



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,

Sat 4 th	Youth Mass 6pm @ St George's Church
Tue 7 th	Open morning for Reception 2018 parents Year 2 Class Celebration – 2.00pm
Thu 9 th	Deanery Football & Netball Tournament
Fri 10 th	Remembrance Assembly 10.40am – everyone welcome
Sat 11 th	Parish Firework Night – 7.30pm
Tue 14 th	Year 4 Class Mass ~ 2pm in school
Wed 15 th	Open morning for Reception 2018 parents
Thu 16 th	Individual and family photos
Fri 17 th	Children In Need Day ~ Pjamas or Onesies for Pudsey
Sun 19 th	First Holy Communion 2018 Calling Mass 10.45am St George's Church
Mon 20 th	Non uniform Day ~ Donations for the Christmas Fayre please Infant children ~ jar of sweets and junior children ~ bottle of drink
Tues 21 st	Year 5 Class Mass – 2pm
Thurs 23 rd	Year 3 Class Assembly – 9.00am
Sat 25 th	Christmas Fayre
Tue 28 th	Year 3 Class Celebration ~ 2pm
Thu 30 th	Year 4 Class Assembly ~ 9.00am

All Saints Day



On Wednesday we celebrated All Saints Day. It was wonderful to join with our parish at church on this special feast day. My thanks goes to Mrs Wallen for organising the Mass, Mrs Rees for the music and Father Brett for reminding us that we can all be saints!



Out of this world!

Yesterday year 5 visited the Planetarium in Southend as part of their topic 'Earth & Space'. The children enjoyed their morning and learnt a great deal.

It was very dark! We watched the stars and they were beautiful, we felt like we were in space. We learnt about the big dipper constellation in the sky and if you follow it, you will find the North Star that never moves in the sky!

Charlotte Rainbow

Thank you to Miss Rusz and helpers for organising the visit and supporting the children.

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated this week:

Lily (St Joseph), **Jacob S.** (St Therese) & **Charles** (St Elizabeth)

Head Teachers Awards

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

Ellie ~ (St Francis) ~ for focus and imagination in class activities.

Conor ~ (St Therese) ~ for impressing us all with his responsible behaviour. He's looking incredibly smart and has tried very hard to stay focused and enthusiastic. Great job!

Ernie ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for always being focused on his work and having a mature and independent approach.

Harley ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for his enthusiastic contribution in class discussions and answering so well during the All Saints Mass.

Jacob ~ (St Joseph) ~ for a great first week back; eager to learn and keen to improve. Keep it up Jacob!

Ewan ~ (St Anthony) ~ for whole-heartedly participating in all aspects of learning. His knowledge of space impressed Wendy during our visit to the Planetarium. Well done Ewan!

Rose ~ (St Peter) ~ for being the most amazing example to others. She is kind, helpful, focused and has an obvious love of learning. Well done!

Friends of St George's

The joint school and parish Christmas Fayre is only 3 weeks away now. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please leave them in the office area. There will be a NON-UNIFORM DAY on MONDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2017 and we ask that if your child would like to participate they bring a jar of sweets (year R, 1 & 2) or a bottle (years 3,4,5 & 6).

Also, we would be very grateful for any donations of any Christmas decorations for the event ~ a way to really get into the Christmas mood! Thank you in advance for your support.

Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 6 who have 100% attendance for the THIRD week running! What an achievement! I wonder how long they can keep it going? Well done to all of you.

Artist of the Month

Congratulations to **Scarlett** (St Elizabeth) who has been named as November's Artist of the Month. You can see her picture displayed in the office area.

Bronze reading Awards

This week we handed out the first of our bronze reading award certificates of the year to children who have read 50 times at home. Congratulations to:

Thomas, Florence & Georgina (St Therese)
Charles, Hannah, Harry C., Samuel & Isis (St Elizabeth)
Kyrea, Sophia, Alvin, Fred & M'Meli (St Bernadette)
Emily, Eliana, Eden, Joseph & Amelie (St Joseph)
Adele (St Anthony)

Operation Christmas Child

Well done to Lily (St Joseph) and Rose (St Peter) for returning the first shoe boxes. Lets hope these are the first of many.



Operation Christmas Child is a charity that St. George's supports every year and one that our children enjoy very much. Please support this worthwhile charity if you can, returning your shoe boxes no later than **9.00am on Tuesday 28th November**. If you are unable to fill a shoe box but would like to donate a couple of items we will happily fill some extra boxes in school. We also have some spare leaflets in the office if you need any more. We still have some empty boxes in the office if you would like one. Alternatively you can cover your own shoe box.

Open mornings for Reception 2018

We will be holding information sessions for parents who are thinking of applying for a place for their child in September 2018. Each session will take place from 9.30~10.30am.

Tuesday 7th November

Wednesday 15th November

Please ring the school office (01702 293522) to make an appointment.

Swimming

This year we are trialling taking only 4 classes swimming, year 2-5, instead of the usual whole school. The decision was made based on many factors, which included the cost to parents, cost to the school and time taken out of an already very packed curriculum. The government guidelines are that all schools must provide swimming instruction either in key stage 1 or key stage 2, with pupils being taught to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres, using a range of strokes, e.g. front crawl and backstroke/breaststroke and perform safe self-rescue. As we are a seaside town, we feel it is vital that the children have these skills, balanced with affordability for parents. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

RAINBOWS

If your child is struggling through a painful experience, and you would like any further information on how we could support them, through group mediation, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Delgado or your child's class teacher.



Prayers



Please remember all in our community.

God Bless,

Mrs Delgado

Diary Dates

Saturday 4 th November	Youth Mass 6pm @ St George's Church
Tuesday 7 th November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2018 9.30am
	Year 2 Class Celebration @ 2pm in school
Friday 10 th November	Remembrance Assembly led by Year 6 @ 10.40am ~ Everyone is welcome
Tuesday 14 th November	Year 4 Class Mass @ 2pm in school
Wednesday 15 th November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2018 9.30am
Friday 17 th November	Children In Need Day 2017 ~ more details to follow
Sunday 19 th November	FHC Calling Mass 10.45am @ St George's Church
Tuesday 21 st November	Year 5 Class Mass @ 2pm in school
Thursday 23 rd November	Year 3 Class Assembly 9am
Tuesday 28 th November	Year 3 Class Mass
Thursday 30 th November	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
Saturday 2 nd December	Youth Mass 6pm @ St George's Church
w/b Monday 4 th December	Last week of after school clubs
Thursday 7 th December	Year 6 trip to Harry Potter World
Monday 11 th December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance 2pm
Tuesday 12 th December	Year R Nativity 9.30am
	Year 1 & 2 Performance 7pm (No siblings below secondary age)
Wednesday 13 th December	Year R Nativity 9.30am
	Carol Concert 7pm at St George's Church
Monday 18 th December	Non uniform day for winning house team for Autumn Term ~ TBA!
Tuesday 19 th December	Children's Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of Autumn Term ~ Mass @ 2pm in school
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY THURSDAY 21st DECEMBER – TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY 2018 Christmas Eve Children's Mass ~ Sunday 24th December 6pm @ St George's Church	
Wednesday 3 rd January	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Thursday 4 th January	First Day of Spring Term 2018

