



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,

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September Dates for your diary

Sun 18th	Family Mass @St George's Church 10.45am
Mon 19 th	Group 3 Reception 2016 start & Reception photo taken by the Echo Year 2 parents information session 3.30pm
Thu 22 nd	Year 5 parents information session 3.30pm

On Monday we welcomed our next 9 reception children.

Joseph, Jacob R., Samuel S., Florence I, Samuel B., Daniel, Declan, Florence R-F. and Roman.

I know that the children will grow and thrive, spiritually, academically and personally during their time here. We look forward to getting to know all of the new children and their families ~ even if you have been here before!

House Captains & Liturgy Team

I am very pleased to announce the House Captains and Liturgy Team for the following year.

House Captains

St Anne Line ~ William & Charlotte

St Thomas More ~ Elliott & Hannah

St Margaret Clitherow ~ Joshua & Grace

St John Fisher ~ Finley & Isabella

Liturgy Team

Anna, Marco, Aimee, Finlay

Jabez & Emma

Well done to all the candidates who put themselves forward. The speeches were outstanding and any one of you could have been selected.

Roald Dahl's Birthday Celebrations



This week, the children celebrated with other schools across the country, Roald Dahl Day. On Monday, the children had a dance workshop linked to *The Enormous Crocodile* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. All the classteachers remarked on the engagement of every child. On Tuesday, pupils and staff were given the opportunity to dress up as their favourite characters. Everyone looked magnificent! Pictures can be seen on the school website. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends that helped create the costumes and to the children for getting involved.

Evening Echo

Reception children will be having their photo taken for the Evening Echo on Monday morning and it will appear in the Echo on Tuesday 27th September. Copies will be on sale in the office, please have the correct money.

Family Mass

This Sunday is Family Mass, a celebration for all families. It will be at St George's starting at 10.45am. Everyone is welcome.



Diocese of
Brentwood

DIOCESAN GUIDANCE TO PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parents/Carers,

If you are intending to apply for a place for your child for next September in a Catholic School, you will probably already know that the process changed last year. Instead of asking your Priest to complete a reference form regarding your Catholicity which he would then send directly to the school, you now need to see your Parish Priest and ask him for a Certificate of Catholic Practice. Your Parish Priest will give this to you providing he is satisfied you are a practising Catholic. You will then need to take this to the Catholic School to which you are applying, together with your child's Baptismal Certificate (or Certificate of Reception where appropriate). If you do not, for whatever reason, qualify for a Certificate of Catholic Practice and your child is baptised, then your application will come into the next category for Baptised Catholic Children. For further details, please read carefully the admissions criteria/arrangements of the Catholic school to which you wish to apply. If you think you are likely to be, in this second category, please do still apply in the normal way, as explained by the Catholic school or the Local Authority, and remember to take a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate to the school.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Simpson

Diocesan Director of Education

Year 7 Admissions for Catholic Secondary School September 2017

Please contact the church to make an appointment to see Father Brett to obtain your Certificate of Practice to support your application.

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 22nd January 2017

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 2nd November

Tuesday 8th November

Thursday 17th November

Annual General Meeting

The Friends of St George's AGM will take place on **Monday 3rd October at 3.30pm** in the community suite. As parents/carers at St George's School, you are all members and are invited to attend. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers who are willing not only to raise money which will benefit all of the pupils at the school but also help organise and run social events throughout the year. If you feel that you would like to play an active part in the school community, you may like to consider putting yourself forward for one of the positions. Our current Chair, Lucy Fensom, will be resigning her post, so we are looking for a new Chairperson. We will also be electing:

Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary positions.

If you think you may be interested and would like a little more information, please do not hesitate to come and see me. Lucy is also equally happy to give further information about the post.

Each post is for a year and at the end of that time you can choose to either stand down or put yourself forward for re-election. In addition to these, we also need CLASS REPS. This role requires you to be a link between the committee and parents/carers in that class, giving information, asking for support and taking forward any ideas etc. The class reps need to be nominated in the same way as the other FOSG positions.

Any person wishing to put themselves forward for any of these positions must complete the nomination form from the school office. A copy of the form will also be available on the website

You need two people (one to nominate and one to second) who are parents or carers with children attending the school. You then sign the form accepting the proposal. The form must be completed and handed to the office or a standing committee member before the AGM. To make this meeting certified it is important that we have **at least 30 parents/teachers** so please try to spare 30 minutes to attend. Children will be supervised in the ICT suite.

Race Night

The Parish/FOSG are holding a Race Night on the 24th September at St. George's School, so why not come and join us for an evening at the races. Adult tickets are £5 and will be on sale from next week (bring your own drinks and nibbles). All proceeds raised on the night will be divided between the parish and St. George's School. Children are welcome, but they will not be able to place a bet at the tote and they must be supervised at all times by their parents. We ask that you inform us if you are bringing children when buying a ticket. We are looking for 8 Race Sponsors on the night (£20 per race). Sponsors' businesses /interests will be advertised on the night. To add to the fun, why not become a racehorse owner for the night! Horses are for sale at £2 each, owners can even name their own horse. If you would like to sponsor a race, buy a horse, or just buy a ticket for a great evening out, contact the office.

Head Teacher Awards

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

Reuben ~ (St Francis) ~ for an amazing start to Year R, demonstrating all the signs of a great learner

Logan ~ (St Therese) ~ for focusing well in all activities

Casey ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for his excellent focus and attitude towards all of his learning this week

Eliana ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for her enthusiastic approach to all areas of the curriculum

Alice ~ (St Joseph) ~ for showing perseverance and an excellent attitude to improving her maths this week

Daisy ~ (St Anthony) ~ for her enthusiastic approach to performance poetry and working collaboratively with her group

Isabella ~ (St Peter) ~ for working with enthusiasm and a smile on her face

Mercy Awards

Well done to the children recognised for their compassion and mercy this week.

Riley (St Joseph) for caring for her classmates

Finley, Francesca & Ntando (St Peter) for helping younger children with Roald Dahl activities

Elliott M-C, Joshua & Adele (St Peter) for showing kindness and consideration to others

Sports Award

The winners of this week's sports awards are:

Most Improved ~ **Samuel S.** (St Francis) Performer of the week ~ **Stanley** (St Anthony)



100% Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year R, 3, 4 and Year 5 who have 100% attendance this week.

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated this week:

Jamie (St Francis)

Lee (St Therese)

Ella & Orla (St Joseph)

George (St Anthony)

Emma, Harrison M. & Joshua (St Peter)

And Mrs Pickford

Ballet Success

Well done to Orla (St Joseph) for passing her Ballet exam during the summer. It is a real achievement as she has only just begun and already is performing to a very high standard.

After School Clubs ~ Autumn Term

Thank you for the response for this term's clubs, there were 203 requests! You will be notified by text which clubs your child has been allocated. All clubs will begin next week, apart from the Football and Construction, due to the Deanery Mass which all staff will be attending. Mrs Wallen is looking for any donations of Lego, which can be handed in at the office.

Pupil Premium

The government has introduced the Pupil Premium Grant to help children from lower income families reach their full potential and to achieve higher academic grades at school.

We are able to check eligibility using a simple, secure and confidential online process.

Under this arrangement, schools receive funding for every pupil who meets the criteria for free school meals; so it is important to us to ensure that every child that meets the criteria is actually registered at the school so we can claim this money.

You meet the criteria if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

In order to determine whether you meet the criteria for the Pupil Premium Grant for your children, please complete the attached form and return it to the school office. However, only parent or carer details may be used to apply for this benefit.

A clean environment

Mr Fisher does an amazing job of keeping the school ground clean and safe for the children. Recently, he has had to clean up dog excrement from outside the school gates. I am sure you agree that, although he does it, it is not his responsibility, it is the dog owners. This is a penalty offence with fines up to £1000. I am sure that it has nothing to do with the parents of St George's and just ask that if you see this happening, you contact myself or the office and we will report it to the authorities. Thanking you in advance for your support.

YEAR OF MERCY STUDY DAY

Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, will lead a study day entitled 'God's Mercy is from Age to Age: the mercy of God in the Old Testament' on Saturday 8th October from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. The study day in this Year of Mercy will explore the presence of God's mercy in the Scriptures. Admission is free, tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. Ample free parking is available at the church, which is three minutes' walk from Gidea Park Station. Please book your place by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com

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.



Parish News

First Holy Communion

If your child is a baptised Catholic and was 7 or over on 31st August, we hope to see them on the First Holy Communion and Reconciliation course which will be commencing on Monday 31st October 2016. These important sacraments enable us to receive Christ at Mass, celebrating his love. Forms will be available in the porches of both churches from next weekend. You will need to bring the completed form to the Registration Meeting taking place in early October. Details to follow



Prayers



Please remember all in our community who need your prayers at this time.
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 19 th September	Reception Group 3 start today
	School clubs begin
	Year 2 Information Meeting for parents 3.30pm
Friday 23 rd September	Year 5 Information Meeting for parents 3.30pm
Wednesday 28 th September	Year R Information Meeting for parents 3.30pm
Friday 30 th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning ~ cake sale at break time
Monday 3 rd October	PTA AGM 3.30pm in the community suite
	First Holy Communion Parents Session 7pm @ St George's Church
Thursday 13 th October	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am
w/b Monday 17 th October	Parent Consultations
Friday 21 st October	INSET Day ~ School closed to children
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 24TH – FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2016	
Monday 31 st October	First Holy Communion programme begins 4-5pm in St George's Church Hall
Wednesday 2 nd November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2017 9.30am
Tuesday 8 th November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2017 9.30am
Wednesday 9 th November	Individual School photographs
Friday 11 th November	Remembrance Assembly led by Year 6 @ 10.40am ~ Everyone is welcome
Thursday 17 th November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2017 9.30am
Friday 18 th November	Flu Immunisation ~ more details to follow
Thursday 24 th November	Year 3 Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 1 st December	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 8 th December	Year 6 trip to Harry Potter World
Monday 12 th December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance (2pm)
Tuesday 13 th December	Year R Nativity (9.30am)
	Year 1 & 2 Performance (7pm) No siblings below secondary age
Wednesday 14 th December	Year R Nativity (9.30am)
	Carol Concert 7pm at St George's Church
Tuesday 20 th December	Children's Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 21 st December	Last day of Autumn Term
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY THURSDAY 22ND DECEMBER – WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2017	
Thursday 5 th January	First Day of Spring Term 2017
Thursday 2 nd February	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 9 th February	Year 1 Class Assembly 9am

HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 13TH – FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2017

Wednesday 1 st March	Ash Wednesday
Thursday 9 th March	Year 3 Class Assembly
w/b Monday 13 th March	Parent Consultations
Thursday 23 rd March	Year R Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 30 th March	Year 5 Class Assembly 9am
Friday 31 st March	Last day of Spring Term

EASTER HOLIDAY MONDAY 3RD – MONDAY 17TH APRIL 2017

Tuesday 18 th April	First Day of Summer Term 2017
Tuesday 25 th April	Easter Celebration led by years 3 & 4 7pm in school
w/b Monday 8 th May	SATS week for Year 6
Thursday 18 th May	Year 1 Class Assembly 9am
Saturday 20 th May	First Holy Communion Mass 2016 TBC
Saturday 27 th May	First Holy Communion Mass 2016 TBC

HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 29TH MAY – FRIDAY 2ND JUNE 2017

Sun 4 th – Wed 7 th June	Year 6 Residential Trip
Thursday 15 th June	Year R Class Assembly 9am
Friday 16 th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 19 th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Thursday 22 nd June	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
Friday 30 th June	ST GEORGE'S CELEBRATION DAY
Monday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass
Wednesday 19 th July	Years 5 & 6 Summer Performance 2pm & 7pm (no younger siblings at the evening performance)
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term

SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 24TH JULY 2017

Application for the Pupil Premium eligibility check

Part one – details of parent/carer – Please use CAPITALS

<i>Name of person receiving the benefit (must be parent or carer)</i>	
<i>Relationship to the child</i>	
<i>Date of Birth of parent/carer</i>	
<i>National Insurance number, or National Asylum Seeker Number</i>	

Part two – details of children at this school

<i>Number of children at this school</i>	
<i>Name and date of birth of child 1</i>	
<i>Name and date of birth of child 2</i>	
<i>Name and date of birth of child 3</i>	
<i>Name and date of birth of child 4</i>	

Please confirm that you agree that we can use the information that you provide to process your claim for Pupil Premium with Southend Borough Council.

The information you supply will be retained as a record. By making this application you consent for us to use the information in this way. You may withdraw your consent at any time by contacting us on 01702 293522. All personal details will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Signed..... date.....