



ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*Let it be known to all who enter here, that Christ is the reason for this school,
the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes,
the model for its children, the inspiration for its staff.*

*We aim to be a Christian community and witnesses to Christ,
where all can experience and grow in Christian love
through God's word and the gifts of His sacraments,
and through prayer and personal example.*



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Dear Parents,

Dates for your diary



March

w/b Mon 14th

Parent Consultation week

First Holy Communion 2016 Parents meeting 7pm @ St George's School. Entry via Community Suite

Tue 15th

Football match v Our Lady of Lourdes

Fri 18th

Football match v Sacred Heart

Friend of St George's Meeting

Thank you to the parents who were able to make Tuesday's meeting. Many items were discussed including upcoming events, plans to develop areas of the school using PTA funds and school lunches. I am aware that this conversation has sparked interest on Facebook, so I feel it would be beneficial to update interested parties on the current situation.

During the meeting, the possibility of providing junior meals and hot dinners was discussed. I explained that last half term I had requested feedback or interest from parents, but we only had 16 responses from 150 families. In addition to this, it became clear that we would need to employ extra members of staff to help serve hot dinners. This would come at a time when the National Living Wage and employee National Insurance contributions are being increased. No extra funding is available for extra staffing required in school, therefore we would have to subsidise these meals from the budget we receive to educate our pupils. The school will also need to purchase crockery, cutlery, a dishwasher, thermometers to check the heat of the food, serving utensils etc. Some local schools have had to subsidise their meals by up to £10,000. If we had to do this, it would significantly impact on the resources available to educate our children. Another option could be to use PTA funds to subsidise hot dinners, but that would result in the PTA being unable to provide additional resources for all children.

I am happy to form a working party with parents and governors to see if there are any other options which will not have a significant impact on the school's budget. If you are interested in being part of this research group, please leave your name with the office or email admin@st-georges.southend.sch.uk. As ever, I will keep all parents informed of any developments.

Class Assembly

Well done to St Therese class for their wonderful assembly on Thursday morning. The theme was 'Change' and we could certainly see how much every child had changed and grown into remarkable individuals. They dramatised the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet with great clarity and confidence. We enjoyed seeing the change in them, from their baby photos to now and we were treated to a song and dance which reminded all of us that we can make a positive change in ourselves. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Lawrence, Mrs Fitchew and Mrs Marquis, who organised and prepared the children so well, especially during the very busy time of open evening and parent consultations.

INSET Days for 2016-2017

I can confirm the following INSET days for next year.

Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd September 2016

Friday 21st October 2016

Friday 16th & Monday 19th June 2017

Netball Tournament

Last Saturday, our netball team participated in a local tournament for Southend schools. The girls played a total of four games and although they did not manage to progress to the next stage, their court play and team work was excellent.

Imani, Imogen, Rachel, Bonnie, Millie O'D., Poppy, Anna and Emily M.

We are all very proud of you.

Football Match

On Wednesday, St George's played Friars in a football match. Unfortunately the team went down 1-0, but the boys kept their heads up and with 5 minutes to go before half time, Jack hit a shot, hard and low, to bring the team back level. Within minutes of the second half kicking off, Marco had made some amazing saves and during a ten minute goal flurry, the boys were 3-1 up. To top things off, Ace scored a magnificent header and St George's won 4-1.

Report by Elliott (St Anthony)

Well done boys, we are very proud of you.

Ace, Cameron, George, Darrell, William, Jack, Finley, Marco and Elliott

Sports Awards

Congratulations to this week's winners.

Most Improved ~ Poppy (St Anthony) Sports Performer ~ Finley (St Anthony)

100 Club

The first 100 club draw will take place on the last day of term, 24th March. The prize breakdown is 1st prize £50, 2nd prize £30 and 3rd prize £20. It's not too late to buy your number, £10 will cover you for the year, but next week is the last chance. Please call into the office if you want to be in it to win it!

After School Clubs

With the exception of Steps Ahead, there will be no clubs until next term. Thank you to all the children who have attended.

Mother's Day Sale

I would like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers that helped at last week's gift sale. The PTA have raised £169.21.

Easter Egg Collection

This weekend there will be an Easter egg collection at all masses. If you would like to support the parish in this, please bring any donations to Mass. We thank you in advance for your support.

Open Evening and Parent Consultations

It was good to see so many parents attend the Spring Term Open Evening. Parent consultations continue during next week and the teaching staff look forward to meeting with you.

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated a birthday this week

Zofia (St Therese)

Todd (St Joseph)

Jack (St Peter)



Head Teacher's Award

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

Isla (St Francis) ~ for her resilience and determination in all tasks

Sophia (St Therese) ~ for showing enthusiasm for everything she does

Marley (St Elizabeth) ~ for outstanding effort in all his work this week, especially his maths

Florence (St Bernadette) ~ for her enthusiasm and fantastic singing during our Easter production rehearsals

Andrew (St Joseph) ~ for perseverance and determination and being a caring friend

Harrison M. (St Anthony) ~ for sharing his knowledge in maths to support a friend, well done and thank you

Jack (St Peter) ~ for working with increased enthusiasm and independence in all subjects

Reading Awards

Well done to the following children who gained their bronze award this week

Ella (St Therese)

... the children who have reached 100 reads and earned their silver reading certificates

Loui, Grace & Stanley (St Therese)

Henry (St Bernadette)
 Henry B. (St Joseph)
 Adele (St Anthony)
....and our gold winners
 William & Daisy (St Therese)
 Isabel (St Joseph)

Breakfast Club ~ Summer Term 2016

Bookings for the Summer 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 Thursday 24th March. A reminder that all bookings for Breakfast Club must be made 24 hours in advance.

Uniform

Summer dresses and polo~shirts are now available to purchase via WisePay. The uniform will change from winter to summer on Monday 11th April, the first day back after the Easter holidays. I will include a full summer uniform list in next week's newsletter.

Message from Mrs Russell

Don't forget the Charity Bingo & Quiz Night, in aid of Havens, at Mecca Bingo Southend, on Saturday 19th March at 6pm. The price is £15 per head which includes a meal, drink of your choice, bingo games, of course your dobber pen & quiz entry (£500 prize money up for grabs). Your name will also be entered into a prize draw. So if you fancy a fun night out and at the same time help raise money for a great cause then please pop in and see Mrs Russell in the office by Wednesday 16th March.

Prayers

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



Miss Norris

Diary Dates * New dates added or amended

W/C 14 th March	Parent Consultations
Monday 21 st March	End of Term Mass 9.30am* at St George's Church (Change of time)
Wednesday 23 rd March	Yr 3 & 4 Easter Service at St George's School ~ 2pm
	Easter Service at St George's School ~ 7pm, led by Yr 3 & 4 No siblings below secondary age
Thursday 24 th March	Last Day of Spring Term
Monday 11 th April	Back to school - First Day of Summer Term
Saturday 23 rd April	ST GEORGE'S FUN RUN