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Newsletter 380 Monday 23rd April 2018—St George's Day



Welcome back to the last and busiest term of the school year – how the time has flown! I hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable break with your families.

It was lovely to see so many of the children in their summer uniform this week but, I appreciate that some children are still wearing winter uniform. We will let you know when all children should make the switch to summer uniforms.

The unseasonably hot weather last week highlighted the importance of sending your child into school with a sun-hat or cap and some sun-screen cream. Older children can apply their sun-screen themselves; younger pupils will need a parent or carer to apply sun-screen before they come to school.

On the last Thursday before the Easter holidays the mixed netball team achieved another success winning 7-5 against Thundersley Primary School and on a beautifully sunny Wednesday afternoon this week they played their final match of the season against Woodham Ley at home and won again with the fantastic score of 11-0. This means that the team are champions of the league and very well deserved! Special thanks must go to Mrs Bewers for her excellent and dedicated training of the team and for all the children who played in the matches.



All the children took part in the Spellathon last Monday. Thank you to everyone who has sent in sponsor money—Miss Furby will use this to purchase much-needed, new reading books for the children. The PGSA have also agreed to make a donation towards the purchase of new books. If you have not returned your sponsor money yet, please do so. Thank you to Miss Furby for organising this event.

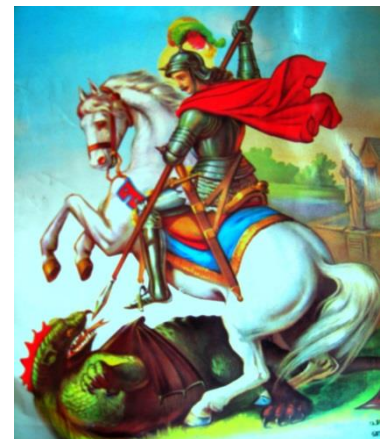
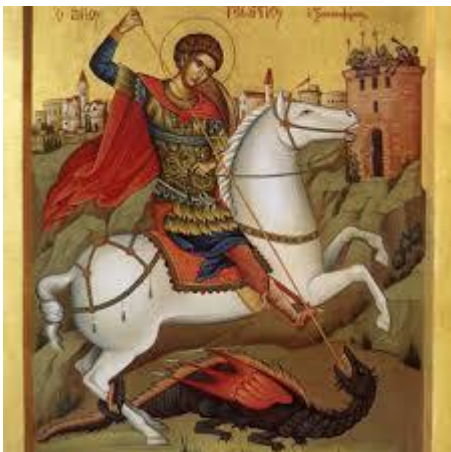
On Wednesday many of our School Governors joined us for the day to experience all aspects of school life and to monitor progress towards our key objectives. The governors were grateful to the parents who took the time to talk to them at the gate before school and on the playground at the end of the school day. Mrs Herridge, our Chair of Governors will be writing to all of you very soon.

On Thursday morning we were treated to a wonderful class assembly by Year 3 on the subject of friendship. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came along to support and encourage the children. Thanks also to Mrs Wall for helping the children to prepare for assembly.

This morning I led a St George's Day assembly. It's important to reflect on the attributes of St George—courage, loyalty and faith. I made sure we had suitably patriotic music from Elgar and we all sang Jerusalem to round things off. I would like to wish you all a very happy and holy St George's Day.

PGSA Thank you to everyone who came along to the meeting at the Bread & Cheese last Monday evening. Those in attendance have some great ideas for events and fundraising activities—however, the PGSA relies on volunteers to help turn ideas into reality. The PGSA adult raffle held before Easter raised £141.10; the children's raffle made £93.57. If you can help in any way with the Campout on 23rd/24th June or the Summer Fete on Saturday 7th July, please leave your details with the ladies in the school office. The next PGSA meeting will be on Monday 21st May at 7.30pm in the Bread & Cheese. All are welcome to attend.

Saint of the week Today was the Feast Day of St George, the Patron Saint of England. George was a soldier who had the courage to fight evil and injustice whenever he encountered them. His reputation grew throughout Europe and it was English soldiers returning from foreign wars who brought back stories and legends about St George—the most famous being the tale that he slayed a dragon. Many believe that the dragon in the story was a symbol of evil and that George was prepared to fight evil no matter how challenging this could be.





Prayer to St George
by Archbishop John Sentamu



Heavenly Father, give us the bravery of St George to stand up for the truth and the glory of God that we have seen in the face of Jesus Christ.

Give us the strength to overcome in our lives and in the world, all that is contrary to your rule of justice and love.

Help us to be good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; let the oppressed go free, and proclaim the good news of God's favour and Jubilee.

Amen

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Attendance Nursery class 90.6% RF 91.5% 1F 99.1% 2T 94.8% 3W 95.8% 4W 94.2% 5LB 96.3% 6F 99.6%. Well done to Year 6 for best attendance during the last week of the summer term.

Mr P. O'Kane

Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 23 rd April	St George's Day
Monday 7 th May	Public Holiday (School Closed)
Tuesday 8 th May	Year 5 Globe Theatre Trip
Monday 14 th May	Beginning of SATs Week
Sunday 20 th May	First Holy Communion, Holy Family Church, Benfleet
Sunday 20 th May	Pentecost Sunday—Birthday of the Church
Monday 21 st May	PGSA Meeting, 7.30pm, Bread & Cheese
Tuesday 22 nd May	Junior Music Festival Rehearsal, Thundersley
Wednesday 23 rd May	KS1 Cross Country—Pentecost Dash, 10.00am, St Teresa's
Thursday 24 th May	Year 5 Shakespeare Performance Day
Friday 25 th May	Crowning of Our Lady, 2.30pm
Sunday 27 th May	Trinity Sunday
Monday 28 th May—Friday 1 st June	Half-term Holiday
Friday 8 th June	School Talent Show
Monday 11 th June	Junior Music Festival, Cliffs Pavilion (Choir)
Sunday 17 th June	Mass of Thanksgiving, First Holy Communicants

Tuesday 19th June

School Sports Morning (Years 1—6)
***Nursery Class and Reception Class will
organise their own Sports Morning—date tbc***

Thursday 21st June

Year 6 Deanery Mass, 11.00am, Our Lady of
Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea

Saturday 23rd June

PGSA Camp out

Tuesday 26th June

Year 1 Class Trip

Tuesday 26th June

Appleton & King John Schools' Year 7 Induction

Wednesday 27th June

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Monday 2nd July

Year 3 Eucharist Day, St Bernard's

Thursday 5th July

Year 7 Induction Day, St Thomas More &
WHSG

Friday 6th July

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Bernard's, WHSG, WHSB, SHSG, SHSB

Friday 6th July

Year 5 Taster Day, King John School

Saturday 7th July

PGSA Summer Fete

Tuesday 10th July

Year 5 Day—St Bernard's & St Thomas More

Wednesday 11th July

KS2 Catholic Sports, St Thomas More, 10.00am

Thursday 12th July

KS1 Catholic Sports, St Joseph's **tbc**

Wednesday 18th July

District Swimming Gala, Runnymede, 9.30am

Thursday 19th July

Leavers' Assembly, 2.30pm

Leavers' Mass, 7.00pm, Holy Family Church