



# 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,



## Dates for your diary ~ March

w/b Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair week Big Pedal starts Bling your bike and Soup up your scooter
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup>	KS2 Hot Cross Run @ St Thomas More Reception Class & Parents road safety walk
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 5 Victorian Day
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Reception Class Assembly 9.00am



## St. George's School

### Annual Fun Run

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017

Start Line: Sealife centre, Southend.

Route: Along the Seafront.

Finish Line: Uncle Tom's Cabin, Thorpe bay.



We will be joining Sacred Heart this year,

starting 15 minutes after them. For that reason, we ask that the children wear a predominately white t-shirt so that we can spot you all and can also identify our year group winners.

There is no entry fee, but we ask that individuals are sponsored by family and friends with all money raised going towards PTA funds. Once you have filled in the entry form please return it to the office. Sponsor forms will be handed out once you have confirmed that you are taking part.



## Big Pedal 2017



Get set... we're taking part in The Big Pedal 2017, the UK's largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school. The challenge runs from **20th to 31st March**. It's free to enter and we would love everyone to be involved. On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling or scooting to school. We'll be competing against other schools right across the UK, and if we clock up the most bike and scooter journeys we'll win!

### Why we're taking part

It's a great way to get more of our pupils travelling to school on their bikes and scooters. We will be competing to become one of the UK's top schools for two-wheeled journeys and will be in with a chance to win prizes including bike and scooter stunt shows and fantastic cycle and scooter storage. All you need to do is encourage your child(ren) to cycle or scoot to school every day during the event, and join them on their way – parent and sibling journeys count too! We will be having a **Dress Your Bike or Scooter day ! on the 27<sup>th</sup> March** where children will win prizes for originality and creativity. For more information about the event go to [www.bigpedal.org.uk](http://www.bigpedal.org.uk). Please get in touch if you have any questions and enjoy the ride!

### Football Match

The boys certainly finished last week off in style! They won their match against St Helen's 6-0 and were outstanding in their performance and team work. They have three matches left to play so I look forward to sharing their results with our school community.

### Netball Match

On Tuesday our netball team played Alleyn Court in their first league game. Although they didn't win, I know they played with spirit, determination and of course team work, something that all the children of St George's consider to be the most important part when participating in an event. Well done girls we are very proud of you.

**Anna, Poppy, Emily, Hannah, Charlotte, Aimee, Adele & Emily**

### Book Fair Week 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> March

Our annual Book Fair is on after school every day next week from 3.15pm-4.00pm in the Community Suite. Hopefully your child had bought home a book fair leaflet giving you a taste of what will be available. Come and support the school and raise funds to help buy new books for our school library. If you haven't already used your £1 book token it can be used at the Book Fair.

### Parent Consultations

Thank you to all the parents who attended parent consultations this week. Mrs Wallen will be rescheduling her appointments for reception parents. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the teaching staff for their hard work during the last week. You definitely deserve the weekend off!

## Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated a birthday this week

Florence I (St Francis)  
Samuel & Oliver (St Therese)  
Aidan (St Joseph)



## Head Teacher's Award

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

Joseph (St Francis) ~ for enthusiasm in all areas, especially in art

Cillian (St Therese) ~ for always having a focused, motivated attitude in lessons

Alvin (St Elizabeth) ~ for excellent perseverance with his poetry this week

Monty (St Bernadette) ~ for excellent progress in all areas of English. Keep it up!

Oliver B. (St Joseph) ~ for creating appropriate questions and being reflective during practical science work this week

Maddie (St Anthony) ~ for reflecting on her successes this week; she has shown perseverance and responsibility.

Emma (St Peter) ~ for working with independence and perseverance in all subjects and for setting a wonderful example for others to follow

## Sports Awards

Congratulations to this week's winners.

Most Improved ~ Anna (St Peter) Sports Performer ~ Poppy (St Peter)

## Reading Awards

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

Lexi & Holly (St Bernadette)

Maddie (St Anthony)

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

Holly (St Bernadette)

Alex, Oliver, Rose, Hugh and Christian (St Anthony)

....and our gold winners

Jamie (St Francis)

Julia (St Therese)

Edward & Casey (St Elizabeth)

Catherine (St Joseph)

## Art Workshops by Kieren Reed

On Thursday, the remainder of the children were lucky enough to work with Kieren Reed, the Head of Sculpture at The Slade School of Art in London. The children thoroughly enjoyed their sessions with him. We are now moving towards the next stage of the project which will see the children developing their own structure.

## Summer Uniform

We will be changing from our winter uniform to our summer uniform on the first day back after the Easter holidays, 18<sup>th</sup> April. I have outlined the expected uniform below.

- Polo t-shirts and summer dresses are now available to purchase from the school via WisePay
- Or
- You can order a school polo top from Tesco, with the school's badge embroidered onto it.

You will need to buy directly from Tesco Online using our unique school information. The cost of these polo shirts will be £4.50 (3-12yrs) or £5.00 (12 - 16yrs) with free p&p.

1. Go to <http://www.clothingattesco.com/icat/embschoolwear>
2. Type in the school postcode SS3 9RN
3. Click on 'St George's'
4. Follow the ordering process

Please be aware that the quality of the polo shirts from Tesco may differ from the school's polo shirt. The school will accept no responsibility for the quality of the material or the manufacture of these shirts.

❖ You can buy a red and white checked summer dress from any stockist, Asda, Tesco etc.

In order that it is accepted as school uniform, it must:

- be a red and white checked dress ~ no stripes
- have a predominantly white collar
- be a plain design with no extras, such as waist ties, frilled skirt, 'feature' pockets/buttons etc. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Boys	Girls
<u>School</u> polo shirt (white with embroidered badge) *Also available form Tesco Clothing Online	Red and white check summer dress ( <u>with a white collar</u> )*
Grey trousers or shorts	Red, white, navy or black hair band or scrunchie
Grey socks	White socks
Black shoes	Black shoes (no heels or open toe shoes)
<u>School</u> pullover *	<u>School</u> pullover or cardigan *
School reversible fleece jacket* or a <u>plain</u> waterproof outdoor coat (with hood)	School reversible fleece jacket* or a <u>plain</u> waterproof outdoor coat (with hood)
<u>School</u> baseball/summer hat **	<u>School</u> baseball/summer hat **

Items marked \* are available to purchase through school. All other items can be purchased from clothing outlets/supermarkets

\*\* At St George's, we believe that children's safety in the sun is of paramount importance and this includes wearing a sun hat/cap. If a child has misplaced their school cap/hat, we expect any replacements to be plain with no bold, fashion logos. Red is the preferred colour as it enables us to easily identify the children walking to church, sports events etc.

Plain means no bold logos, slogans, brand names, inappropriate symbols etc.

## Bookbags

Recently there have been a number of large rucksacks coming into school which is causing a problem in the cloakroom areas. After speaking with the infant staff about what is needed to be brought to school on a daily basis, there is no need for children to bring anything other than the school book bag which can easily accommodate reading books, homework and sunhats (obviously if it is a swimming day, an additional bag is needed). As the children move up into the juniors, years 3 & 4 can continue with their book bags, or use a small bag/rucksack if preferred. Years 5 & 6 have their own lockers, therefore bag size is not an issue. Thank you in advance for your support.

## **Child car seat checking day (FREE).**

It was recently reported in the press that it is estimated up to 70% of child car seats are not fitted correctly or are not compatible with the vehicle they are being used in. Southend Council's Road Safety Team has arranged a child car seat checking day on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2107 in Sainsbury's car park in Southend (SS1 1PL). Parents and guardians can come along any time between 11am and 4pm (there is no need to book) and have the fitting of the seat in their car checked for FREE. The checking will be done by a car seat specialist who will also be able to give advice about the safe carriage of children in cars and vans. Any child under the age of 12 years and less than 135cm tall, by law, when travelling in a car or van MUST be sitting on an appropriate child seat. Additional information is available from the [Safer Essex Roads Partnership](#) and [Good Egg Car Safety](#).

## BCCS

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is hosting an evening of classical music in the beautiful surroundings of Ingatestone Hall on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. Come and enjoy an exciting and varied programme with three professional musicians singing duets from some of the best known operas. Tickets are £25 and include prosecco and nibbles. For tickets or further information, please call Libby Phillips on 01268 784544 or email [lphillips@bccs.org.uk](mailto:lphillips@bccs.org.uk)

## Prayers

Please remember all in the community who need our prayers

God bless,

*Mrs Delgado*