

February 2019 ~ Spring Term

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Punctuality and Attendance news!

SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:50

This term we will be concentrating on PUNCTUALITY and PERSISTENT Absenteeism.

School STARTS at 8:50 and we need to close the school gate promptly so that staff on the gate can be inside ready to teach or lead assemblies.

There are several families who are late nearly every day! Please can you make sure you are at school ON TIME. Your children do not like arriving at school when lessons / assemblies have already started. We will be monitoring this carefully this term. Please let us know if there is any support you require to get your children to school ON TIME.

We are very happy to make referrals for you to our fantastic 'Local Area Team' who can call on any families to support them at home.

We will be starting a new initiative this term to help families whose attendance is poor.

Our attendance manager, Mr Myers, will be phoning you at 8:00 instead of the usual 9:10. We hope that by phoning you early it will assist you in getting your child ready for school.

If your child is not in school, we can't teach them!

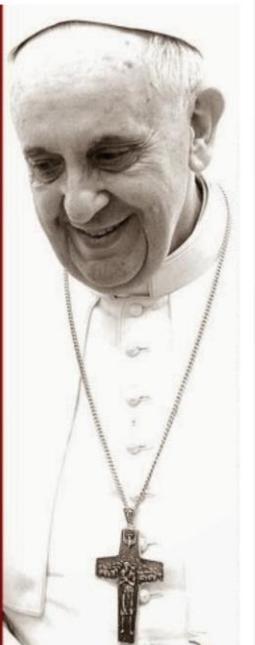
St George's as a Defibrillator Centre

FINALLY!! After lots of hard work behind the scenes we have managed to raise the money to buy a defib for the local community! The defib machine will be fitted on the outside wall to be used by everyone who needs it. We will be holding a special first aid meeting in the summer term for parents and the local community in how to use this life saving device.

£750 was raised by the year 13 Youth team at All Saints RC Secondary and £412 was raised by WAITROSE York!



DEAR YOUNG
PEOPLE,
DO NOT BURY YOUR
TALENTS,
THE GIFTS THAT
GOD
HAS GIVEN YOU!
DO NOT BE AFRAID
TO DREAM OF
GREAT
THINGS!
POPE FRANCIS



NURSERY NEWS!! Reading is the KEY!

It's never too early to start reading to your child – even young babies enjoy being read to! Reading aloud prepares your baby's brain for language. It teaches them about words and sentence formation, and introduces them to concepts like stories, colours, letters and numbers.

Inspiring a love of books is one of the best ways to prepare children for a lifetime of learning and enjoyment through reading. It will bring huge benefits at school and beyond, because being read to early on helps children to understand language, making it MUCH easier for them to learn to read themselves later on. Once your child starts reception, they will be learning to read for themselves, so it's important that they enjoy books and reading stories together as a family.

Making story time part of your daily routine is a great way to make sure that books and reading are a familiar and fun experience for your child. Get them to choose a book to read with you on the sofa or in bed at the end of each day. Encourage them to tell you why they've selected the book, and what they like and dislike about it. If you can, store children's books with the covers facing outwards so that your child becomes familiar with books that they enjoy, and can choose for themselves.

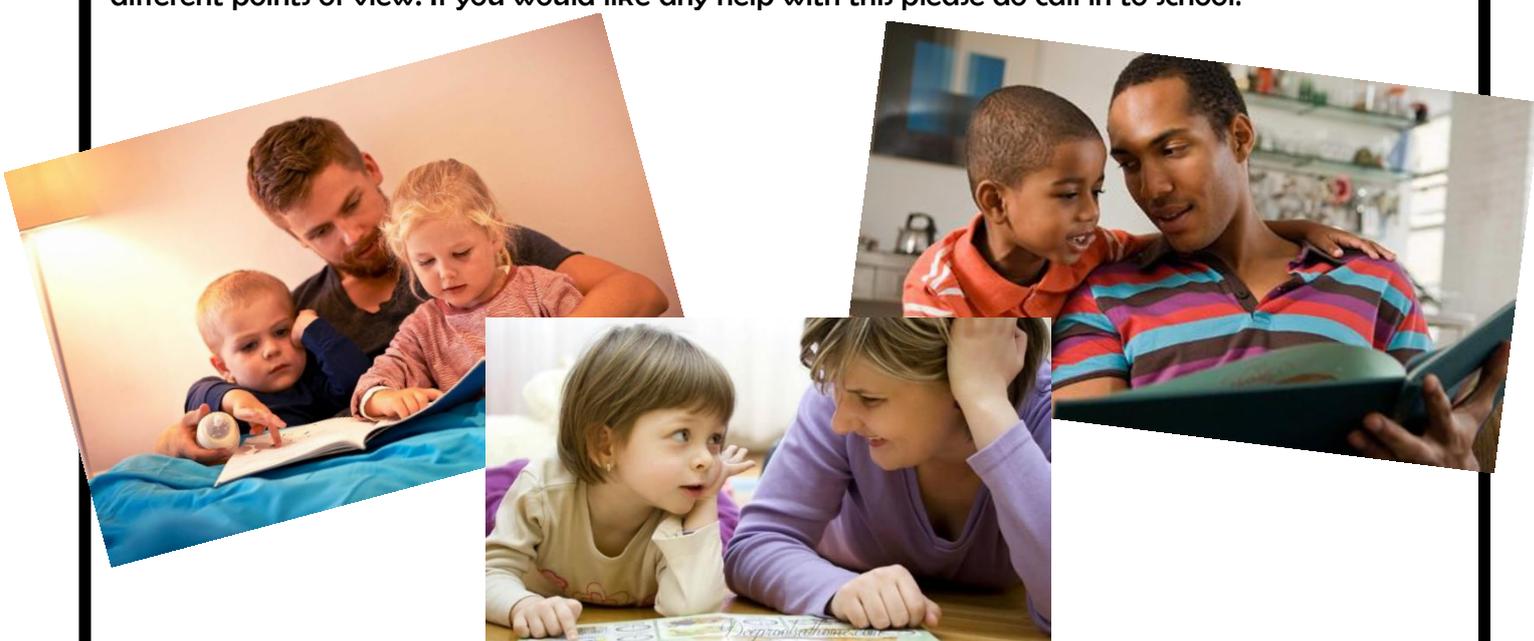
A visit to the local library can be a real treat for children – with the reward of borrowing a book at the end of it. It won't cost you a penny, and they'll love the experience of having their very own library card (which you can also use to borrow story CDs and DVDs). Taking care of a special book (which will eventually be returned) also helps children gain a sense of responsibility.

Be warned – small children do enjoy the repetition and familiarity of reading the same book over and over again. This is perfectly normal, and they will move on to something else eventually!

Starting to read

Before they can read for themselves, encourage your child to 'read' the pictures in their books by asking simple questions about what they can see. Getting the idea that the pictures can contain 'clues' that will help them read the words is essential when children are learning early reading skills at school.

After you've read or listened to a story together, try asking your child about what happened. Retelling a story is great for developing their speaking, listening and memory skills. Asking questions about how the characters might have felt, or how they reacted also helps you child understand different points of view. If you would like any help with this please do call in to school!



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Bishop Terence Patrick Drainey's Visit to School!



We are very excited to announce that Bishop Terry will be visiting school on Wednesday 13th March from 9:00.

Everyone is very welcome to join us for our Wednesday collective worship.

The children will be learning all about the work of the Bishop of Middlesbrough before his visit. The Bishop will be visiting every class so that he can talk to the children and learn all about our special LENT 2019 projects.

MORE NEWS ABOUT LENT 2019 SOON!

Ethos and Beliefs at St George's RC Primary

- Christ is at the Centre of all that we do. We want to keep St George's RC School a place where we endeavour to balance aspirational academic achievement for our children with Christ's teachings of love and respect. We want our children to reach their full potential as learners and always be filled with happiness, love and laughter.
- We will continue to raise our outstanding standards of teaching and learning and we will make sure that EVERY single person at St George's is the best that they can possibly be.
- We will continue to make sure our children are excellent, competent and skilled writers, that they understand that there is always a purpose to writing and that they LOVE to write.
- We will continue to make sure our children are outstanding, fluent and confident readers who LOVE to read and will continue to read for pleasure for the rest of their lives.
- We will continue to make sure that our children are outstanding mathematicians, understand that maths is everywhere, have a lifelong LOVE of maths and an understanding that maths is a VITAL skill for life.
- We will continue to offer an exciting, broad and creative curriculum so that our children always have access to music, arts, design technology, cookery, gardening, sculpture, Italian, painting, local visits, computing, coding and sports.

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