



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,

December

Sun 11 th	TOY MASS <u>10.45am</u> @ St George's Church
Mon 12 th	Year 1 & 2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 2pm
Tue 13 th	Year R NATIVITY 9.30am Year 1 & 2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 7pm ~ No younger siblings or siblings from the school
Wed 14 th	Year R NATIVITY 9.30am Years 3 - 6 CHRISTMAS SERVICE ~ 7pm at St George's Church ~ All families welcome
Fri 16 th	PTA CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE
Mon 19 th	NON UNIFORM DAY for winning House Team
Tue 20 th	CHRISTMAS LUNCH & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
Wed 21 st	Last Day of Term PANTOMIME in school WHOLE SCHOOL MASS in the school hall at 2pm ~ Everyone is welcome

Year 3 ~ 6 Christmas Service



Our annual Christmas Carol Service will take place at the church on Wednesday. We look forward to seeing ALL of our junior children on the evening of the 14th along with their parents, siblings and relatives. It would be great to see as many of you as possible for this special, prayerful evening of readings and carols. Please could you ensure that children arrive at the church dressed in their school uniform, no later than 6.45pm on Wednesday. It would be very helpful if parents could look after children's coats and then send the children to the front of the church where they will be directed to their special place. All parents, siblings and relatives are to sit in the main part of the church.



Christmas Performances next week

Year R Nativity ~ 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'

Performances of the Year R nativity take place next Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 9.30am and last approximately 30 minutes. All parents, carers and relatives of reception children are welcome to attend. Tickets are not necessary as we should have plenty of space for you all. Entrance will be via the Community Suite.

Year 1 & 2 ~ 'Shine, star, Shine'

Performances take place on Monday afternoon at 2pm and Tuesday evening at 7pm. Children should arrive at 6.30pm for the evening performance. Entrance for the Monday performance will be via the Community Suite. We ask that you arrive no earlier than 6.30pm as the front doors will not open until this time (and it will be very cold outside!)

We ask that you do not come to any performance without a ticket as we are at capacity in the hall. Please do not bring younger or older siblings from our school to the evening performance. All of our children will have the opportunity to see the performance during next week.

Choir Performance

This week, our choir had two bookings, performing at Great Mead and Crouchmans Sheltered Housing. I think we could have stayed all day if we took requests! Thank you to Mrs Sayer and helpers for organising the choir at these events.

Head Teacher Awards

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

Daniel Y (St Francis) ~ for great improvement in independence, and being an adaptable and focused learner with fantastic, reflective questioning.

Harley (St Therese) ~ for the fantastic effort he has made in all his lessons this week.

Keep it up!

Harley (St Elizabeth) ~ for his excellent understanding and collaboration during fractions work in Maths.

Holly (St Bernadette) ~ for always working with enthusiasm and independence in all areas of the curriculum.

Riley (St Joseph) ~ for being a focused and enthusiastic learner, particularly in Maths this week.

Ben R. (St Anthony) ~ for his consistently enthusiastic and focused approach to learning in Year 5, both in class and in additional work he produces.

Elliott M-C. (St Peter) ~ for working incredibly hard and having a very mature attitude towards learning.

Birthdays

Congratulations to **Isis** (St Therese) who celebrated her birthday this week.



Bronze reading Awards

Congratulations to the children who have earned their bronze reading certificates this week:

Tymon (St Francis)

Keavy, Florance V. Zofia & William (St Elizabeth)

Isabel (St Bernadette)

Poppy, Oliver S. & Georgia (St Joseph)

Laurence, Hugh, Oliver, Alex, Christian & Lily (St Anthony)

Jessica (St Peter)

Christmas Lunch & Jumpers!



On Tuesday 20th December we are having our School Christmas Lunch when all the children can come in with their own special packed lunch that day. If you still prefer the Relish Infant lunch you must still order on-line as normal. We will automatically cancel all Relish lunches unless you return the slip attached. If we **do not** receive a slip from you we will assume that you will be providing your child's lunch that day. Please do not give your child a Christmas cracker or products containing nuts.

We will be supporting Christmas Jumper Day on Tuesday 20th December. If your child is coming to school in their best knitwear, they do not have to wear uniform trousers or skirts. We are asking for a donation for taking part and hope to raise a good amount to send off to the charity.



Gift Sale

The PTA will be holding a Christmas gift sale in school on Friday 16th December. Gifts are £1.50 each, maximum of 2 per child.

Toy Mass

The parish are holding our annual toy collection at the 10.45 am Mass on Sunday 11th December, for the local children in need who otherwise may not receive a gift this Christmas. We are looking for only new toys, gifts, or vouchers for children and young teenagers up to 16 years. These can be left in the boxes at both Churches or bring them to any Mass on the weekend of 10th/11th December. Please leave gifts unwrapped. Thank you for your support.

World Gifts

We would like to end the Year of Mercy by supplying mosquito nets to protect children from malaria and other mosquito-borne diseases in a time of emergency. The nets cost £7 each so if you would like to contribute please send the money into school in a labelled envelope. If every child was able to contribute just 25p we would be able to send a net from each class!

Mercy Awards

It is not just the children who have been recognised for their compassion and mercy this week.

Mr Fisher for helping a parent replace a tyre on the car so they could drive home safely

Charlie (St Therese) for being proud of another child's achievements

Oliver (St Bernadette) for thinking of others and helping his classmates in ICT

Spring Term Music Lessons

As some of you may be aware our peripatetic music teacher has taken early retirement and we are in the process of finding a replacement. We have already found a replacement teacher for violin, viola, classical guitar & flute but as yet have not found a piano/keyboard teacher. If you know of any music teachers that would be interested in tutoring piano/keyboard on a one to one basis (days & times negotiable) please contact the school office or e-mail:

admin@stgeorges.southend.sch.uk

Friends of St George's

The PTA 100 club, which gives anyone, friends or family, over the age of 16 a chance to win in our quarterly draws: March, June, September and December, will continue to run during 2017. Anyone can join, friends, family and work colleagues, so please ask if you need more forms. If we sell 100 numbers, the prize break down is as follows:

1st Number drawn £50

2nd Number drawn £30

3rd Number drawn £20

With a superdraw in December (just in time for Christmas!)

We will be asking for payment in the new year and forms will be reissued in January's newsletter. As said last week, all forms and money to the office please.

The winners of the December super draw are

1st ~ £100 ~ Mr Fensom

2nd ~ £50 ~ Mrs Thomas

3rd ~ £30 ~ Mrs Milford-Cottam

4th ~ £20 ~ Mrs Monk

Parking

I am pleased to report that there has been an improvement in parking during the last week. However, we still have the occasional parent/carer who chooses to **PARK ILLEGALLY** on the pavement, on double yellow lines or grass verges, in and around Anson Chase and the garages area, opposite the front of the school. Parking illegally obstructs and seriously inconveniences pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs.

Some parents have to walk in the road with their children to get past cars that have been parked on the pavement. This is dangerous and unacceptable.

Please park considerately for the safety of our children and families.

Breakfast Club ~ Spring Term 2017

Bookings for Spring Term can now be made on WisePay. We ask that if you wish to secure a place for the first week back that you book by 3pm Friday 16th December. A reminder that all bookings for Breakfast Club must be made 24 hours in advance

RAINBOWS

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



Prayers



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

Have a lovely weekend,
God Bless,

Mrs Delgado

Child's name	Year	
I <u>will</u> be sending my child in with a special Christmas packed lunch on Tuesday 20th	please tick	
My child <u>will</u> be having their normal Relish lunch	please tick	
Parent's signature		

Friends of St George's 100 Club

Please complete the information below in BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS:

Members Name:

Contact Phone Number:

Please allocate me with (insert how many numbers you want) @ £10 per year, per number.

I would like to select number/s

- I understand I will not get my first choice if it has been allocated previously.
- I will be offered further choices of available numbers.
- I understand that I will receive a cheque if I am a winner

Total payment = £ (Cheques should be made payable to Friends of St Georges School)

Signature: