



# 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,

I cannot believe that we are already at the end of the first half term! It's been a great seven weeks at the school. We started off the term with the fabulous news of Jessica and Isabelle's new baby sister. Isabelle informs me that Scarlett is already smiling at her and Jessica thinks she is the most beautiful baby ever! Mr Sims ends the term with more wonderful baby news! Mrs Sims is expecting, so we pray for a happy and healthy few months, waiting for the arrival of their first baby.



It has been wonderful to welcome our reception children to the family of St George's. They have settled extremely well and their Year 6 buddies have been wonderful companions and role models.

Sadly we lost someone who had a long history with the school, as a parent and a grandparent. Vic Duggan, granddad to Todd and Charlie, passed away a couple of weeks ago. We continue to pray for the boys and the family during this time.

Thank you to the staff for their commitment, the parents for their support and, of course, the children for always trying hard to do their best. Currently, **147** children still have 100% attendance and I hope this continues in the second half of the term.

## October

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> INSET Day ~ School closed to children

**HALF TERM ~ MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Back to school

First Holy Communion Session 4-5pm @ St George's Church hall

## November

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> All Saints Mass @ St George's Church 9.15am

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Open morning for Reception 2017 parents

Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 1 & 2 school trip



### Parent Consultations

Thank you to all parents who attended consultations this week.

### Friends of St George's

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting on Monday evening. It was great to listen to everyone's ideas and opinions.

### Class Mass

It was lovely to see so many friends and family attend St Peter's class Mass. The theme was 'Loving'. Thank you Mr Sims and Fr Brett for organising and leading the liturgy, and of course the children for sharing and rejoicing in their faith.

### Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated this week:

Thomas (St Therese)

Faith, Xavier & Lexi Rose (St Bernadette)

And to those celebrating during the half term holiday.

Eva & Aubrey (St Francis)

Harley & Thomas (St Therese)

Kyrea & Noah (St Elizabeth)

Murphy, Samuel & Henry (St Joseph)

Finley (St Peter)

Mr Sims and Mrs O'Shea

### Head Teacher Awards

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

Corey ~ (St Francis) ~ for great focus in all areas and being a lovely member of the class

Harry C. ~ (St Therese) ~ for a brilliant, enthusiastic first half term in Year 1

Daisy ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for her outstanding maths work

Ruby ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for always staying focused on her work and consistently behaving well

Ewan ~ (St Joseph) ~ for his enthusiastic approach to all areas of the curriculum

Louie ~ (St Anthony) ~ for persevering in his maths with enthusiasm and a smile on his face.  
Keep it up!

Charlotte ~ (St Peter) ~ for producing absolutely outstanding work in English as a result of focus and imagination

### Open mornings for Reception 2017

We will be holding information sessions for parents who are thinking of applying for a place for their child in September 2017. Each session will take place from 9.30~10.30am and will include a talk from the Headteacher, a tour of the school and the opportunity to ask questions. The dates are as follows:

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November

## Year R Admissions ~ September 2017

Applications can be submitted to the Local Authority from 14th September 2016 to 15th January 2017. The form can be downloaded from the council website at:

<http://www.southend.gov.uk/admissions/>. Please note that a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) must be completed, which is available from the school. If you are a practicing Catholic, please contact the church to make an appointment to see Father Brett to obtain your Certificate of Practice to support your application.

The Supplementary Information Form is to be returned to the school and the priest will return the certificate of practice. Both of these must be submitted by 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017

## Children's Book Festival

Tickets are available for exciting author events at the **Forum library, Southend**: Monday 24th October 2pm. **Ann Jungman**, author of *Vlad the Drac* will entertain 7-10 year olds. Thursday 27th October 11.30am and 2pm **Roy Apps** will talk about using imagination "The Shed in Your Head" and Friday 28th October 10.30am **Hollie Hughes** will lead a craft workshop "Mammoths and Ninjas"

## Uniform

Please can parents take the opportunity during half term to check that all items of uniform, coats, PE kits, water bottles etc are labelled clearly with your child's name.

## 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 who need your prayers at this time, especially Mr Lish who is on the road to recovery after breaking his leg and ankle.

Enjoy half term and I look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

God Bless,

*Mrs Delgado*

### Diary Dates

Monday 31st October	First Holy Communion programme begins 4-5pm in St George's Church Hall
Tuesday 1st November	All Saints Day Mass 9.15am @ St George's Church
Wednesday 2nd November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2017 9.30am
Thursday 3rd November	Years 1 & 2 Class Trip
Tuesday 8th November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2017 9.30am
	Year 3 Class Celebration 2.30pm @ school
Wednesday 9th November	Individual School photographs
Friday 11th November	Remembrance Assembly led by Year 6 @ 10.40am ~ Everyone is welcome
Tuesday 15th November	Year 5 Class Mass 2.30pm @ school
Thursday 17th November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2017 9.30am
Friday 18th November	Flu Immunisation ~ more details to follow
Tuesday 22nd November	Year 4 Class Mass 2.30pm @ school
Thursday 24th November	Year 3 Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 1st December	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 8th December	Year 6 trip to Harry Potter World
Monday 12th December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance (2pm)
Tuesday 13th December	Year R Nativity (9.30am)
	Year 1 & 2 Performance (7pm) No siblings below secondary age
Wednesday 14th December	Year R Nativity (9.30am)
	Carol Concert 7pm at St George's Church
Tuesday 20th December	Children's Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 21st December	Last day of Autumn Term
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER – WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017</b>	