



ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*Let it be known to all who enter here, that Christ is the reason for this school,
the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes,
the model for its children, the inspiration for its staff.*

*We aim to be a Christian community and witnesses to Christ,
where all can experience and grow in Christian love
through God's word and the gifts of His sacraments,
and through prayer and personal example.*



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back ~ I hope that you all enjoyed the Easter holiday and are ready for the final term! The children looked very smart returning to school this week dressed in their summer uniform. Please can you make sure your child's uniform is clearly named, including the red jackets, to avoid unnecessary expense replacing lost items. We also ask that as the weather gets warmer, and the sun more frequent, can you please ensure that your child comes to school with a water bottle and a sun hat. We have school hats and caps for sale at the office.

Starting with an apology.....

Last term, we celebrated the great achievements of our cross country team who performed so well at the Hot Cross Run. However, I missed one of the children off the role of honour. Joshua (St Anthony) was part of the year 5 boys team and put his heart and soul into his run. Thank you for representing the school, Josh, and my apologies for my mistake.

Fun Run ~ Get involved!

The Fun Run takes place on Saturday 23rd April, our feast day! What better way to kick off the celebrations than with a whole school Fun Run. It is also the day before the London Marathon, so you can sit and watch Sunday's events, feeling good that you completed the school's mini marathon! It's still not too late to sign up, if you haven't already, with forms available at the office. Parents are warmly invited to walk, jog or run with their children, to encourage them and to share the experience. There will be medals for all sponsored participants and trophies for the fastest girl and boy in each year group. Mrs Cann is still looking for marshals to line the route, both for safety and to encourage the runners. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Dates for your diary



April

Mon 18 th	First Holy Communion Session for all children 4-5pm at St George's Church
Wed 20 th	Class & team Photos
Thu 21 st	Non uniform day for ST MARGARET CLITHEROW house. Don't forget the little splash of BLUE!
Fri 22 nd	Swimming starts for years 1,2 & 6
Sat 23 rd	ST GEORGE'S FUN RUN

Holiday Success

During the Easter holidays, two children from St Joseph's class gained recognition for their achievements.

Daisy, who is a keen (and very good!) cheerleader was awarded 2nd place in the Super Regional Championship 2016. She then went on to gain 1st place in the British Cheerleading Association Grand Championships.

Grace entered the Great Woking Spring Festival, where she had to decorate a cake, compose a poem about Spring and if that wasn't enough, she also made some ginger chocolate. She was awarded 2nd place for her poem and 1st place for her cake. The cake was so magnificent, it was bestowed with the title 'Best in Show' and Grace was awarded the great Woking Spring Cup. Well done girls, we are very proud of both of you.

Beginning of the School Day

At St George's we see every minute of the school day as valuable learning time. Before lessons start at 9.00am, the children complete early morning work. These tasks are a highly effective way to revisit learning, to challenge children's thinking and enable opportunities to apply learned skills. In order that the children gain the most from this opportunity, we will be changing the personnel at the early morning gate. The teachers will now remain in class to personally greet the children, hear their news and immediately support their learning. They will be replaced by the class LSA who will take any messages or necessary information. I will be on the playground if there is anything that needs to be discussed which is of a sensitive nature. As ever, the teachers will be available at the end of the school day, or for more confidential issues, appointments can still be made through the office.

St George's Day

Next Friday, 22nd April, we will be celebrating St George's Day. Due to Father Brett being away and swimming beginning next Friday, we will have an assembly with the children in school and then an afternoon of activities to celebrate our patron saint. We will make sure there are plenty of photographs on the website!



Head Teacher's Award

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

Isabelle (St Francis) ~ for making a fantastic start to the Summer term

Ella (St Therese) ~ for giving 100% to all areas of learning

Charlie (St Elizabeth) ~ for fabulous effort in all his work this week. Keep it up!

Murphy (St Bernadette) ~ for setting an excellent example of good behaviour and working hard at all times.

Gabriel (St Joseph) ~ for a positive and enthusiastic attitude in all areas of the curriculum

Poppy (St Anthony) ~ for working with enthusiasm in all areas of her school work

Abigail (St Peter) ~ for being a fantastic role model with regards to both behaviour and attitude towards learning

Netball League Success

'Yesterday we played our league matches for this season. Our first match was against Friars and we played magnificently, winning 3-0. The second was against Thorpe Hall, and whilst we lost 3-1, we still played amazingly well. We stayed strong and went into our final match against Hamstel, it was an excellent team effort and we won 4-3. We are very happy with our efforts and pleased that we made our school proud. Thank you to Miss Norris for training us.'

Sophie (St Peter)

It has been a pleasure to watch this group of girls grow in skill and confidence. These excellent results put us at the top of our league for this season. Well done girls, we are very proud of you.

Imani, Imogen, Sophie, Rachel, Millie O'D, Bonnie, Hannah & Abigail.

Sports Awards

Congratulations to this week's winners who were voted for by the netball team

Most Improved ~ Sophie (St Peter) Sports Performers ~ Imani & Millie O'D (St Peter)

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated a birthday this week

Charlie (St Francis)

Jason (St Therese)

Richard & Regan (St Elizabeth)

Bayley (St Bernadette)

Mrs Parascandolo & Mrs Sayer



Reading Awards

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

Gabriel (St Therese)

Poppy & Mina (St Anthony)

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

Logan, Ernie, Nate, Harry L., Elicia & Natasha (St Francis)

Gabriel & Ella (St Bernadette)

Gabriel, Oliver, Alex & India (St Joseph)

Isabella & Jessica (St Anthony)

...our gold winners who have reached 150 reads

Charles, Hannah & Harry C. (St Francis)

Florence, Casey, Brianna & Alvin (St Therese)

Marley, Lexi-Rose & Nadia (St Elizabeth)

Grace & Daisy (St Joseph)

Francesca (St Anthony)

Millie O'H (St Peter)

...and our diamond award winners who have been rewarded for 200 reads

Isis, William & Samuel (St Francis)

Kyrea, Edward, Natalia & Sophia (St Therese)

Amelie, James & Eden (St Elizabeth)

Louie & Todd (St Joseph)

Celebration Day 2016 ~ Friday 24th June 2016

Annually, we come together as a community to celebrate the achievements of our amazing children. We have decided to slightly change the format of the day this year to further enhance our celebration of the children. What has not changed is our welcome to ALL family members. Although there is no Mass within the new format, we ensure that there are regular opportunities to celebrate Mass throughout the year; class masses, end of term, Leavers Mass and holy days of obligation. We have decided to shorten the lunch time to dedicate as much time as possible to the children. The day's timetable is below.

Time	Event	Notes
8.45-9am	Children arrive at school as usual	Parents can then make their way to Shoebury Park for Sports Morning
9.30-11.00am	Sports Morning	Children are encouraged to wear a coloured t-shirt which indicates their house team. If this is not possible, they can wear their P.E. kit.
11.00-11.45am	Open Morning ~ celebration of children's work	Parents can collect their children from class/classes with their tray to look at the year's work. We expect that children are with their parents at this time.
11.45am	Children return to class with their trays	Parents can find a place in the school grounds where they can eat their lunch.
12-12.30pm	Shared Picnic Lunch	Children find their parents and remain with them to have their lunch during this time.
12.30pm	Children return to class to prepare for afternoon performance	Parents to finish lunch. KS1 parents to come into the hall for infant musical performance. Key stage 2 parents can remain outside until 1.10pm.
12.45-1.10pm	KS1 musical performance	Parents of KS1 children are invited.
1.15-2.15pm	Wider opportunities concert Yr3 ~ recorder, Yr 4 ~ violin, Yr 5 ~ ukulele & Yr 6 ~ brass	Parents of KS2 children are invited.
2.15 - 3.15	Individual performance by peripatetic music group	Parents of children who have peripatetic lesson are invited.

Clubs ~ Summer Term

The list of clubs for this term is attached. Please complete the application form and return it to school by Wednesday 20th April. We will be able to let children know which clubs they will be attending next week and all clubs will begin from 25th April. The number and range of clubs on offer is due to the commitment of our teachers and I thank them for their support. Attendance at an after school club will continue to be dependent on good behaviour both at school and during the club that they attend. Please ensure that children are collected from clubs promptly.

100% attendance

Congratulations to Year 6 who had 100% attendance this week.

Charlie Brown Colouring Competition

From the 24th to the 28th May The Players Theatre Company are performing "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown -The Broadway Musical" at the The Dixon Studio in Westcliff.

This is a fun family friendly production and to encourage younger theatre-goers we are running a colouring competition with show tickets, a photo call with the cast and the chance for your art work to be used in our programme as prizes.

The Entry Form is on The Players Theatre Company's Facebook page. All you have to do is print a copy off, create a masterpiece, then either drop it in at The Palace Theatre Box Office or scan/take a pic of your entry and email or message it to them! Closing date is Monday 9th May Good Luck!

Rainbows

St George's School is an official RAINBOWS site. This means that we offer weekly support groups for our children who are going through painful transitions. Even though death, divorce or other loss issues appear to be only grown-up problems, they have a profound effect on the children who are touched by such experiences. If a parent dies or a divorce happens or a painful loss occurs, not only do the parents grieve, the children do also. Children may find it extremely difficult to verbalise their feelings of grief because of their age and inexperience. We are fortunate to have sensitive, caring, and trained adults who will help these children put their feelings into words, work through their grief, build a stronger sense of self-esteem, and begin to accept what has taken place in the family. If your child is struggling through a painful experience, and you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Norris or your child's classteacher.



Prayers



Please remember all in our community who need your prayers at this time.
God Bless,

Miss Norris

After school Clubs ~ Summer Term 2016

DAY		CLUB	TEACHER	YEAR GROUP	Time	I would like to attend
Monday	1	Chess (16)	Mrs Howell	KS2	Lunchtime	
	2	KS2 Athletics (45)	External provider Miss Norris Mr Dye	KS2	3.15 - 4.15	
Tuesday	3	Art (15)	Mrs Lawrence	Yr 1 & 2	Lunchtime	
	4	Dance Club (15)	Mrs Beales	Yr 1 & 2	Lunchtime	
	5	STEPS AHEAD	External provider	Yr 3-6	3.15 - 5.00	
	6	Team Building & Problem Solving (16)	Miss Reed	Yr 1 & 2	3.15 - 4.15	
	7	Gardening Club (10)	Mrs Ellegard	Yr 3-6	3.15 - 4.15	
Wednesday	7	11+ Familiarisation	Mr Sims	Yr 5	8.00 - 8.40	
	8	Rounders (16)	Mrs Arnold Mrs Philips	Yr 5&6	Lunchtime	
	9	French (15)	Mrs Archer-Zeff	Yrs 2 & 3	Lunchtime	
	10	Maths (20)	Mrs Wallen Mrs Williams	Yr 2	3.15 - 4.15	
Thursday	11	Choir	Mrs Sayer	KS2	Lunchtime	
	12	Sketching (10)	Mrs Gillett	Yr 6	Lunchtime	

Please use form for all siblings

Name of child/children	
Class	

Forms must be returned by 3.30pm on Wednesday 20th April 2016

All clubs have a maximum number of children we can accommodate, (in brackets), so children may not gain places at all chosen clubs.

