



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 New Year Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside our worries about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Amen

Happy New Year!

A very happy New Year to you all ~ we look forward to an exciting 2017 at St. George's. It was lovely to welcome the children back into school this week, albeit still a little tired from the Christmas break. Thank goodness it was only two days!

Dates for your diary



January 2017

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| Tue 10 th | Steps Ahead starts |
| Fri 20 th | Swimming starts for years 1, 3, 4 & 5 |
| Mon 23 rd | PTA Meeting 3.30pm @ Community Suite |

PTA Meeting

The Friends of St George's PTA meeting will take place on Monday 23rd January at 3.30pm in the community suite. Children will be supervised in the ICT suite. We encourage all parents to attend, as this meeting gives the committee the opportunity to share fund raising information and gain ideas and opinions about future events.



Infant School Lunches ~ Thursday 19th January 2017

We have added the following popular choice back to our menu for one day only. (the existing menu will still be available to order).

* Mini picnic lunch

* Fruit salad/kebab or rice crispie cake

If you wish for your child to have the mini picnic lunch, please complete and return the order form at the bottom of the Newsletter to the Office by Wednesday 11th January. Please contact the Office staff if you have any questions.

First Holy Communion 2017

First Holy Communion sessions will restart on **Monday 16th January at 4pm** at St George's Church.

Uniform Reminders

We have seen lots of new winter coats coming in to keep the children warm at break and lunchtimes, in addition to scarves, hats and gloves. It is great that the children are so well prepared. Could I ask that all items are labelled so that we can match children with any items that have been misplaced. Hairstyles may well get a little longer during winter, just to keep the ears warm but can I remind all families of the school's rule on hairstyles and accessories.

The school does not permit children to have extreme haircuts or colouring that could serve as a distraction to other children. Short hair should be uniform in length, across the head, with no parts left significantly longer than others. Hair bands, clips etc should be discreet designs in red, white, navy or black and only used in order to keep hair in place. Girls and boys with longer hair (shoulder length) must tie back/put up their hair, so that it does not cause an unnecessary distraction. Children should not wear any fixatives, hair gel/spray etc in their hair.

Sickness Bugs

Whilst we promote good attendance, we have many children who have unfortunately, fallen foul of nasty bugs. We ask that if your child has been sick or has diarrhoea, they are kept of school for 48hrs. This is for several reasons: they may spread the virus to other children; they may be sick again in school, which is highly distressing; the children need to have eaten and kept food down so that they have the energy for a school day. This is in line with our school policy on illness and NHS advice given to schools. I thank you in advance for your support.

100% Attendance

Congratulations to Year 3 who had 100% attendance this week.

After School Clubs ~ Spring Term 2017

A list of the clubs for this term are detailed below. Please complete the application form (attached to this newsletter) in the usual way and return it to school by Wednesday 11th January.

The number and range of clubs on offer is due to the commitment of our teachers and I thank them for their support. Attendance at an after school club will continue to be dependant on good behaviour both at school and during the club that they attend. No child will be allowed to attend an after school club if they have displayed unacceptable behaviour.

| DAY | | CLUB | TEACHER | MAX NO: | YEAR GROUP | TIME |
|-----------|----|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Monday | 1 | Football | External provider & Mr Sims | 30 | Yr 5 & 6 | 3.15 - 4.15 |
| | 2 | Construction & Lego | Mrs Wallen | 20 | Yr 1 & 2 | |
| | 3 | Paper Craft | Mrs Davey | 10 | Yr 4 & 5 | |
| Tuesday | 4 | Geography | Mrs Cracknell | 20 | Yr 3 & 4 | Lunchtime |
| | 5 | Reading Club | Mrs Philips | 10 | Yr 3 1 st half term Yr 2 2 nd half term | |
| | 6 | STEPS AHEAD | External provider | 30 | Yr 3-6 | 3.15 - 5.00 |
| | 7 | Challenging Games | Mrs Halvey | 15 | Year 1 | 3.15 - 4.15 |
| Wednesday | 8 | Orchestra | Mrs Lawrence & Mrs Howell | 20 | Yr 3 - 6 | 3.15 - 4.15 |
| Thursday | 9 | Choir ** | Mrs Sayer | 40 | Yr 3 - 6 | Lunchtime |
| | 10 | Netball | Mrs Delgado | 20 | Yr 5 & 6 | 3.15 - 4.15 |
| | 11 | Writing club | Mrs Hodges | 20 | Yr 4-6 | |

If your child was in the choir last term, they must still apply for a place. If the numbers are over 40, there will be a waiting list. Places will be allocated on previous commitment to the choir and then on year group (year 6 having first refusal).

Swimming ~ Spring Term

A reminder to parents of children in years 1, 3, 4 & 5 that lessons will begin on Friday morning. Please may I remind you to send the permission slip back by Tuesday morning and payments by the end of January. If it would help you to pay for the swimming lessons in instalments, please contact the school office.

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who celebrated their birthday during the first week back

Loui & Grace (St Elizabeth) & Finlay & Francesca (St Peter)

And Mrs Williams



Reading Awards

The children who have earned their bronze and silver certificates during the holiday will be awarded their certificates and stickers next week.

Friends of St George's 100 club

The PTA 100 club, which gives anyone, friends or family, over the age of 16 a chance to win in our quarterly draws, will continue to run during 2017. Anyone can join, friends, family and work colleagues, so please ask if you need more forms. The Club will run from 1st January to 31st December. To be allocated a number in the draw, you will need to pay a one-off £10 subscription which will cover you for the whole of 2017. **This amount needs to be paid in full by the 29th of January.** Your number(s) will then be entered in to the draw which will be done in school. The prize breakdown will be as follows if we sell 100 numbers:

1st Number drawn £50

2nd Number drawn £30

3rd Number drawn £20

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

The draws will take place on the first Friday in March, June, September and December during the celebration assembly.

All you need to do is decide **HOW MANY NUMBERS YOU WANT**, complete your details on the form (copies are available from the school) and hand it into the office. You can choose your number/s, but if it has already been allocated you will be offered further numbers to choose from. You will receive a card/email confirming your number/s and the winning number will be posted on the notice board, Facebook Group and in the Newsletter.

Prayers



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

God Bless,

Mrs Delgado



Dates for the diary 2017

Any new dates will be denoted with * and printed in bold

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| Monday 16 th January | Clubs begin (with the exception of Steps Ahead) |
| Friday 23 rd January | Swimming begins |
| Monday 23 rd January | PTA meeting 3.30pm |
| 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 | |
| Monday 20 th February | 2 nd half Spring Term begins |
| Sunday 26 th February | *Family Mass 10.45am @ St George's |
| Wednesday 1 st March | Ash Wednesday 9.30am @ St George's Church |
| 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 ~ *End of Term Mass 2pm @ School |
| 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 10.30am @ St George's |
| Saturday 27 th May | First Holy Communion Mass 2016 10.30am @ St George's |
| HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 29TH MAY – FRIDAY 2ND JUNE 2017 | |
| Sun 4 th – Wed 7 th June | Year 6 Residential Trip |
| Tuesday 6 th June | Year 3 Class Mass 2.30pm @ school |
| Tuesday 13 th June | * Bikeability Year 6 |
| | *Year 5 Class Mass 2.30pm @ school |
| Wednesday 14 th June | * Bikeability Year 6 |
| Thursday 15 th June | Year R Class Assembly 9am |
| Friday 16 th & Monday 19 th June | INSET DAYS ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS |
| Thursday 22 nd June | Year 4 Class Assembly 9am |
| Thursday 29 th June | Feast of St Peter & St Paul Mass TBC |
| Friday 30 th June | ST GEORGE'S CELEBRATION DAY |
| Tuesday 11 th July | *Year 4 Class Mass 2.30pm @ school |
| Monday 17 th July | Year 6 Leavers Mass |
| Wednesday 19 th July | Years 5 & 6 Summer Performance 2pm & 7pm (no preschool or younger siblings from St George's at the evening performance) |
| Friday 21 st July | Last day of term *End of Term Mass 2pm @ School |
| SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 24TH JULY 2017 | |

Order form Infant School Lunch

19th January 2017

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| Child's Name | <u>Year</u> |
| Mini Picnic lunch | |
| Fruit Salad/Kebab or Rice crispie cake (Please circle choice) | |

Name

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