



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,

Hello, hello, hello!

As you know, some children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 began to take the first steps towards returning to a familiar routine and joined us at school for the day this week. Whilst I don't think any of us would describe it as 'normal', seeing one another again was wonderful. It certainly made us miss the rest of you though! I was really pleased to hear how hard you have all been working in this first week after half term. I know that you'll keep it up and by the time you re-join us at school, your skills will be razor sharp and your minds ready for the next stage of your learning. I also ask that you keep looking after one another and keep in touch. It is so important that during this time we stay connected. So, have a think...is there someone in your class group that you haven't chatted to for a while? Is there someone you know that could be feeling a little lonely? I am sure that they would appreciate a message or a call, just to check in. Talking of phone calls, Mrs Gillett, Mrs Bracknell, Mrs Howell and Miss Rusz will be calling the children in their classes next week to check in and see how they are doing. The caller display will show 'No caller ID' or 'Withheld number', just so you are aware and I have listed their days below, so that you are expecting them. We cannot give exact times, as there are 30 excited children to spend time chatting to ~ I am sure you can all imagine that you can't put a time limit on that! Mrs Lawrence, Mrs Philips, Mrs McLoughlin and Mrs Sayer will be catching up with those children not in school, over the next couple of weeks. We will message you in advance so you are expecting the phone call.

Mrs Gillett ~ Wednesday 10th June, Mrs Bracknell ~ Tuesday 9th & Thursday 11th June

Mrs Howell & Miss Rusz ~ Tuesday 9th June



Our final hello is to the newest member of our community! Harry S. (St Therese) became a big brother for the SECOND time. Hollie, his new baby sister, was born on Saturday weighing in at 5lbs 10ozs. Mum and baby are doing well and Dad, Harry and Sophia are besotted with her!

We send a virtual hug to all of the family.



Much love, Annabelle Delgado



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INSET days and holidays 2020 & 2021

We are still following the calendar for this year, therefore this year's long weekend and holiday dates are still in place. I know many of you will be taking advantage of the easing of restrictions on **Friday 19th and Monday 22nd June**, to spend time with family/friends you may have not seen for quite a while. The staff will not be setting any work for these days. The final day for children attending school in July will still be **17th July 2020**.

I know many of you would have booked weekends away, but sadly will no longer be able to take them. I have decided to publish next year's INSET days, well in advance, as I know many operators are transferring bookings to later in the year. At the moment, these are the agreed and published dates, but may be subject to government change.

Children return for Autumn term ~ **Thursday 3rd September 2020**

Autumn half term ~ **Monday 26th – Friday 30th October 2020**

End of Autumn term ~ **Friday 18th December 2020**

Children return for Spring term ~ **Monday 4th January 2021**

Spring half term ~ **Monday 15th – Friday 19th February 2021**

End of Spring term ~ **Friday 26th March 2021**

Children return for Summer term ~ **Monday 12th April 2021**

Summer half term ~ **Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2021**

INSET DAYS (long weekend) ~ school closed to children – Friday 18th & Monday 21st June 2021

End of summer term ~ **Wednesday 21st July 2021**

Artist of the Week



The theme for this week's Artist of the Week was 'ILLUSTRATION'. The children were asked to watch the step-by-step guide by the famous children's illustrator Rob Biddulph, then they went on to create their very own character.

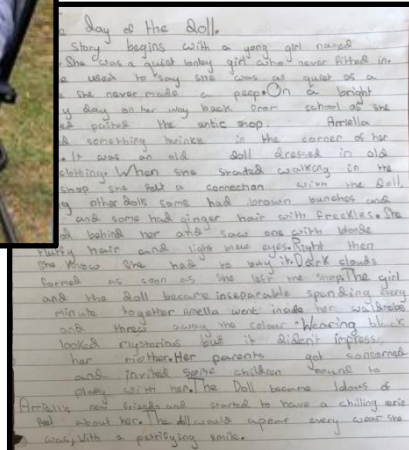


Mrs Gillett really could not choose just one winner this week, so there are three winners today! James (St Peter's Class) for his Charlie Chameleon character, Amelie (St Peter's Class) for her girl character and Jessica (St Anthony's Class) for her Whale that lost his friend character and book cover! I am sure you will agree they are very talented illustrators! Well done to everyone who entered.



Head Teacher's Award

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



Nathan (St Francis) ~ for being a fantastic home learner and completing lots of activities. In particular, he has shared some excellent writing with us this week. Well done Nathan!

Beatrice (St Therese) ~ for demonstrating amazing measuring skills when baking

Kieran (St Elizabeth) ~ for consistently working hard with all of the activities set for him on the weekly timetable and for using his spare time at home wisely by being so creative with always making things, drawing and painting. Well done Kieran, keep up your amazing artistic talent!

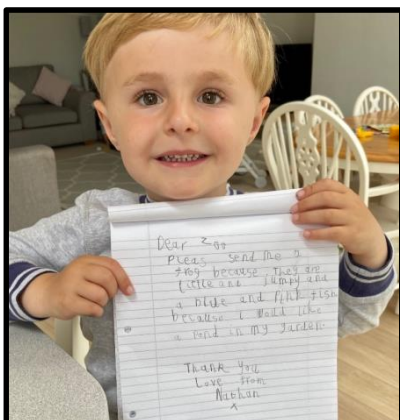
Lucy (St Bernadette) ~ for her wonderful contribution to our blog. She has been working really hard on her maths this week, and been very creative too!

Alicia (St Bernadette) for her creativity in everything she does! She presents all her work beautifully, and produces brilliant pieces of creative writing.

Ernie (St Joseph) ~ for his great efforts to complete the online 2do tasks this week and for being very engaged in our Class blogs. Keep it up, we enjoy hearing from you.

Daisy (St Anthony) ~ Daisy's enthusiasm and positivity is infectious. She always tries her best and never gives up. Keep being a superstar Daisy!

Charlie (St Peter) ~ for great enthusiasm and engagement on the blogs recently; it's lovely to see the wide range of activities you are completing at home. Keep it up Charlie!



Birthdays



Happy birthday to everyone who celebrated their birthday over half term
Amelie & Rosie (St Therese), **Archie** (St Elizabeth) and **Corey** (St Bernadette)
and to those who celebrated this week
Ronnie C. & Billy from St Francis class

Weekly update 1st – 5th June 2020

EYFS



A new half-term and a new class topic! This half-term our theme is 'Animals' and the first story we have been looking at this week is 'Dear Zoo'. This has proved to be a very popular story! The children have been recalling the animals in the book and thinking about whether they would make suitable pets. They have then written their own letters to the zoo asking for their own pet. There has been some great writing and pictures to match. Our maths focus has been heavy and light and there have been lots of practical

activities involving making comparisons of the weight of different objects. We have continued to be impressed with the wonderful handwriting and phonics work that is being completed, well done everyone. In our R.E this week, we have been thinking about friendships and there have been some beautiful friendship chains created and shared with us on Tapestry. It was also lovely to welcome back some children into class this week, where they also enjoyed completing some of the 'Dear Zoo' activities as well as spending time outdoors and seeing some of their friends!

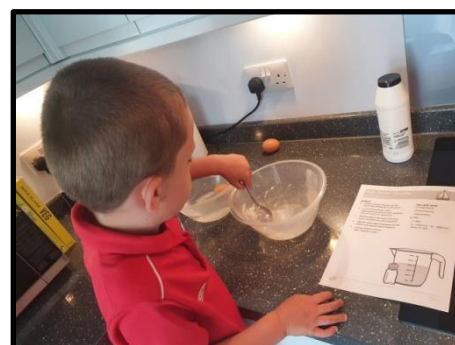


Year One



This week has looked a little different for some of our year one children who came back into school for the first time since March. And what a lovely time we had! The children found that being in the Year Four classroom was very grown up and we all had our own desks and special packs to work with. In school, as well as some of our school work from the website, we also did a scavenger hunt,

some fun music and played with the glockenspiels as well as playing lots of games outside. It was lovely to see the children so happy to be in school, playing with their friends (socially distanced of course!) and enjoying their learning once again.





All of our children at home have been working equally hard and have been enjoying the learning about measuring and capacity. It has been a joy to see children applying their learning with measuring outside and baking cakes too.

This week our English has been about Tiddler, the fish who is always late with a 'tall tale' as to why. Year One have been thinking creatively about all the other adventures Tiddler could have had before arriving at



school, writing about how he might feel being stuck in a net and they've also been creating missing posters to help find him! We've had some very imaginative ideas! Great work! Our RE is all about being sorry and I am once again so proud about how our children can share



their experiences and are so thoughtful when thinking about their behaviour and others.

Well done Year One on another fabulous week and we look forward to more exciting adventures next week!



Year Two

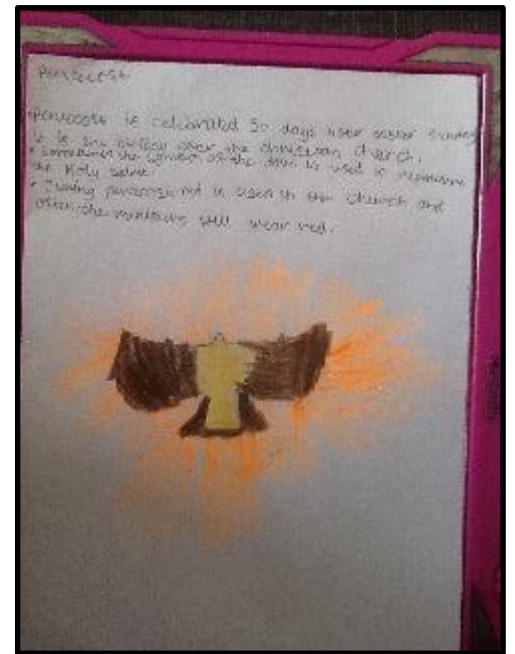


Once again, St Elizabeth's Class have been very busy with their Home School Learning this week. In Maths we have been looking at odd and even numbers and multiplication/division. Jacob had a great idea to use pots and pencils to help with his sharing work.

Last weekend, we celebrated the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday. The children enjoyed drawing dove pictures and writing facts about the special day, here is Hannah's beautiful work.

Mrs Cracknell had set the children a Science task all about observing different plants growing. The children looked at data on a chart to compare a sunflower seed with a narcissus bulb. They have been asked to grow two plants at home and measure them each week then record the heights on a Growth Bar Chart.

For our topic work this week, the children were asked to make their own Pirate Treasure Hunt Board Game and complete some Pirate crafts. Many Year 2 children entered the illustration themed Artist of the Week challenge. It was great to see the children use their imagination to design their own book characters such as a mermaid, a monkey, a princess and some pig friends! For music, the children had fun singing along with two songs from Out of the Ark, which involved many actions to join in with as well! The theme for our P.E this week was throwing and catching and the children were set several challenges to complete to improve their ball skills. Well done to everyone for their hard work again this week!



British Heart Foundation – Go Archie!

This week Archie from St Elizabeth's class has been very busy indeed! He signed up to a Weetabix challenge that asks children to run 1km a week – for 10 weeks. Archie enjoyed running so much he has been out for a run every other day and has been able to run 5km in 36 minutes! He is trying to raise money for the British Heart Foundation by running 50k in June and if you would like to sponsor Archie please follow the link below.

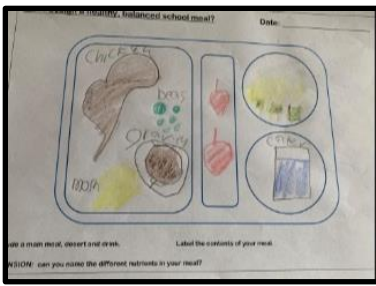
GoFundMe. [gf.me/u/x56ggd](https://www.gofundme.com/u/x56ggd)

Year Three

This week year 3 have been very excited to learn that our new topic this term is 'Ancient Egyptians'. They have excitedly told me what they would like to know about the Egyptians, and I look forward to exploring their questions in the coming weeks.

We have finished reading our Horrid Henry story together, and the children have produced some brilliant work! They have created their own Horrid Henry character and designed their own prank, in the true style of Horrid Henry! Thomas even managed to play some tricks on his own family, which he proudly reported on our blog. The children have been learning more about fractions, and started to learn about decimals this week. I have been so impressed because, even though some of the children struggled at times, they have persevered and managed to complete the tasks set. Well done year 3! The children also took part in a video quiz about nutrition and I was very impressed with their high scores!





They then used their knowledge of nutrition to make up a healthy meal, and carefully considered all of the five food groups. We have also heard some exciting news... Samuel S has a new addition to his family. His name is Milo and he is a beautiful cockapoo! I always enjoy



hearing the children's news and look forward to hearing more, in the weeks ahead! Well done year 3, for another brilliant week!

Year Four



Another fantastic week of home learning by our Fabulous 4s. I have been so pleased to see their great efforts in the tasks I have been setting each day. In Maths, we have continued to work on fractions and of course the Times Tables Rock Stars. The girls beat the boys this week, 1,787 to 1,228.



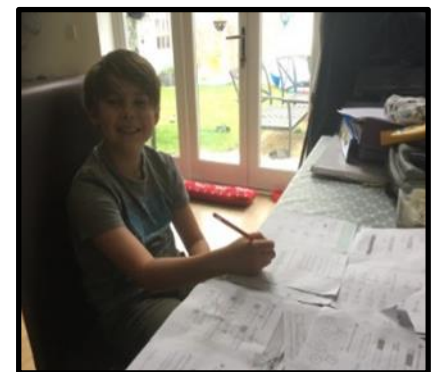
Time for the boys to take the lead next week I wonder? In English, we have continued to travel around the world and I have received some wonderful, very well written postcards from the Taj Mahal in India and also the desert, virtually of course! We begin a new Class text this week; 'The Great Kapok



Tree' and we have also been reading and writing reviews of Fables by Aesop, whose birthday it was yesterday.

Mrs Archer has been delighted to see some very well illustrated cover pages for our new RE topic, Building Bridges and I have been learning lots from well-researched presentations about how animals adapt in the a desert habitat in our Science work.

The children have also enjoyed being out of doors, keeping active, baking and more. I would like to thank St Joseph Class for doing their very best in all that they are doing



(as always), and also to the wonderful parents. Thank YOU for all your support and encouragement, it really makes a difference. I am very much looking forward to speaking to all of our children next week.



World Record!

Huge congratulations to William from St Joseph's class. He took part in the largest ever online art lesson recently. He is now a World Record Breaker!



Year Five



A very busy first week back in year 5 with lots of new topics started. In English, to link to our topic, we are now looking at myths and legends and have explored Perseus and Medusa, The Legend of the Trojan Horse, Aesop's Fables and proverbs. Year

5 have certainly been putting their 'best feet forward' and being 'early birds who catch the worms' as they are very keen to complete the different tasks. Well done!

We have also been exploring what it means to have freedom and responsibility. Some of our freedom may be slightly restricted at the moment but we are developing our freedom in different ways. Many of us realised that we have a lot of different responsibilities now too and I am impressed with how mature everybody has been!

If new topics weren't enough, we've been up to all sorts of interesting things. Finley has made a

Greek shield, Jessica has been jigsawing, Ted & Henry have been forest schooling, Florence has been rollerskating and Charlotte has been painting. During this time at home, the thing I am most enjoying is getting to know my fabulous class, their talents and skills. You amaze me every day!



Year Six



On Wednesday and Friday this week we were very pleased to see some of Year 6 back in school. It was so lovely to see your smiling faces and hear all about how you've been keeping



yourselves busy in lockdown. All of Year 6 have been working as hard

as ever at home, we've had the pleasure of reading some great autobiographies and seeing pictures of you when you were younger. In Science this week Year 6 have examined

evidence about the evolution of human beings. In RE the children have been researching a charity of their choice to write a profile on, it was great to see the range of worthwhile charities the children chose, some local, others national or even international. Further highlights of the week have been Michal's



brilliant 3D puzzle of a grandfather clock, Marley has been busy helping at the allotment and Emily made some delicious smores with her brother.



Reading Awards

WELL DONE to:

Ronnie W. (St Francis) our **GOLD** reader who reached 150 reads,

Natalia (St Bernadette) and **Zofia** (St Anthony) our **DIAMOND** readers, who have reached 200 reads

and **Samuel S.** (St Bernadette) and **Natalia** (St Anthony), our **STAR READERS**, who have reached 250 reads.

Sports Update

No performers or improvers this week but we have some very exciting news! Miss Rusz is organising a very special sports day for St George's this year. There will be daily competitive activities for children, parents and pre-school siblings to complete. You will then send in your results using a google survey and we will award points to the different houses. The staff will also have an activity to do to try and earn points for their house team. We will publish details in next week's newsletter. In the meantime, Miss Rusz has her weekly P.E. activities AND a daily mile run that you can do at home which is based on places around Essex.

How many Essex landmarks can you run to?

MAP OF Essex



Our Running Miles

| Start | Checkpoint | Distance | Total Distance | Our running Total |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|----------------|-------------------|
| St George's School | Garons | 3 Miles | 3 Miles | |
| Garons | Roots Hall | 2 Miles | 5 Miles | |
| Roots Hall | Bounce Village | 3 Miles | 8 Miles | |
| Bounce Village | Wallasea Island | 9 Miles | 17 Miles | |
| Wallasea Island | Burnham- on-Crouch Marina | 2 miles | 19 Miles | |
| Burnham-on-Crouch Marina | Maldon (seal spotting) | 11 Miles | 30 Miles | |
| Maldon (seal spotting) | Colchester Castle | 17 Miles | 47 Miles | |
| Colchester Castle | Tiptree Jam Factory | 9 Miles | 56 Miles | |
| Tiptree Jam Factory | Essex Cricket Ground (Chelmsford) | 17 Miles | 73 Miles | |
| Essex Cricket Ground (Chelmsford) | Brentwood Cathedral | 11 Miles | 84 Miles | |
| Brentwood Cathedral | Barleylands Farm | 8 Miles | 92 Miles | |
| Barleylands Farm | Marsh Farm | 10 Miles | 102 Miles | |
| Marsh Farm | Hadleigh Castle | 12 Miles | 114 Miles | |
| Hadleigh Castle | St George's School | 9 Miles | 123 Miles | |



Weekly PE Challenges



| Monday | Tuesday | Wellbeing Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | The Weekend |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| Joe Wicks 9:00 -9:30 | Joe Wicks 9:00-9:30 | Joe Wicks 9:00-9:30 | Joe Wicks 9:00-9:30 | Joe Wicks 9:00-9:30 | Saturday Morning Yoga Sessions Cosmic Kids |
| Oti Mabuse Dance class 11:30-12 | Oti Mabuse Dance class 11:30-12 | Oti Mabuse Dance class 11:30-12 | Oti Mabuse Dance class 11:30-12 | Oti Mabuse Dance class 11:30-12 | Live activities with Active Essex for all the family |
| DDMix Daily Shake up 1:30-1:40pm | DDMix Daily Shake up 1:30-1:40pm | DDMix Daily Shake up 1:30-1:40pm | DDMix Daily Shake up 1:30-1:40pm | DDMix Daily Shake up 1:30-1:40pm | Why not go on a bike ride or a long walk? |
| Scavenger Hunt Can you find objects or things that make letters? E.g a cloud that make the letter O or a lamppost that makes an l. Take photos and try and spell out a word. Send your words/letters to the blog. | Climbing Landmarks Leaning tower of Pisa- 297 steps Big Ben- 334 Steps St Pauls Cathedral- 528 steps Empire State Building- 1860 steps Snowdon- 4610 steps <i>Climb the staircase in your house. Or, if you don't have one, you could march on the spot or do mountain climbers instead! Do this over a day, not all at once!</i> | Banana Meatball Boom Chicka Boom Calming videos Be Kind Story Book | Beat the teacher On Thursday, on the blog page, I will post some fitness challenges- I wonder if you can beat me? | Throwing Use empty bottles as targets- you could use more than one and place them in different areas of your garden/space and give them points. Using a ball/rolled up socks/scrunched tin foil, throw the ball underarm to hit you targets. Play with a partner. Can you make up rules to your game? You might even try throwing overarm too! | Netflix Choose your warm up, activity, challenge and a cool down Click here to download |

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

[Who will be the next improver or performer?](#)

Have a wonderful weekend,

God Bless,

Mrs Delgado