

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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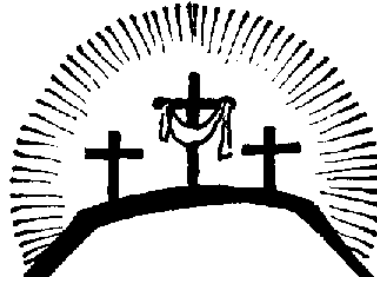
*Let it be known to all who enter here, that Christ is the reason for this school,
the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes,
the model for its children, the inspiration for its staff.*

*We aim to be a Christian community and witnesses to Christ,
where all can experience and grow in Christian love
through God's word and the gifts of His sacraments,
and through prayer and personal example.*



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Dear Parents,



No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

John 15: 13

This week is Holy Week, the time where we remember Christ's Passion; the story of how he died to save us all. On Maundy Thursday, we recall Jesus sharing a Last Supper with his disciples, where the bread and wine were transformed into His body and His blood. On Good Friday, we reflect on Jesus' final journey to the cross, where he was crucified and died to save us all. Finally, at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Mass, we will rejoice at his Resurrection. This is the highlight of the Church's year and we encourage you to attend Mass over these three days to celebrate this display of Christ's love for us, his friends. There will be a **Children's Stations of the Cross** on Good Friday, 10 – 10.45am at St George's Church.

Mass Times

Maundy Thursday ~ 8pm at St George's

Good Friday ~ 3pm at St George's

Easter Vigil (Saturday night) ~ 8pm at St George's

Easter Sunday ~ 8.45am at St Gregory's & 10.45am St George's

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very holy and happy Easter as you spend time with families and friends.

Citizenship Award

This afternoon, we announced that Millie O'H is the recipient of this year's Citizenship Award.

Millie is an outstanding example of an individual who has already come so far in her life journey. She is dedicated to her school work, is the most faithful friend you could wish for and shares her love with everyone, especially her family.

Everyone at St George's is extremely proud of her.

Dates for your diary



April

Friday 25th MARCH ~ 8th APRIL - EASTER HOLIDAY

Mon 11th First Day of Summer Term

Children to return in **SUMMER UNIFORM**

Good News!

This week, our Year 3 & 4 children began the school's preparation for Easter, by telling the story of Christ's passion in their Easter reflection, 'Roll back the stone'. The children were fantastic, as they dramatized the sorrowful events ending up in Christ's death on the cross and then His glorious Resurrection. I would like to thank all the staff involved in preparing the children, especially Mrs Wallen, Mrs Arnold and Mrs Gillett, and of course, our amazing children. At the end of the performances, we held a collection for HCPT 192, our parish pilgrimage group who take children to Lourdes. Your donations raised £260.73 to support this year's pilgrimage at Easter. Thank you very much.

Football Success

During the last week, our football team played their final games of the season against Sacred Heart and Hinguar. The boys won both matches, 5-0 and 3-1, respectively. Their play was superb and these results mean that they have finished 2nd in the league, a fantastic result. All of the boys who played this season were outstanding. I would like to thank the boys and Mr Sims for their commitment to the team during this year, we are very proud of you all.

Ace, Cameron, George, Darrell, William, Jack, Finley, Marco and Elliott

This year we decided to award a match ball to the player the boys voted as Player of the Season. The deserving recipient was Ace. He scored 9 goals in 5 matches and was outstanding in every match, even the opposition's coach knew him by the end of the match!

Well done, a great achievement, Ace.

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated a birthday this week

Joseph & William (St Francis)

James (St Elizabeth)

Brian (St Joseph)

Elise (St Peter)

And Mrs Noblet

And those celebrating during the Easter holiday

Casey (St Therese)

Sian & Eliana (St Elizabeth)

Oliver S. (St Bernadette)

Emily A (St Anthony)

And Mrs Gillett & Mrs Grimes



Hot Cross Run

On Tuesday, 48 of our Key Stage 2 children represented St George's at the annual 'Hot Cross Run'. Each athlete performed as if it were their Olympic final and we celebrated individual and team success. **Ella** (St Bernadette) & **Todd** (St Joseph) came second and **Jack** (St Anthony) came first in their year group. In fact Jack was so quick, he overtook the 'hare' who was leading the boys round the course! Year 3 & 5 girls achieved 'team' 3rd and year 4 & 5 boys achieved 'team' 2nd.

All the runners worked as a team to gain points and we came.....

2nd overall

a great achievement and one place higher than last year.

Year 3 ~ Catherine, Ella, Grace, Maddie, Poppy & Florence

Aidan, Michael, Oliver S., Murphy, Bailey & Oliver B.

Year 4 ~ Maisie, Isabel, Daisy, Grace, Lily & Olivia

Callum, Louie, Henry, Alexander, Oliver & Todd

Year 5 ~ Hannah, Poppy, Anna, Charlotte, Grace & Isabella

William, Jack, Marco, Finley, Elliott M & Harrison M.

Year 6 ~ Bonnie, Millie-Grace, Isabelle, Amelia, Elise & Millie M.

Ace, Darrell, Cameron, Jude, Francis & Finn

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to Mr Fisher, our caretaker, who trained the children during lunchtimes in preparation. He is a keen runner himself and his enthusiasm helped inspire our children to this great result.

Reading Awards

It has been remarkable to see the support for the reading awards during the last two terms. To date, 85% of children have gained their bronze, 51% have their silver and 18% earned their gold. The class teachers have commented on the positive impact of the reading challenge, both in literacy and across the curriculum.

Well done to the following children who gained their bronze award this week

Isabelle (St Francis)

Bayley (St Bernadette)

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

Edie & Jasmine (St Francis)

Orla, Chantelle & Liam (St Bernadette)

Elliott (St Anthony)

...our gold winners who have reached 150 reads

Jason, Jessica and Keavy (St Therese)

Holly & Richard (St Elizabeth)

And for the first time this year, our diamond award winners who have been rewarded for 200 reads

Freddie (St Therese)
Emily (St Elizabeth)
Millie O'D & Rachel (St Peter)

100% Attendance

Well done to the children who received their bronze for 100% attendance this term

Charlie, Isla, Ocean, Julia & Logan (St Francis)
Alvin, Stanley, Fredrick & Florance (St Therese)
Morten, Sian, Faith & Ruby (St Elizabeth)
Riley, Oliver B, Georgia, Murphy & Maia (St Bernadette)
Daisy, Ben R. & Oliver (St Joseph)
Jack, Truly-Rose, Finlay, Harrison, Poppy & Francesca (St Anthony)
Luke, Elise & Rachel (St Peter)

And congratulations to those children who received their silver badge for 100% attendance since the first day back in September

Charles, Thomas, Harry L., Natasha & Hannah (St Francis)
Charlotte, Jason & Jessica (St Therese)
Emily, Charlie, Eliana, Lucy, Amelie, Lexi-Rose, Eden, Regan, Richard,
James & Lily (St Elizabeth)
Aidan, Catherine, Liam, Henry, Maddie, Chantelle, Adam & Grace (St Bernadette)
Henry, Maisie, Christian, Isabel, Maddy, Lily, Brian, Andrew, Olivia, Callum,
Alexander, India & Rose (St Joseph)
Finley, Jabez, Charlotte, Aimee, Joshua, Adele, Marco, Emily,
Anna & Elliott (St Anthony)
Katie, Sophie, Imogen, Finn, Ace, Bonnie, George, Jude, Hannah, Thobekani, Darrell, Jack,
William, Cameron & Amelia (St Peter)

Congratulations to Year 2 who hit the 100% mark this week.

Thank you from Mrs Russell

I would like to say a BIG thank you to all the staff and mums who supported my charity bingo & quiz night at Mecca Bingo on Saturday. A fab night was had by all. We 'chased' and caught Sean Wallace 'The Dark Destroyer' and what a gent he was too! Of course he is mega intelligent and won the quiz but well done to Mrs Cartlidge who was one of the top three quizzers who went head to head with him. As well as being a terrific night, I raised a massive £1,184.00 for Havens Hospices in memory of my brother (£146 up on last year). Hopefully see you at the next one.

Prayers



Please remember all in our community who need your prayers at this time. Have a wonderful holiday, see you on the 11th April. God Bless, *Miss Norris*