy with their Home Learning this week. The tasks have been completed to a really high

standard, so I start by saying a big thank you and well done to those of you that have uploaded your work on our Purple Mash Blogs once again!

In Maths we have been revisiting addition and subtraction this week and I continue to see lots of



hard work to keep up those arithmetic skills. I have loved reading all the prayers about the Holy Spirit and how it helps to guide us, the children decorated the prayers beautifully. Mrs Cracknell had set the children a challenge in their Science work to test the impact of temperature on the growth of a seed, the children had to see which one would grow the fastest. Some of the children have planted French beans and tomatoes, so I look forward to seeing how they grow over the next few weeks. The children have also been having fun learning about pirate ships and labelling the different parts, then they went on to design their own pirate flag for their ship. On Tuesday the children were asked to think about International Nurses Day which celebrates the 200th birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale who was one of history's most famous nurses. The children watched a slideshow about her then wrote a fact file about her amazing life. Well done to everyone for keeping up with the home learning work and putting in so much effort!

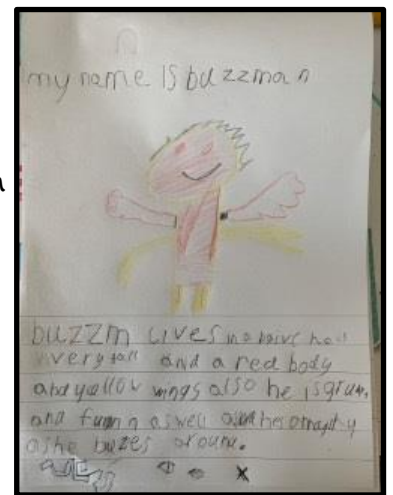
### Year 3

Wow! Thank you so much for sharing your superhero stories with me this week. I thoroughly enjoyed reading them, and also had the pleasure of listening to some of you read your stories, over the phone. Great job everyone!

We started the week slightly differently with a video message! I am so pleased to hear all the positive feedback about the videos, and I am super excited about planning more videos in the future.



I have (as always!) been impressed with all the work that the children have shared on our blog. A large number of children attempted this week's science challenge, where the children had to hunt for different foods in their kitchen, and take photos of their food groups.



The children have also been encouraged to walk around their local area with a checklist, to see if they can find different types of buildings on their list. It was so lovely to see your photos of you, exploring your local area.

We have now come to the end of our money topic in maths. I have to say, that I am impressed with the amount and quality of work, the children have done using the White Rose maths resources.



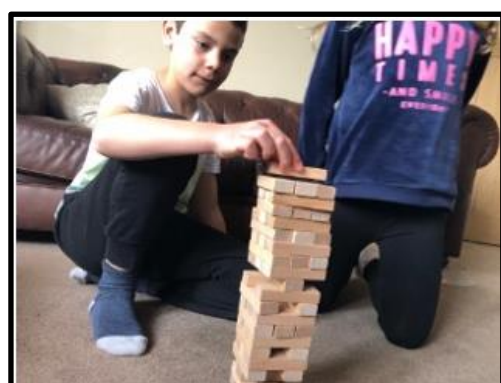
I look forward to sharing the new themes of learning next week! Have a wonderful weekend year 3.

Our fabulous Year 4 are really living up to their name this week. The high level work they have



been submitting onto our Class Blogs has been truly fabulous! I have enjoyed seeing the class at their most creative, showing great imagination in a range of tasks. From Rainforest animals and thinking carefully how their features would be best suited to the different layers of the rainforest, which had been the main focus of their topic home learning last week, to creating their own machines, from the first

stage of the design process. We then completed report writing tasks about how these objects would be made, how they work and what adaptations could be made to improve even further. We appear to have a group of scientific engineers in St Joseph's Class. They have also been researching inventions which have improved our lives and then writing wonderful



information leaflets. In Maths, the focus has been perimeter and area, the children have adapted really well to using the White Rose Maths resources and of course they continue to improve their multiplication skills in the Times Tables Rock Stars tournaments. This week I am even being challenged by some of our class. I must say I have been so impressed with the great attitudes of our children, that they don't give

up, but try their best. I am extremely proud of all of St Joseph's Class, a fabulous group of young people who continue to make me smile every day.

## Year 5



We've come to the end of another fantastic, fun-filled week in year 5. As ever, I continue to be amazed by the magnificent effort of the children. Over the bank holiday last week, lots of us celebrated VE Day in style by baking and hosting street parties and picnics.



It was so lovely to see beaming smiles in the lovely sunshine! This week has been a particularly exciting and emotional week in English as year 5 have been writing letters to each other.

Seeing our friends is one of our favourite parts of coming to school so it has been lovely to talk to each other and share what we have been up to. I've particularly enjoyed reading the letters too and seeing all the baking, bike riding, arts, crafts and games year 5 have been up to. We are still learning about life cycles, so there has been plenty of butterfly feeders and pictures of our own plants growing. I can't believe how well the plants are being looked after. Max and



Edward have been learning about computer coding and debugging programmes, Jessica has been doing online gymnastics classes, Florance has been busy baking and William has been showing his Grandad's medals for VE



Day and recreating them with salt dough.

I left a special message for the year 5's this week saying a big 'hello' and I challenged them to think about what 3 words summarise school for them.

We all miss school very much and can't wait to see our friends, learn and celebrate each other's success in celebration assembly again soon. Until then, this is what school means to us .



This week Year 6 have been working hard as ever as well as keeping themselves busy with a variety of activities! Emily and her brother became glow in the dark skeletons; Morten has been tending his bees & creating insects from egg cartons; Holly has baked bread and Emily made a banoffee pie. It was also lovely to see photos of all of your VE celebrations from the weekend; I

hope you all enjoyed yourselves with your families and neighbours. We have been thinking about the Ascension in RE this week and some beautiful posters have been created, you also responded well to the questions set. In Science we've been thinking more about Evolution and you have impressed me with your research into different evolutionists, well done. Our second Times Tables Rockstars battle ended this week with the girls taking the win with 14,073 points to the boys 1,504! Well done girls! Maths and English tasks on Purple Mash have been completed well with some lovely creative writing about wishes. Have a lovely weekend Year 6.



### Reading Awards

#### WELL DONE to:

**Amelie** (St Therese), **Isabelle** (St Elizabeth) and **Finley** (St Anthony), our **SILVER** readers who reached 100 reads.

**Jake** (St Therese) our **GOLD** reader who reached 150 reads

**Imogen & Harry** (St Therese) our **DIAMOND** readers who have reached 200 reads

And our **FIRST STAR READERS OF THE YEAR!**

**George** (St Elizabeth), **Georgina, Thomas & Florence R-F** (St Bernadette), **Harry C, Logan & Samuel** (St Joseph), **Fred & William** (St Anthony), **Joseph, Emily, Amelie, Phoebe and Eliana** (St Peter)

## Head Teacher's Award

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



*Nancy (St Francis) ~ for fantastic creative work and writing linked to our plant theme. Well done Nancy!*

*Lyla (St Therese) ~ for super work throughout the week and a beautiful Pentecost flame headband that she made.*

*Freya W (St Elizabeth) ~ for becoming more and more engaged with the activities set for her on the weekly timetable and on her 2Dos on Purple Mash.*

*Theodore (St Bernadette) ~ for his wonderful enthusiasm for our superhero theme in English!*

*He has also shared lots of wonderful work on our blog this week. Well done Theodore!*

*Hannah. (St Joseph) ~ for completing all of her Home Learning tasks to a very high standard, and also for her regular engagement and interaction on our Class Blogs, showing great kindness in sending lovely messages of support to her class friends.*

*Jessica (St Anthony) ~ During this half term I have been impressed with Jessica's hard work, effort and dedication to online learning. Jessica has taken everything in her stride and been a busy bee making the most of the challenges and activities. This week, I particularly enjoyed Jessica's creative writing where she described an animal hybrid. Well done Jessica!*

*Ruby (St Peter) ~ – for working hard this week on the online tasks set. Keep up the great effort Ruby.*



A special mention this week to **Katie** (St Therese) whose amazing model of Hadleigh Castle was featured in the English Heritage 'History at Home' Live broadcast on Thursday. Well done Katy!



## Weekly PE Challenges

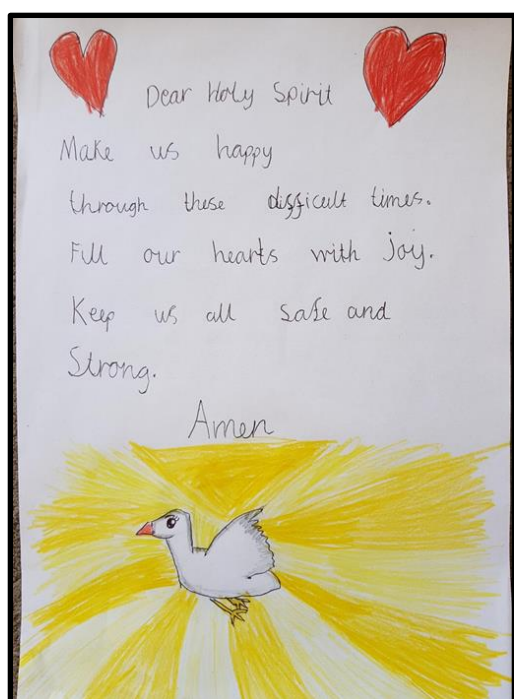
Monday	Tuesday	Wellbeing Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	The Weekend
<a href="#">Joe Wicks</a> 9:00 -9:30	<a href="#">Joe Wicks</a> 9:00-9:30	<a href="#">Joe Wicks</a> 9:00-9:30	<a href="#">Joe Wicks</a> 9:00-9:30	<a href="#">Joe Wicks</a> 9:00-9:30	Saturday Morning Yoga Sessions <a href="#">Cosmic Kids</a>
<a href="#">Oti Mabuse Dance class</a> 11:30-12	<a href="#">Oti Mabuse Dance class</a> 11:30-12	<a href="#">Oti Mabuse Dance class</a> 11:30-12	<a href="#">Oti Mabuse Dance class</a> 11:30-12	<a href="#">Oti Mabuse Dance class</a> 11:30-12	<a href="#">Live activities with Active Essex for all the family</a>
<a href="#">DDMix Daily Shake up</a> 1:30-1:40pm	<a href="#">DDMix Daily Shake up</a> 1:30-1:40pm	<a href="#">DDMix Daily Shake up</a> 1:30-1:40pm	<a href="#">DDMix Daily Shake up</a> 1:30-1:40pm	<a href="#">DDMix Daily Shake up</a> 1:30-1:40pm	Why not go on a bike ride or a long walk?
<b>Duster Dodge</b> Tuck a duster, scarf, sock into your waistband. Try and catch as many 'tails' as you can whilst protecting your own. See the <a href="#">video</a> or the <a href="#">resource card</a> for more information.	<b>Alphabet Workout</b> Spell your name and do the corresponding exercise. For a challenge can you include your middle name and surname?  <a href="#">Alphabet Challenge</a>	<b>20 minute feel good workout</b>  <a href="#">Mindfulness and meditation</a> - a time to relax and let go of all your thoughts and worries  Worry Monster Box <a href="#">activity</a>	<b>Upper body strength</b>  <b>Activity 1- plank challenge</b> How long can you hold it for?  <b>Activity 2- around the sock</b> Can you go round clockwise and anti-clockwise?	<b>Learn how to juggle</b>  Watch <a href="#">the video</a> and pause at stages to practice.	<b>Netflix</b> Choose your warm up, activity, challenge and a cool down  <a href="#">Click here to download</a>

Enjoy some of the live lessons and the daily fun challenges to keep you active during the day.

Why don't you go on a bike ride, run or walk outside and enjoy fresh air too?!

Post your pictures on the P.E blog on purple mash

Every week we are looking for a PE Improver and Performer!



This week's end of week prayer has been sent in by **Kieran** (St Elizabeth).

I think it encapsulates many of the prayers we offer at this time.

Thank you Kieran.

God Bless,

*Mrs Delgado*