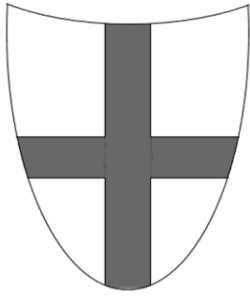


ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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 and Carers,

Queen Elizabeth II
1926 - 2022



RIP

As a school community, we are deeply saddened at the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Her calm words when things were tough, especially during the pandemic, gave us all comfort and reassurance. She was a guiding light and a keystone for our country. Guided by her faith and with a strong sense of duty, she would always seek community and togetherness. Her example of resilience in the face of adversity is an example for all of us.

We shall always remember our jubilee celebrations as a school; we celebrated her life, we celebrated her service, we celebrated that she was our Queen. At this time we think of her family and their grief and we keep them in our prayers.

Welcome Back

It was wonderful to welcome the children and families back this week. A full list of the diary dates will be in next week's newsletter. I look forward to a fabulous year where we will celebrate together and support one another.

It has been a busy first week back, especially as we welcomed our first 2 groups of reception children. Hello and welcome to:

*Joshua, Ava, Izzy, Callie-Mae, Adefolarin, Isla, Elsie, Isabelle,
Coby, Darcie, Jack, Kcian, Harry, Rory, Ronnie, Jesse, Dolly,
Nyla and Joseph*

Mrs Cracknell, Mrs Philips and the EYFS staff were amazed at how well they settled; it was as if they have always been here! The remaining children arrive next week – we can't wait for a full house!



Congratulations!

Not only do we welcome our Reception children, we have **THREE** new babies to welcome into our community. Mr & Mrs Lawrence are celebrating the arrival of **Elijah**, a little brother for Alicia and Harry. Lily from St Therese class was full of news about her new brother, **Bodhi**, and in the same class, Macy-Rose very proudly introduced us to **Everleigh-Rose**. All three babies are absolutely gorgeous and we congratulate all the families. I know we have a few more families that are looking forward to new arrivals, so we will keep you posted!

Extra-Curricular Clubs

All school clubs begin next week. You will receive a confirmation email of your child's place. Below is the timetable for the club. With the exception of Southend United, all children will need to be collected from the playground and can exit via the gate that exits onto Eagle Way. Children attending Southend United can be collected from Shoebury Park.

P.E. kit or uniform for sports clubs?

Breakfast sports club – Children come dressed in their P.E. kit and bring their school uniform with them (except if it is their class P.E. day as they will stay in kit all day)

Lunchtime football club – The girls to bring their P.E. kit into school with them to change into. They will need trainers (not football boots) and shinpads.

After school sports club – Children bring their P.E. kit into school with them to change into. Children will need football boots and shin pads for both football clubs

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|---|--|---|--|-------------------|
| Breakfast club 8am - 8.40am | | KS2 Gym Outside coach | KS2 Inclusive Sports Outside coach | KS1 Dance Outside coach | |
| Lunchtime club 12.00 - 12.30 | Homework Club Mrs Wallen KS2 Reading Club Mrs Howell | Art club Mrs Gillett Choir Mrs McLoughlin | Well-being club Mrs Marquis 11+ club Mr Sims | KS1 Reading Club Mrs Philips | Girls Football |
| After school club 3.20pm - 4.15pm | Football club Outside coach Netball Club Mrs Delgado | Science Club (Crest Awards) Mrs Bracknell | | Southend United Football Yr 1 - 6 SSPSA KS2 Basketball club Outside coach Cross stitch club Mrs Irons & Mrs Rutter finishes at 4pm | |

Parent Information Meetings

There will be parent meetings for years R – 6 over the forthcoming weeks. They will take place in the class at 2.45pm, apart from Reception class, and will last no longer than 25 minutes. We ask all parents to be there as key information for the year is shared. Entry is via the side entrance and through the community suite.

The dates are:

Friday 9th September ~ Year 4 ~ 2.45pm
Monday 12th September ~ Year 1 ~ 2.45pm
Tuesday 13th September ~ Year 3 ~ 2.45pm
Thursday 15th September ~ Year 6 ~ 2.45pm
Monday 19th September ~ Year 5 ~ 2.45pm
Tuesday 20th September ~ Year 2 ~ 2.45pm
Wednesday 21st ~ Reception class ~ 9.00am

Reading Awards 2022 - 23

Reading is the key that opens and gives access to all areas of the curriculum. At St George's we consider reading to be a key skill that every child needs, as early as possible, so as to reach their full potential. We have made some changes across the school to raise attainment and to support the children in their love of reading. Years 3 – 6 have new sets of books to read and enjoy whilst teaching them the different skills needed to become a superstar reader. Your child's class teacher will be speaking to you about this at the parent information session.

To positively encourage reading at home, the reading reward system will start again from **next Monday**. Over the course of this year, there will be the opportunity for your child to earn certificates of achievement, once they complete a certain number of reads with a relevant comment by a parent or adult that your child has been reading to. For the younger children, it may be that your child's reading experience for that day was sharing a book with an adult. As the children move into Years 5 and 6 and become more independent readers, this comment may be written by your own child around what they particularly enjoy, or a word or phrase that they needed to check to meaning of.

Each class teacher will keep a track of parent/child comments, in addition to the support we give for reading at school, and once the certain number of reads are reached, your child will receive a reading certificate. The totals are

50 reads ~ BRONZE READER, 100 reads ~ SILVER READER
150 reads ~ GOLD READER, 200 reads ~ DIAMOND READER
250 reads ~ SUPER READER

Due to the unbelievable reading totals received over the last couple of years, this year we have included an extra reading award **CHAMPION READER!** This will be for any children that manage **300 reads in one school year**. It would be fantastic to award every child in the school a certificate reaching the milestones. Happy reading everyone!

Communication

As a school we felt that the communication between teachers and parents was very effective last year due to using the email system. If you need to contact your child's teacher, email them via the office office@st-georges.southend.sch.uk and mark it for their attention, or for the year group. You will receive a confirmation email that it has been received and the teacher will reply at the earliest opportunity. It may be after the school day has finished, or the next day, due to looking into a matter or due to the teacher not being in school. Please be assured that it will be dealt with. As ever, the staff thank you in advance for your support and patience.

Children being collected from school

If there is a change to who will be collecting your child at the end of the day, we ask that you email the office so the message can be passed on immediately. It would also be useful, where possible, if you could introduce the adults that are to pick up your child in your absence. If your child is in Year 6 and walking home, we also need a letter/email confirming this.

Lunches

As a school we promote healthy eating and healthy lunches for all our children. For a child to grow and develop properly, it is vital that they are eating a suitable diet. An example of a healthy lunchbox should:

- be based on starchy carbohydrates (bread, potatoes, rice, pasta)
- include fresh fruit and vegetables/salad
- include a source of protein such as meat, fish, eggs, cheese (or dairy alternative)
- include a side dish such as a yoghurt (or dairy alternative), tea cake, fruit bread, plain rice/corn cakes, homemade plain popcorn, sugar-free jelly
- include a still drink such as water, sugar-free or no-added-sugar drinks

It may be that children have the occasional packet of crisps or a chocolate covered biscuit etc, **but it should not contain:**

- sweets or pure chocolate bars (such as Dairy Milk, Wispa etc),
- fast food/left over takeaway from previous day
- food that is highly processed/high saturated fat content

All of these are directly linked to obesity and future health issues, such as diabetes. Lunch boxes are regularly monitored to ensure that the children have enough to eat and are eating the right types of food and with 210 to check, we would appreciate your support in not including unsuitable items.

Infant Lunches

Don't forget that we need to receive your order by Wednesday for the following week. If not, we will presume that you wish to provide lunch for your child. We cannot process orders after Wednesday as the completed orders have been sent to our supplier. Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any queries about the lunches, please contact the office.

You access the order form on the school website www.sgcps.co.uk

Healthy Snacks

Just a reminder that all infant classes receive fruit or vegetables to encourage healthy eating. Juniors can also bring in a healthy snack for break time.

Nuts

We have children at St. George's who have severe anaphylactic allergies triggered by peanuts and other nuts. The key to preventing an anaphylactic reaction is to avoid exposure to the trigger. **Please do not send foods containing nuts or peanuts to school. This includes Nutella spread and peanut butter.**

This year we also have a child in Reception that is highly allergic to sesame seeds. We ask that any children in this class do not bring in food items that contain or have sesame seeds on them.

Uniform

Thank you for sending your children back to school so smartly dressed on the first day of term. Could you please check that all the children's items are named as we already have a few items which have been found unmarked.

If you need to order uniform, follow the link via the website or click on the link below

<https://www.em-it.co.uk/shop/>

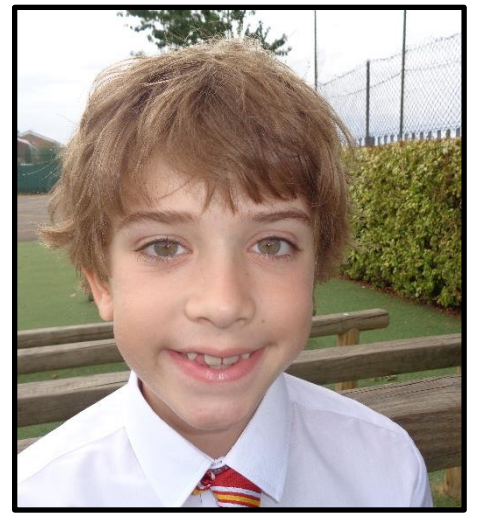
Just to remind all parents that on health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear any jewellery in our school, including earrings. If your child had their ears pierced during the summer holiday and the healing process is still not complete by the time school starts again in September, we ask that you use micro pore tape or plasters to cover each ear to minimise the risk of the earring being caught and tearing the soft lobe or penetrating the bone behind the ear should there be unintentional contact during the school day. The wearing of earrings may also prevent the child from taking part in physical activities, both in curriculum time and extra-curricular activities.

Hair should be away from the face so as to not cause a distraction, and should be presentable and suitable for school. The school does not permit children to have extreme haircuts; this includes logos or patterns cut into the hair. Children's hair should not be coloured or bleached. Hair bands, clips etc should be red, white, navy or black. Make up and/or nail varnish should not be worn during the school day. Similarly, temporary transfers or fake 'tattoos' are not appropriate and should be washed off.

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated a birthday since the beginning of September:

**Dolly (St Francis), Sophie (St Therese), Ruby, Aviya & Ellie (St Elizabeth),
Harry S. & Beatrice (St Joseph) & Honey & Mia (St Anthony) and Mr O'Shea**



Head Teacher Awards

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

Emilia ~ (St Therese) ~ for a fantastic first week in Year 1. Emilia works hard at everything and her work is fabulous. Well done, Emilia!

Pippa ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for settling in to Year 2 with a very mature approach and for showing great enthusiasm for her learning. Well done and keep it up!

Billy ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for a superb start to year three, focused and full of enthusiasm working with a learning partner and independently. Keep it up!

Harry H. ~ (St Joseph) for an outstanding start to life in Year 4. He has been incredibly inquisitive, listening well and participating fully in all lessons. Well done, Harry!

Kieran ~ (St Anthony) ~ for having a fantastic attitude and focus at the beginning of this school year. What a great start. Keep it up Kieran!

Jacob R. ~ (St Peter) ~ for his brilliant drawing, inspired by the artwork of Henry Moore. He created light and dark tones using different shading techniques. I can't wait to see your final piece!



Job Vacancy

We have a job vacancy for an LSA and MDA position working 1:1 with an SEN child, full time preferred. The position is for an immediate start therefore our timescale for applications is tight. The closing date is Monday 12th September at noon with interviews on Tuesday. You can access the form via the school website under 'vacancies'.

Pre-loved Uniform

We would like to set up a stock of good quality second hand uniform of all sizes which will be available for anyone who needs it. If you have any uniform your child will no longer use, please drop it into school to be sorted. We are looking for shirts, dresses, skirts, shorts, trousers, PE kits, raincoats, winter coats, school shoes etc. Please only send in good quality items. If any parents would like to help with this please email the office.

Prayers

Our thoughts
and prayers
are with you.



We keep all our community in our thoughts and prayers.

We especially pray for Mrs Sapsford, her Mum and her family. Sadly her Dad, Steve, passed away last Sunday. We ask God to comfort them all during this sad time.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.*

Have a lovely weekend,

God Bless,

Mrs Delgado