



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,

Today marks the end of another year at St George's. It has been the most challenging year for everyone in our community. However, our community has weathered this storm and come through, safe, well and just as united as ever. When we had to say goodbye on March 20th, the most difficult day, my focus was to keep our community together, ensure our children continued quality learning at home, provide critical child care for those who needed it and to make sure that all our families knew how to get in touch and communicate their good news, or get support if they needed. I am so proud that we have managed to achieve this over the last 17 weeks. This has only happened through the hard work and commitment of so many people and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them.

To the most amazing staff any Head Teacher could wish for...

You have been phenomenal during this time. You have created bespoke learning for your children, you have communicated daily with them, you have kept them engaged throughout this time. Your comments on the blogs to your classes have really made me, and the children smile! In addition to

this, thank you for playing your part in looking after key worker and vulnerable children who needed critical care during this time, or those at home that needed a weekly call. Many of you have been in during the last month, preparing your classes, ready for your new children in September ~ the school is looking great. Thank you to office team who ensured that the communication between parents and staff flowed seamlessly, and to our school business manager who ordered everything that we needed to keep going, who ensured that our families were supported with school meal vouchers and who read, and reread, every letter that went out. Thank you to the incredible site team who cleaned relentlessly and to the governors who have supported the school throughout. I especially would like to thank **Mrs Wallen**, who has been in school with me, every day, from the start, including holidays. Her support, care, wisdom and humour has been invaluable. She has been at the end of phone to sort any problem, whether it be technical or personal, teacher or parent.

Thank you all. I wish you a happy and restful summer holiday and look forward to our new chapter from September!



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To the most amazing parents and carers that any Head Teacher could wish for...

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported the children during their time away from school. I know that for some of you it has been challenging, for some it has been a pleasure and for some, a mixture of both! Please know we appreciate how ever much time you could spend remote learning, in addition to possibly working from home and organising a household. I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday, wherever that may take you, and I can't wait to see you all in September.

And...

To the most amazing children that any Head Teacher could wish for...

My final thanks go to the children, the heart of our school. Thank you for being brave during a scary time; thank you for working hard when it was difficult to do so; thank you for being so creative and inventive during a very limiting time. I look forward to seeing you all in September and the year ahead with all the triumphs and surprises it will bring. I wish all of you a very happy summer holiday and can't wait to see your smiles and hear your voices in September.

Farewell...

On Wednesday we say goodbye to our remarkable Year 6.

Emily, Marley, Morten, Jacob, Charlie, Eliana, Holly, Emma, Lily-Grace, Lucy, Sian, Declan, Amelie, Alex, Freddie, Isabelle, Lexi-Rose, Oliver, Nadia, Eden, Lyric, Joseph, Richard, Regan, Phoebe, Ruby, James, Michal, Lily and Monty

We wish them every success in their new adventures in September and look forward to hearing about their future achievements. We had a wonderful day all together on Wednesday. Fr Brett celebrated a Leavers Mass at the church, the children had their shirts signed, received their autograph books, shared a picnic style lunch, and as the grand finale, released bubbles into the air to signify their moving on.

We also say goodbye to the following families of children in Year 6 who have had long connections with our school. It is the end of an era and we thank you all for the support you have given to St. George's over many years.

We say goodbye to:

the Bann families, the Belcher family, the Burton family, the Chignell family, the Clampett family, the Dale family, the Dear family, the Elliott family, the Ford family, the Havis family, the Jeeves family, the Kiani-Cuenca family, the Manjaly family, the McGurk family, the Mutsunge family, the Ross family and the Ward family.

Our Year 6 children will be appearing in the Evening Echo on Tuesday 21st July in a special 'School Leavers Supplement 2020'

It's also goodbye to Mrs Williams who is taking a well-earned rest. Thank you for everything you have done to support so many children over the last 23 years. We look forward to celebrating your time at St George's when we return in September.

Good Citizen Award

This year's award ceremony in May was postponed. However, this week we received the certificates and were able to present the winners for this year.

The Good Citizen Award 2020 goes to **THE LITURGY TEAM**

Lily-Grace, Alex, Eden, Joseph, Regan and Lily

Our wonderful Liturgy team is a shining example of faith in action. They have organised prayer groups, prepared the hall for assemblies and collective worship and been instrumental in all Mass preparations. They have welcomed our local community into school and supported charity events, both locally and nationally. They are also active members of the parish: serving at Mass, singing as part of the youth choir and playing their part in the offertory. We are very proud of you all.

Plan for full reopening in September

This week I sent a document to all the families who will be here in September 2020, outlining how the school will function from September. To ensure the safety of our community, every family must read this document before the children return in September. You can find the document on the school's website under Key Information, or by clicking the link below.

<https://www.sgcps.co.uk/plan-for-full-reopening-in-september-2020/>

To help with this process, I ask all families to click on the link below to confirm they have read this document.

<https://forms.gle/Ve4K1qhNpKm8Scy17>

There is also a section where parents can ask questions and I will send a FAQs supplementary document before we return.

If a family do not confirm they have read this document, we will need them to collect hard copy from the school before the children return. It is vital that everyone is aware of what is in place to keep us all safe, and what our responsibilities are. I thank you in advance for your support.

Messages from Staff

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to say thank you for all your lovely gifts, cards and messages. Each one has been very much appreciated.

EYFS

Wow! What a year Reception! You have grown so much since you first started at St. George's last September. We would like to say a great big THANK YOU for all the hard work and dedication that both you and your families have given to your learning both in school and at home. You truly are superstars! Thank you too for the lovely kind wishes, cards and gifts that we have received this week. It really is very thoughtful of you all. We would like to wish you all a wonderful and fun summer holiday! Take care, love from all of the EYFS team. x

Year 1

Well it wasn't the last term we ever dreamed of but we did it! I want to thank all of you for all of your hard work and enthusiasm over the last few months. You have all made it a joyful experience! We are now experts in Purple Mash and blogging so that, at least, has to be a good thing!

I also want to send out a huge THANK YOU for all the lovely cards and gifts that Mrs Fitchew and I have been given. It brought a happy tear to our eyes! It has been a pleasure to work with all of our children and families over the last year and we will certainly miss everyone in September!

Mrs Fitchew and I will be taking a break from Purple Mash over the holidays but we want to wish you all a fantastic holiday. Have a wonderful time, make super memories and come back refreshed for year two in September. You will all be fab-u-lous!

Keep safe everyone. Love Mrs McLoughlin and the Year 1 team x

Year 2

Last Friday I had a wonderful surprise whilst I was in school in the form of a beautifully decorated wooden box from the children. Inside there was an amazing poem which described our special time together and all of our wonderful things that we had completed in Year 2. There were so many lovely cards and kind messages of thanks, it was such a joy to read them all and to see many of your faces again in the photographs. I would like to thank everyone for giving me such a wonderful gift and I will treasure it with such fond memories. Staying with thank yous, all the staff who make up the year 2 team would like to say a huge thank you for their gifts.

It is such a shame that we have only had half a year together but I have enjoyed teaching you all so much during this time. I am so proud of how you have continued to work so hard during your home-school learning and I know that you will all have a fabulous year with Miss Rusz in September. Wishing you all a lovely, relaxing, fun filled, summer holiday with your family. Lots and lots of love to you all and thank you so much for being the best class ever!

Love from Mrs Gillett x

Year 3

To our fabulous year 3's, it has been a pleasure teaching and supporting your home learning this year. You should be so proud of yourselves with what you have achieved this year. We have great memories of you all, such as dressing up for science week and performing in the year 3 and 4 Easter production.

We would also like to say a massive thank you for all your kind gifts and thoughtful words. We are overwhelmed by your kindness. And finally, have a wonderful summer holiday and all the best, as you continue your learning journey in year 4. Love from Mrs Bracknell and the Year 3

Team x

Year 4

Here we are on the last day of our school year. It has been very different to our norm, but I must say that I have enjoyed every moment of teaching St Joseph Class, both in the classroom and through home learning. It has been a wonderful and rewarding year for me, as I see the children of St Joseph Class continue to engage with their work. I want to thank each one of our pupils for the warmth, the memories and the learning that we have shared. This past year, we have grown together and I am thrilled that our adventures will continue in September.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the parents for your constant support and encouragement; such a successful few months of home learning wouldn't have been possible without you. I would also like to thank you for the very generous gifts, cards and messages I have been receiving this week, I am truly grateful for your kindness.

I must also thank my adult team. Mrs Heal has been a constant support to me, a kind and caring friend and a great role model for our children. Mrs Archer has given so much of her time to plan and set the RE and French work. We have been delighted that the children have been so engaged and produced such wonderful work in these subjects.

Finally, I wish you all a very relaxing summer break and look forward to the new school year together in September. Take care, with love from Mrs Howell x

Year 5

Wow, what a final term. The last few months have gone by in a blink of an eye and I can't believe how much has been squeezed in. It seems like only yesterday all 27 of you were in the classroom and we were dressed up as mad scientists and samaba-ing our way into lockdown. This year has been truly unforgettable in many ways but has been filled with wonderful memories that we have shared together.

Many of the children noted that they enjoyed our trips this year to the Planetarium and to Wat Tyler Park. These were both fantastic days where we learnt about stars and constellations and then we got to go orienteering and animal footprint hunting. We even made our own rivers and spotted their different features. We also did lots of baking for World Food Day, where we celebrated food from all around the world and tasted so many delicious treats. We also had a visit from an athlete and learnt how to hurdle and learnt the importance of not giving up on our dreams. So many amazing things squished into such a short time!

Then we had to learn from home and I am so proud of each and every child in year 5. They have shown fantastic determination, resilience and positivity in all that they do. They are kind and considerate, positing words of optimism and commenting on each other's work with kind words. The work the children have done is excellent, I would expect nothing less from such a hard working class. We have covered new topic such as Greeks, animals and their habitats and myths and legends. Children have made butterfly feeders, Olympic torches, flower crowns and have written their own stories. Every day, I have been amazed by the work produced and I can tell how much hard work has gone into each piece. Even through the screen, I have noticed children improve their art, writing and maths skills and I have seen many of them improve in confidence and self-esteem. Well done!

As I have mentioned, I am so thankful for the children joining in each day but I also know how hard parents have worked to support the children and adapt to this big change. Thank you for all that you have done and thank you for your hard work and effort too.

I just want to say congratulations for making it through and not giving up! Enjoy a well-deserved summer break and I look forward to seeing how much you have grown when you return as super 6s in September. Thank you all your messages, cards and gifts, they were really appreciated. **Love Miss Rusz x**

Year 6

Wednesday marked your last ever day at St. George's, thank you for such a fantastic day full of fun, chatter, celebrations and laughter. It was so lovely to have all 30 of you back together for one last day. On behalf of all of the teachers and TAs in Year 6 I want to say a HUGE thank you to you and your parents for your very generous gifts, beautiful cards and thoughtful words - they certainly brought a tear to my eye on Wednesday evening.

St. George's will miss each and every one of you, you really have been a wonderful class and I know you are all going to continue to flourish at your secondary schools.

I wish you all a restful, joy filled summer. Take care. **Love Mrs Sayer x**

Artist of the week

Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to everyone that has entered his or her artwork during our home school learning! This was our last 'Artist of the Week', as when we return to school in September we will go back to the 'Artist of the Month' competition! I have loved looking at all of your amazing creations and incredibly, over 500 pieces of art have been posted, covering themes such as: Easter, St George, VE Day, Spring, Beach sculpture, Rubbings, Animals, Observe/Draw/Imagine, 3D, Patterns, Still life's, Self-portraits, Illustrations and Print-making!!! It has been wonderful to see how the extra time you have had at home has been put to great use and I hope it has given you a lifelong love of being creative and having fun exploring all of the different areas in art!



The winner of this week's competition is Edward (St Anthony's Class) for his beautiful bouncing, bubbles picture, after being inspired by the artists Kandinsky and Andy Goldsworthy. Well done Edward!

Mrs Gillett

Reading Awards

WELL DONE to:

Aaron (St Francis) our GOLD READER who has reached 150 reads

Albie (St Francis) our DIAMOND READER who has reached 150 reads

Heidi & Harry S. (St Therese), Jacob (St Elizabeth) and Isla (St Joseph) our SUPER READERS who have reached 250 reads.

Birthdays



Happy birthday to those celebrating during the summer holiday.

Eliana & Ada (St Francis)

Katarina, Elsiada, Kamila, Oscar & Vince (St Therese)

Jack, Freya F., Ottilie, Joshua, Isabella & Honey (St Elizabeth)

Joshua, Ellie, Natalia, Ava-Joy, Alicia & Georgina (St Bernadette)

Hannah & Isabelle (St Joseph) Finley, Florence V. & Fred (St Anthony)

Morten, Eden & Jacob (St Peter)

And Mrs Irons and Mrs Wayman

Before School Club and After School club

Both clubs will commence week beginning Monday 14th September.

Before school club 7.30am – start of school day ~ £3.50

(please note that breakfast will not be served initially. We will be reviewing this once we return in September and can make judgements based on the guidance produced in September.)

After school club from finish of school day:

until 4.45pm ~ half session £7.00

until 6.00pm ~ full session £10.00

(the children will need to bring a 'packed tea' with them which we can refrigerate)

It is imperative that you book any sessions at least 24 hours in advance as we will be unable to accommodate children that have not been booked in. We accept childcare vouchers. Further information can be obtained from Mrs O'Shea.

As there is a high demand and places are limited, we encourage parents to book as early as possible. Sessions are now available to book via WisePay up to 18th December 2020.

CoolMilk

We are unable, at the moment, to resume delivery of milk in September. Please do not make any payments for the Autumn term. We will keep you updated as to when we can restart milk for the children.

September Uniform

Just a note to remind parents that the children can return to school in their summer uniforms (polo shirts and red checked dresses) or their winter uniform, including ties (except for

Reception class). On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear any jewellery in our school. If your child wishes to have his/her ear(s) pierced, we ask that this be carried out at the beginning of the summer holiday, so that the healing process is complete by the time school starts again in September and the ear stud can be removed. We do not permit children to have extreme haircuts or colouring that could serve as a distraction to other children. This is in line with our uniform policy. Thank you in advance for your support.

Infant Meals

At present, we will be continuing with Infant Free School meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Parents will be able to order for week beginning Monday 7th September, from the end of August. You will receive a message informing you when the link is active around 24th August.

Have a wonderful summer holiday, see you all on either 3rd or 4th,
and then back full time from the 7th September ~I can't wait!

Much love and God bless,

Mrs Delgado

SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY – TUESDAY 1 ST SEPTEMBER 2020	
Wednesday 2 nd September	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Thursday 3 rd September	Welcome back session for Team Thursday (morning session & lunch)
Friday 4 th September	Welcome back session for Team Friday (morning session and lunch)
Monday 7 th September	First Day of Autumn Term 2020 for all children