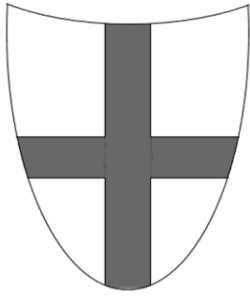


ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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 huge welcome back!

We are all really excited to be back at school, ready for the new term and year ahead, but before we start, the staff and I would like to say a huge THANK YOU for all the gifts, cards and heartfelt messages of thanks we received at the end of the summer term. They were all very much appreciated.

We welcomed our first 6 reception children on Thursday morning.

Alfie, Anina, Amaya, Damian, Jacob & Patrycja.

Mrs Phillips and the EYFS staff were amazed at how well they settled; it was as if they have always been here! The following two groups arrive next week so we will officially welcome them in next week's newsletter.



Dates for your diary

Tue 10 th	Year 5 Parents Meeting 3.30pm
Wed 11 th	Group 2 Reception 2019 start Year 2 Parents Meeting 2.30pm Year 6 Parents Meeting 3.30pm
Thur 12 th	Year 1 Parents Meeting 2.30pm Year 4 Parents Meeting 3.30pm
Fri 13 th	Group 2 Reception 2019 start

Congratulations

It was wonderful to hear that three new members of St George's family arrived over the summer. **Aubrey** (St Bernadette) has become a big brother to Keva, **Freya W.** (St Elizabeth) is now a big sister to Violet and **Grace** (St Bernadette) & **Olivia** (St Therese) are big sisters to Gordon. Congratulations to all the families, we can't wait to meet all three of them!



Parent Information Meetings

There will be parent meetings for years R – 6 over the forthcoming weeks. They will take place in the class at either 2.30pm (KS1) or 3.30pm (KS2) and last no longer than 30 minutes. We will arrange supervision for your children while you attend the meeting. We strongly encourage all parents to be there as key information for the year is shared.

The dates are:

Tuesday 10th September ~ St Anthony (Year 5)

Wednesday 11th September ~ St Elizabeth (Year 2) 2.30pm & St Peter (Year 6) 3.30pm

Thursday 12th September ~ St Therese (Year 1) 2.30pm & St Joseph (Year 4) 3.30pm

Thursday 19th September ~ St Bernadette (Year 3) 3.30pm

Wednesday 25th Sept ~ St Francis (Reception Class) 2.30pm

Job Vacancy

Sadly I have to share the news that Mr Delgado will be leaving us this term, as he is hanging up his keys for a new exciting challenge. On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to thank him for all his hard work during the last year and for the smiles he brought to all of our school community.

Therefore we are looking for someone to take over the reins of keeping our school clean and safe. We are looking to appoint an experienced, enthusiastic and caring person to work as our Caretaker/Cleaner. Full details and an application form can be found on our website at www.sgcps.co.uk. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. In line with our Safer Recruitment policy all applications must be made using our application form and successful candidates will be required to have an Enhanced DBS check, medical clearance and references.

Reading Awards 2019-20

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 and stickers 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. 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 will ensure that once 50 (Bronze), 100 (Silver), 150 (Gold), 200 (Diamond) and 250 (Super Reader) are completed, a reward will be given in our weekly celebration assembly. It would be fantastic to award every child in the school a certificate and sticker. Happy reading everyone!

Artist of the Month

Congratulations to Freya W. (St.Elizabeth) who was announced as Artist of the Month for September for her amazing Self Portrait chalk pastel drawing. You can see her masterpiece in the office reception area.

Safeguarding in the 21st Century ~ The Two Johns

The internet has changed all of our lives, particularly our children's. For parents and carers this opens up a whole new world of things to be aware of. For many of us, this can all be a bit too much. You might be struggling to keep up with the things your child is doing online, you might wonder whether what they are doing is safe, and you might also be thinking *how can I be as good a parent online as I am offline?*

As a school, safeguarding is of paramount importance, and this includes safety online. We deliver e-safety lessons to the children during ICT and regularly talk to them about their online activity. On Monday 21st October, the KS2 children will have a session with an e-safety experts to further educate them on keeping safe.

In addition to this, we have organised a session for all parents (from Yr R – 6); one will be at 3.30pm and one at 7pm.

We expect that every family will be represented, due to every parents responsibility to safeguard their child

You may think that your child is too young, or that you have adequate filters in place etc., but we cannot stress enough the potential dangers for all of our children and how vital it is that you are aware of them. Each session lasts around 1 ½ hours, due to the amount needed to be covered. As all the staff will be attending the session, we are unable to supervise any children after school, which is why the session has been advertised at the earliest opportunity. There is a slip at the end of this newsletter to inform us which session you, or a representative (aunt, uncle, nan etc) will be attending, to return to the office. We have been informed that other local primary schools have run these sessions for parents and turnout has been very high. Let's aim for 100% at St George's, for our children's sake.

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 low-fat and lower-sugar 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, pure chocolate bars (such as Dairy Milk, Wispa etc), fast food or highly processed/high saturated fat content, as 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

Milk

Every child under the age of five is entitled to FREE school milk. We encourage you to go online and register your child for school milk at www.coolmilk.com It is very straightforward and the milk is delivered daily to the school, to be distributed at break times. If your child is over 5, whether infant or junior, they are entitled to subsidised milk. The cost is £1.10 per week (22p per day). Orders can be placed at the same address.

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.

Children being collected from school

If you are not able to pick your child up from school, please write a short note to your child's class teacher outlining the collection arrangements at the end of the school day. If it is a regular arrangement, one letter will suffice for the whole year. 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 confirming this.

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/>

The uniform can be collected on a Thursday between 2.50pm and 3.30pm, with any unclaimed orders available on the following Thursdays. Please note that the school does not keep any uniform that hasn't been collected.

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.

With regards to hair, we ask that hairstyles are in line with our uniform policy. Short hair should be uniform in length, across the head, with no parts left significantly longer than others and children with shoulder length hair or longer must have it tied back. The school colours for hair accessories are red, navy, white or black. Children should not wear any fixatives, hair gel/spray etc in their hair. Thank you in advance for your support.

Birthdays

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

Harry S. (St Therese), **Honey** (St Elizabeth),
Georgina (St Bernadette) & **Cillian** (St Joseph)

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.



First Holy Communion 2020

A few useful dates for your diary -

- Tuesday 15th October at 7pm - Parents Meeting and Registration.
- Monday 18th November, 4pm to 5pm, Children's Sessions start in the Church Hall.
- Saturday 13th June at 10.30am - First Holy Communion.

Prayers



We continue to keep Mr Sims and his family in our prayers. We also think and pray for the many families who lives have been affected by Hurricane Dorian.

Have a lovely weekend,
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>
Wednesday 11 th September	Group 2 Reception 2019 start
	Year 2 Information Meeting for parents 2.30pm
	Year 6 Information Meeting for parents 3.30pm
Thursday 12 th September	Year 1 Information Meeting for parents 2.30pm
	Year 4 Information Meeting for parents 3.30pm
Friday 13 th September	Reception Group 3 start
Monday 16 th September	Clubs begin (except for Steps Ahead)
Thursday 19 th September	Group 4 Reception start
	Year 3 Information Meeting for parents 3.30pm
Tuesday 24 th September	Yr 5 trip to Wat Tyler
	Steps Ahead begins
Wednesday 25 th September	Reception parents coffee morning from 9am
	Reception Class Information for parents 2.30pm
Friday 27 th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning Cake sale for children
Friday 4 th October	Year 6 height and weight check
w/b Monday 14 th October	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 16 th October	Open Afternoon 3.45pm – 6pm
Monday 21 st October	Safeguarding in the 21st Century parent information session 3.30pm & 7pm
Tuesday 22 nd October	Yr 5 trip to the Planetarium
Wednesday 23 rd October	Deanery Netball & Football Tournament 1-3pm @ OLOL
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 28th – FRIDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2019	
Thursday 7 th November	Information Session for Reception 2020 Parents 9.30am
Friday 8 th November	Remembrance Assembly led by Year 6 @ 10.40am ~ Everyone is welcome
Wednesday 13 th November	Information Session for Reception 2020 Parents 9.30am
Friday 22 nd November	Information Session for Reception 2020 Parents 9.30am
Monday 25 th November	Last week of school clubs
Thursday 28 th November	Year 4 Class Assembly
Thursday 5 th December	Year 6 trip to Harry Potter
Wednesday 11 th December	Reception Class Nativity Play 9.30am
	Choir performing at Brentwood Christmas Concert
Thursday 12 th December	Reception Class Nativity Play 9.30am
	Yr 1 & 2 Christmas Performance 2pm & 7pm
Monday 16 th December	Non uniform Day for winning house team

Wednesday 18 th December	KS2 Carol Concert 6pm
Thursday 19 th December	Children's Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20 th December	Last day of Autumn Term ~ Mass @ 2pm in school
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER – FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY 2020	
Monday 6 th January	First Day of Spring Term 2020
Monday 13 th January	School Clubs begin
Wednesday 5 th February	Choir performing at Young Voices @ The O2
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 17TH – FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2020	
w/b Monday 9 th March	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 11 th March	Open Afternoon 3.45pm – 6pm
Thursday 19 th March	Reception Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 25 th March	Hot Cross Run @ St Thomas More 1-3pm
Monday 30 th March	Non uniform Day for winning house team
Thursday 2 nd April	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am
Friday 3 rd April	Last day of Spring Term
EASTER HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 6TH APRIL – FRIDAY 17TH APRIL 2020	
Monday 20 th April	First Day of Summer Term 2020
Monday 27 th April	Clubs start
Friday 8 th May	May Bank Holiday
w/b 11 th May	KS2 SATs week
Wednesday 20 th May	KS1 Cross Country @ St Teresa's 10am
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 25TH MAY – FRIDAY 29ST MAY 2020	
Sun 31 st May – Wed 3 rd June	Year 6 Residential Trip
Monday 1 st June	Children return to school
Saturday 13 th June	First Holy Communion 2020
Tuesday 16 th June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons 1pm start
Wednesday 17 th June	Induction afternoon for Reception 2020 parents
Friday 19 th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 22 nd June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Friday 26 th June	ST GEORGE'S CELEBRATION DAY 2020
Tuesday 30 th June	Supersports Track 4pm start
Wednesday 1 st July	Supersports Field 4pm start
Thursday 2 nd July	Year 4 class trip
Friday 3 rd July	KS1 Borough Sports @ Garons
Tuesday 7 th July	KS1 Catholic Sports
Wednesday 8 th July	KS2 Catholic Sports
Thursday 9 th July	Year 5 & 6 Production 2pm & 6pm

Friday 17th July

Last day of term

SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 20th JULY 2020

E SAFETY SESSION FOR PARENTS MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2019

PRINT NAME

I will be attending/ sending a representative to the E Safety session at

3.30pm 7pm

Please hand into the office