

St George's School News



WELCOME BACK

Dear Parents,

The children have had a good start to the New Term and have settled back to school routines. Father John celebrated Mass with us to welcome the New Year and consider new beginnings. Reception classes came to whole school Mass for the first time and they impressed us all with their exemplary behaviour.

New Year is a great opportunity to fulfill our aspirations. Key objectives for us as a school this year are:

- **RE: Develop opportunities for learning at greater depth in all classes.**
- **Raise standards in Reading with particular focus on KS1 attainment.**
- **The school curriculum: Continue to refine the curriculum, assessment system and quality of provision to ensure & promote high levels of attainment and progress for all pupils**
- **Introduce and implement ideas and practices to develop outdoor learning so that the external school environment is utilised to maximum impact, for high quality of education for pupils.**

I want to take this opportunity to extend my thanks and appreciation to you all; children, parents and staff, for the accomplishments and achievements of last year. I look forward to sustaining and building upon our strong home/school relationship as we continue to work together in 2020.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'D Monaghan'.

Mrs Deirdre Monaghan

Headteacher



“Jesus teaches us to be meek, simple, respectful”

TATE GALLERY

The children in the current year 4 took part in the Tate Gallery project when they were in year 3. The Turner prize winner and Oscar winning film maker Steve McQueen invited every year 3 class in London to have their photograph taken. These class pictures are now on display at the gallery (in total over 76,000 children) and our year 3 classes can be seen in section 24.



The children in year 4 will be visiting the Tate Gallery on Monday 10 February as part of this project

CHANGE OF MAY DAY REMINDER

The Government has announced that the early May bank holiday in 2020 will move from Monday 4 May to **Friday 8 May 2020** in order to mark the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day.

FOR YOUR DIARY

CALENDAR DATES—Autumn Term 2020

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Children return to school Thursday 03 September

Half Term Monday 26—Friday 30 October

Last Day Friday 18 December

MORNING START TIMES

The school gates to both the infant and junior classes close every morning at **8.55am**. All children should be in school before this for a punctual start. The gates open at 8.40am

2021-2022 ADMISSIONS

Thank you to those parents who responded to the proposed changes to the admission arrangements for 2021-2022. The consultation period has now closed.

AMAZON SMILE

Do you shop on Amazon? If you do, from today, you can now shop on Amazon Smile and support the school at the same time! Amazon Smile has the same goods, at the same prices as the Amazon that you know and love, but for every purchase made through Amazon Smile, Amazon will make a donation to St George's Catholic Primary School PSA.

At a time when budgets are being cut by government, your support has never been more important to us. Please help us raise much needed funds by shopping through this link for Amazon.

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Thank you for your continued support.



ACTIVE LIFESTYLE



At St George's, we are committed to helping children live a healthy, active lifestyle. Recent government research has shown a rising level of childhood obesity and inactivity across the UK, which we feel it is important to tackle. The current government recommendation is that children and young people do an hour of physical activity every day. As part of this, the '**Active 30:30**' programme was launched, encouraging schools to provide an *additional* 30 minutes of exercise a day and parents/carers to do 30 minutes a day with their children.



4 IN 5 YOUNG PEOPLE
are not active enough for
maintaining good health

This term, look out for updates on our website where you will find information on what we are doing in school to provide physical opportunities for your children as well as top tips on how to promote a healthy lifestyle at home to ensure your child is achieving their 60 minutes of daily activity. Here's to an active, healthy 2020!

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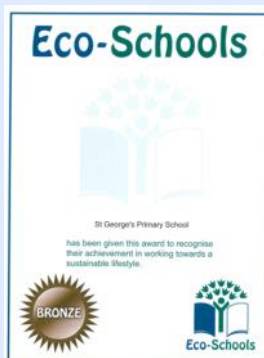
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ECO SCHOOL BRONZE AWARD



Congratulations to the School Council for achieving the Eco Schools Bronze Award. They worked hard to evaluate how eco-friendly St George's is currently and have devised an action plan to lead us to a more sustainable future.

"We must never forget that the natural environment is a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone." (Pope Francis)

REMINDERS

Please label all items of school uniform as we are still finding jumpers, cardigans etc without any name. This makes it very difficult to return lost uniform to the correct child. If you need to order name labels, we have these in the front reception area and all orders will generate a donation to the school.

APPOINTMENTS

If your child has a hospital appointment, please bring copy of letter to the school office in advance of the date.

Pupil's Corner

OUR EXPERIENCE AT THE CATHOLIC WORKER FARM

When the Pupil Chaplains visited the Catholic Worker Farm on Thursday, we saw they provided accommodation, food and English lessons to those who are not British citizens or those who have just fled from another country.

Every August in the Catholic Worker Farm, they organise a big event for all the women there. At the moment there is a total of eight women living in one house. On our journey there, we provided the women with toiletries, tinned tomatoes and cleaning products which will improve the women's daily lives.

Right now there are no children living there but sometimes there are.

The farm helps women organise their lives and get jobs. It was a wonderful experience to visit the Catholic Worker Farm and we hope to go back and visit in the near future.

Zoe Gyamfi 6W



GYM COMPETITION

On the 16th of January 2020, the year 5 and 6 gym teams competed at Norbury school for the borough finals.

The year 6 team came 3rd with Jack getting an individual medal.

A huge well done to the children and Shelly their gym teacher. They all worked very hard.



Social Dance

Friday 24th January 2020

8.00pm till Late

St Georges Hall

St Andrews Avenue Sudbury HA0 2QE

Music by

Slim Attraction

In aid of Parish funds

Raffle & Bar

£7.00 on the door.

Contact Patsy

07533587348

THANK YOU

Thank you for your good wishes, cards and gifts to staff at Christmas

JANUARY

Tue 21— Yr 1 phonics workshop at 9.10am.
Tue 22—Class 6E attending parish Mass—9.30am
Tue 28—School Council visiting Sacred Heart Language College
Fri 31—Morning Mass at 8.30am—all families welcome

FEBRUARY

Mon 03— Reception & Yr 6 Height and Weight check. 1.15pm class 1Y visiting church
Tue 04—Pupil chaplains meet with Fr John
Thu 06—Class 6W attending parish Mass at 9.30am. Drugs Awareness workshop – yr 6
Fri 07—1.15pm class 1T visiting church
Mon 10—Cyber Wise workshops—yrs 3-6. Yr 4 visiting the Tate Gallery.
Tue 11— Cyber Wise workshops - yrs 3-6. Arts award children visit Ryan Theatre pm. Parents' Evening .
Wed 12—Class 2GO Valentine Assembly at 9.05am
Thu 13—Parents' Evening

Mon 17—Fri 21—Half Term

Wed 26— Ash Wednesday Service led by 5G
Thu 27—Vision screening for reception children. 5R Class assembly at 9.05am
Fri 28—Yoga starting for yr 6

MARCH

Mon 02—Reconciliation Service for yr 3
Tue 03—Class 2O Reading workshops in small hall at 9.00am
Wed 04—Class 2GO Reading workshops in small hall at 9.00am
Fri 06—Morning Mass at 8.30am—all families welcome
Mon 09—Reconciliation Service for yr 4
Wed 11—St Patrick's Day Assembly led by 4T
Mon 16—Yr 4 Bikeability training level 1. Reconciliation Service for yr 5
Tue 17—Class 4C attending parish Mass at 9.30am.
Wed 18—Mother's Day Assembly led by 1Y.
Mon 23—Yr 5 Bikeability training—3 days. Reconciliation service for yr 6
Wed 25—Sacrifices Assembly led by 3V

APRIL

Fri 03—Last day of term

On the last day of each term, children finish at the following times:

1.45pm Reception, 1.50pm Yrs 1 and 2
2.00pm Yrs 3-6
4.45pm After School Club

HEADTEACHER'S DROP IN SESSION—EVERY FRIDAY AT 2.45PM

This is a time when the Headteacher is available if you want to discuss any matters. Mrs Monaghan is also available at other times, if you wish to make an appointment through the school office.

EMAILS AND LETTERS SENT HOME

Supporting your child's learning—yr 2. Football match—those involved, Swimming Survival lesson—5R
Gym competition—those involved After school sports clubs—yrs 1- 6 Ryan Theatre—Arts Award children

Most letters are sent as an attachment via SchoolPing. Please download the app for your smartphone to keep up-to-date with correspondence from the school.