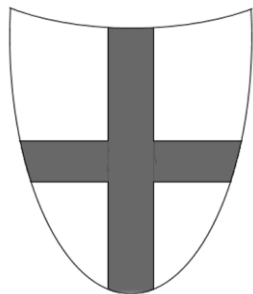


ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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,

A huge welcome back!

We are all really excited to be back at school, ready for the new term and year ahead. I cannot believe how much the children have all grown during the summer! We welcome our newest member of staff, Mrs Wayman, to our EYFS team. Our first group of new reception children arrive for their first day on Monday so we will officially welcome them next week.

Parent Information Meetings

There will be parent meetings for years R – 5 over the forthcoming weeks. They will take place in the class at 3.30pm and last no longer than 30 minutes. We will arrange supervision for your children while you attend the meeting. We strongly encourage all parents to be there as key information for the year is shared.

The dates are:

Monday 10th September ~ St Therese (Year 1)

Wednesday 12th September ~ St Elizabeth (Year 2)

Thursday 13th September ~ St Anthony (Year 5)

Monday 17th September ~ St Joseph (Year 4)

Wednesday 19th Sept ~ St Francis (Reception Class)

Wednesday 26th September ~ St Bernadette (Year 3)

Child Sexual Exploitation Parents session

On 20th September, there will be two parents sessions on the very real dangers of Child Sexual Exploitation. The session will be delivered by a police officer who is experienced in dealing with matters in this field. We encourage all of you, or as many as possible, to attend. The times are 2pm (before school pick up) or 7pm. These sessions are invaluable in giving you, the parents, knowledge and understanding so we can ensure the safety of our children.

Reading Awards 2018-19

To positively encourage reading at home, the reading reward system will start again from **next Monday**. Over the course of this year, there will be the opportunity for your child to earn certificates and stickers of achievement, once they complete a certain number of reads with a relevant comment by a parent or adult that your child has been reading to. As the children move into Years 5 and 6 and become more independent readers, this comment may be written by your own child around what they particularly enjoy, or a word or phrase that they needed to check to meaning of.

Each class teacher will keep a track of parent/child comments, in addition to the support we give for reading at school, and will ensure that once 50 (Bronze), 100 (Silver), 150 (Gold), 200 (Diamond) and 250 (Super Reader) are completed, a reward will be given in our weekly celebration assembly. It would be fantastic to award every child in the school a certificate and sticker. Happy reading everyone!

Lunches

As a school we promote healthy eating and healthy lunches for all our children. For a child to grow and develop properly, it is vital that they are eating a suitable diet. An example of a healthy lunchbox should:

- be based on [starchy carbohydrates](#) (bread, potatoes, rice, pasta)
- include fresh fruit and vegetables/salad
- include a source of protein such as [meat](#), fish, eggs, cheese (or dairy alternative)
- include a side dish such as a low-fat and lower-sugar yoghurt (or dairy alternative), tea cake, fruit bread, plain rice/corn cakes, homemade plain popcorn, sugar-free jelly
- include a still drink such as water, sugar-free or no-added-sugar drinks

It may be that children have the occasional packet of crisps or a chocolate covered biscuit etc, **but it should not contain** sweets, pure chocolate bars (such as Dairy Milk, Wispa etc), fast food or highly processed/high saturated fat content, as all of these are directly linked to obesity and future health issues, such as diabetes. Lunch boxes are monitored to ensure that the children have enough to eat and are eating the right types of food and with 210 to check, we would appreciate your support in not including unsuitable items.

Infant Lunches

Don't forget that we need to receive your order by Wednesday for the following week. If not, we will presume that you wish to provide lunch for your child. We cannot process orders after Wednesday as the completed orders have been sent to our supplier. Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any queries about the lunches, please contact the office.

You access the order form on the school website www.sgcps.co.uk

Healthy Snacks

Just a reminder that all infant classes receive fruit or vegetables to encourage healthy eating. Juniors can also bring in a healthy snack for break time.

Milk

Every child under the age of five is entitled to FREE school milk. We encourage you to go online and register your child for school milk at www.coolmilk.com It is very straightforward and the milk is delivered daily to the school, to be distributed at break times. If your child is over 5, whether infant or junior, they are entitled to subsidised milk. The cost is £1.10 per week (22p per day). Orders can be placed at the same address.

Nuts

We have children at St. George's who have severe anaphylactic allergies triggered by peanuts and other nuts. The key to preventing an anaphylactic reaction is to avoid exposure to the trigger. Please do not send foods containing nuts or peanuts to school. This includes Nutella spread and peanut butter.

Children being collected from school

If you are not able to pick your child up from school, please write a short note to your child's class teacher outlining the collection arrangements at the end of the school day. If it is a regular arrangement, one letter will suffice for the whole year. It would also be useful, where possible, if you could introduce the adults that are to pick up your child in your absence. If your child is in Year 6 and walking home, we also need a letter confirming this.

School Clubs ~ Autumn Term w/c 24th September.

Please find the list of clubs printed at the end of this newsletter. If you would like your child to attend, **the form must be in by THURSDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2018.** All clubs will begin w/c 24th September, with the exception of Steps Ahead which begins on Tuesday 18th September and Southend United football which begins on Thursday 20th September.

Uniform

Thank you for sending your children back to school so smartly dressed on the first day of term. Could you please check that all the children's items are named as we already have a few items which have been found unmarked. Uniform orders must be placed via WisePay and will be sent home with your child. Orders will now only be processed on a Monday and a Friday. If you have mislaid your WisePay login in details, please contact the Office.

Just to remind all parents that **on health and safety grounds**, we do not allow children to wear any jewellery in our school, including earrings. If your child had their ears pierced during the summer holiday and the healing process is still not complete by the time school starts again in September, we ask that you use micro pore tape or plasters to cover each ear to minimise the risk of the earring being caught and tearing the soft lobe or penetrating the bone behind the ear should there be unintentional contact during the school day. The wearing of earrings may also prevent the child from taken part in physical activities, both in curriculum time and extra curricular activities.

With regards to hair, we ask that hairstyles are in line with our uniform policy. Short hair should be uniform in length, across the head, with no parts left significantly longer than others

and children with shoulder length hair or longer must have it tied back. The school colours for hair accessories are red, navy, white or black. Children should not wear any fixatives, hair gel/spray etc in their hair. Thank you in advance for your support.

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated a birthday since the beginning of September:

Honey & Mia (St Therese)

Georgina (St Elizabeth)

Cillian (St Bernadette)

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.



First Holy Communion 2019

The Application Packs to apply for First Holy Communion are now available in the porches of both churches. This is open to children who will be going into Year 3 and above.

A few useful dates for your diary -

- Monday 15th October at 7pm - Parents Meeting and Registration.
- Monday 5th November, 4pm to 5pm, Children's Sessions start in the Church Hall.
- Saturday 22nd June at 10.30am - First Holy Communion.

Prayers



Please remember all in our community who need your prayers at this time. We pray especially for Harley (St Bernadette) who although is making great progress, isn't back to school yet. We trust that he will continue to improve and be back with his friends soon.

Have a lovely weekend with your family.

God Bless,

Mrs Delgado

Diary Dates

Further activities/dates will be added as soon as they have been finalised.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Monday 10 th September	Reception Group 1 start
	Year 1 Information Meeting for parents 3.30pm
Wednesday 12 th September	Year 2 Information Meeting for parents 3.30pm
Thursday 13 th September	Reception Group 2 start
	Year 5 Information Meeting for parents 3.30pm
Monday 17 th September	Reception Group 3 start
	Year 4 Information Meeting for parents 3.30pm
Tuesday 18 th September	Steps Ahead after school club begins
Wednesday 19 th September	Year R Information Meeting for parents 3.30pm
Thursday 20 th September	YR class photograph by the Echo
	Child Sexual Exploitation Parents session 2pm & 7pm
Monday 24 th September	School Clubs begin
Wednesday 26 th September	Year 3 Information Meeting for parents 3.30pm
Wednesday 3 rd October	Coffee Morning for all Reception Class parents
Thursday 4 th October	Year 5 Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 11 th October	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 18 th October	Year 1 Class Assembly 9am
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 22ND – FRIDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2018	
Tuesday 30 th October	Volunteer parents/carers session 9am & 2.30pm
Wednesday 31 st October	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2019 9.30am
Thursday 1 st November	All Saints Day ~ Mass at 9.30am St Georges Church
Thursday 8 th November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2019 9.30am
	Deanery Football and Netball Tournament pm @ Our Lady of Ransom School, Rayleigh
Friday 9 th November	Remembrance Assembly led by Year 6 @ 10.40am ~ Everyone is welcome
Tuesday 13 th November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2019 9.30am
Thursday 15 th November	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 22 nd November	Year 3 Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 28 th November	Autumn Term Open Evening
Thursday 6 th December	Year 6 trip to Harry Potter World
Friday 7 th December	Flu immunisation
Tuesday 11 th December	YR Nativity 9.30am
Wednesday 12 th December	YR Nativity 9.30am

	KS1 Nativity 2pm
	Brentwood Christmas Concert TBC
Thursday 13 th December	Year 1 & 2 Performance 7pm (No siblings below secondary age)
Monday 17 th December	Non uniform day for winning house team for Autumn Term ~ TBA!
Tuesday 18 th December	Children's Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
	KS2 Carol Service @ St George's Church 7pm
Wednesday 19 th December	Last day of Autumn Term ~ Mass @ 2pm in school
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER – WEDNESDAY 2ND JANUARY 2019	
Christmas Eve Children's Mass ~ Monday 24th December 6pm @ St George's Church	
Thursday 3 rd January	First Day of Spring Term 2019
Monday 21 st January	School Clubs begin
Thursday 7 th February	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 14 th February	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 18TH – FRIDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2019	
Thursday 7 th March	Year 1 Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 14 th March	Year 3 Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 21 st March	Year 5 Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 27 th March	Open Evening 5pm – 7pm
Friday 29 th March	Year 3 & 4 Stations of the Cross 2pm ~ venue TBC
Monday 1 st April	Non uniform day for winning house team for Spring Term ~ TBA!
Tuesday 2 nd April	Key Stage 2 Deanery Cross Country Competition
Friday 5 th April	Last day of Spring Term
EASTER HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 8TH APRIL – MONDAY 22ND APRIL 2019	
Good Friday Children's Stations of the Cross ~ Friday 19th April	
Easter Sunday Family Mass ~ Sunday 21st April 10.45am @ St George's Church	
Tuesday 23 rd April	First Day of Summer Term 2019
Thursday 2 nd May	Year R Class trip
Monday 6 th May	May Bank Holiday
w/c 7 th May	After School Clubs begin
w/b Monday 13 th May	KS2 SATs week
Wednesday 22 nd May	Key Stage 1 Deanery Cross Country Competition
Thursday 23 rd May	Year R Class Assembly 9am
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 27TH MAY – FRIDAY 31ST MAY 2019	
Sun 2 nd – Wed 5 th June	Year 6 Residential Trip
Monday 3 rd June	Children return to school
Thursday 13 th June	Year 6 Class Assembly 9am
Friday 14 th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 17 th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tuesday 18 th June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons 10am start

Wednesday 19 th June	Induction afternoon for Reception 2019 parents
Saturday 22 nd June	First Holy Communion 2019 Mass
Friday 28 th June	ST GEORGE'S CELEBRATION DAY
Wednesday 10 th July	KS2 Catholic Sports
Thursday 11 th July	KS1 Catholic Sports
Monday 15 th July	Non uniform day for winning house team for Spring Term ~ TBA!
Wednesday 17 th July	Years 5 & 6 Summer Performance 2pm & 7pm (no younger siblings at the evening performance)
Thursday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass
Friday 19 th July	Last day of term
SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 22nd JULY 2019	

DAY		CLUB	TEACHER	MAX NO:	YEAR GROUP	Time
Monday	1	Chess	Mrs Howell	16	Year 5 & 6	Lunchtime
	2	Football	Mr Sims	24	Yr 5 & 6	3.15-4.15
	3	Construction & Lego	Mrs Wallen	20	Year 1 & 2	
	4	First Holy Communion	Mrs Lawrence	30	Year 3 - 6	4-5pm
Tuesday	5	Lego Club	Mrs Noblet	14	Year 5 & 6	Lunchtime
	6	Reading Club	Mrs Philips	10	Year 3	
	7	STEPS AHEAD	External provider	20	Yr 3-6	3.15 - 5.00
	8	Challenging Games	Mrs Halvey	15	Yr 2	3.15 - 4.15
Wednesday	9	Choir	Mrs McLoughlin	30	Yr 3 - 6	Lunchtime
	10	Art	Mrs Gillett	14	Yr R - 6 by invitation	
	11	Indoor Fitness	Miss Rusz & Young Leaders	20	Yr 1 & 2	3.15 - 4.15
	12	Paper Craft	Mrs Howell & Mrs Davey	20	Yr 3 & 4	
	13	Cooking club	Mrs Walls	8	Year 5 1 st half term Year 6 2 nd half term	
Thursday	14	Writing Club	Mrs Hodges	20	Years 4 & 5	Lunchtime
	15	Singing Club	Mrs Sayer	20	Year 1 & 2	
	16	Pupil Voice	Mrs Delgado	12	School council members	
	17	Netball	Miss Rusz & Mrs Harris	14	Year 5 & 6	3.15 - 4.15
	18	Gardening club	Mrs Ellegard	10	Yr 3-6	
	19	Football	External provider Southend United	30	Yr 3-6	

*There are still spaces available for Steps Ahead. The cost is £50 for the term.

**Thursday's football training session is run by an external provider, Southend United. This is open to years 3,4,5 & 6. There will be a cost of £3 per week to attend this club and parents will have to direct to Southend United online for the 8 weeks in advance. If your child is interested and selects this activity, we will send details.

Name-----

Year Group-----

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