



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,

November

Tue 8 th	Open morning for Reception 2017 parents Year 3 Class Mass – 2.30pm
Wed 9 th	Individual & Family photos
Fri 11 th	Remembrance Assembly 10.40am – everyone welcome
Sat 12 th	Parish Firework Night – 7.30pm
Tue 15 th	Year 5 Class Mass – 2.30pm
Thu 17 th	Open morning for Reception 2017 parents
Fri 18 th	Flu immunisations Children In Need Day ~ SPOTACULAR dressing up day
Mon 21 st	Non uniform Day ~ Donations for the Christmas Fayre please Infant children ~ jar of sweets and junior children ~ bottle of drink
Tues 22 nd	Year 4 Class Mass – 2.30pm
Thurs 24 th	Year 3 Class Assembly – 9.00am
Sat 26 th	Christmas Fayre
Sun 27 th	Calling Mass for First Holy Communion children 10.45am @ St George's

Congratulations

Last weekend, Daisy (St Anthony) and Joseph (St Francis) brother Toby was welcomed into the church through his baptism. We hope that you had a great celebration. We also wish Isabella (St Peter) the very best weekend as she is confirmed. We will keep you in our prayers and hope you have a lovely day.

All Saints Day

On Tuesday we all went to church to celebrate All Saints Day. It was wonderful to join with our parish on this special feast day. My thanks goes to Mrs Lawrence for organising the Mass, Mrs Rees for the music and Father Brett for reminding us that we can all be saints!



Year 1 & 2 Trip



On Thursday, St Therese and St Elizabeth class had the wonderful experience of travelling to our capital city as part of their London topic. They set off from Shoeburyness station and on arrival at Fenchurch Street, made the short walk to the Tower of London. The children marvelled at the Crown Jewels, were amazed at the sight of the ravens and even had time to chat with a Beefeater! They also spent time with 'Samuel Pepys' who brought the Great Fire of London to life.



'Yesterday, Year 1 & 2 went to the Tower of London. We saw the amazing crown jewels which were covered in rubies and sapphires. We also learnt about the Great Fire of London, it started in a bakery oven in Pudding Lane. It spread across most of London but luckily didn't quite reach the Tower of London. We all had a great day.'

Jessica (St Elizabeth)

I would like to thank Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Sayer for organising this memorable day and all the adults who accompanied and supervised the children.

Football & Netball Tournaments

During the last two weeks, nine boys & eight girls from Years 5 & 6 have represented St George's in Deanery and Southend tournaments. The children were fantastic, not only in their play but their sportsmanship and behaviour. Well done to:

Football: William, Jack, Marco, Elliott, Finley, Todd, Ben, Christian & Callum

Netball: Poppy, Anna, Charlotte, Aimee, Adele, Isabella, Emily & Hannah



The football team will be playing in another Southend tournament tomorrow at Bournes Green. Good luck boys!

Message from the PTA ~ Christmas Fayre 26th November 2016

Christmas will soon be upon us and we are already busy planning the School and Parish Christmas bazaar. It is going to be a wonderful family afternoon and is held here at St Georges School. We will soon be sending out draw tickets to sell, two books per family. If you require more please do not hesitate to ask. As always, these events cannot run without your help so donations will be gratefully received. We are looking for: raffle prizes, toiletries, chocolates, toys & books.

We will be holding a non uniform day on Monday 21st November, to collect bottles (donated by the juniors) and jars of sweets (donated by the infants). We will also be selling cakes on the day. Would you like to help out at the bazaar? If you would, please speak to any committee members: Natalie Lowry, Annette Stapley or one of the class reps. Any help is very much appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project, devoted to spreading love, joy and smiles to children in parts of the world who really need them. This is a charity that St. George's supports every year and one that our children enjoy very much. Please support this worthwhile charity if you can, returning your shoe boxes no later than 9.00am Monday 28th November. If you are unable to fill a shoe box but would like to donate a couple of items we will happily fill some extra boxes in school. We also have some spare leaflets in the office if you need any more. We currently have **28** and would love to get as close to **100** if possible.

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated this week:

Jacob S. (St Francis)
Charles (St Therese)
Lily (St Bernadette)
Oliver (St Peter)
And Mrs Marquis



Head Teacher Awards

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

Declan ~ (St Francis) ~ for focus and perseverance in writing

Oliver ~ (St Therese) ~ for reflecting on his own learning and sharing it with others

Fred ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for excellent behaviour and engagement on yesterday's trip

Lucy ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for persevering when joining her handwriting and aiming for beautifully presented work

Ella ~ (St Joseph) ~ for showing great enthusiasm and eagerness to learn more in our history topic, the Vikings

Andrew ~ (St Anthony) ~ for always being a role model to the rest of the class by approaching school life with independence and responsibility

Emily M. ~ (St Peter) ~ for being a brilliant role model. She is responsible, considerate and conscientious. Well done!

Bronze reading Awards

This week we handed out the first of our bronze reading award certificates of they year to children who have read 50 times at home. Congratulations to:

Thomas, Florence, Jacob R. & Georgina (St Francis)

William, Harry L., Cillian, Joseph, Charlie, Logan, Charles, Hannah, Harry C., Ocean, Samuel & Isis (St Therese)

Charlotte, Kyrea, Sophia, Daisy & Fred (St Elizabeth)

Emily, Eliana, Richard, Regan, James, Joseph & Amelie (St Bernadette)

Grace, Adele, Catherine & Frankie (St Joseph)

Todd, Olivia, Louie & Ben (St Joseph)

Mina & Anna (St Peter)

Sports Award

The winners of this week's sports awards are:

Most Improved ~ **Callum** (St Anthony) Performer of the week ~ **Marco** (St Peter)

Mercy Awards

Well done to the children recognised for their compassion and mercy this week.

Gabriel (St Joseph) ~ showed kindness and caring by helping a Yr R child zip up their coat

Lucy (St Elizabeth) ~ for showing compassion and kindness towards others

Year R Admissions ~ September 2017

Applications can be submitted to the Local Authority from 14th September 2016 to 15th January 2017 at: <http://www.southend.gov.uk/admissions/>. Please note that a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) must be completed, which is available from the school. If you are a practicing Catholic, please contact the church to make an appointment to see Father Brett to obtain your Certificate of Practice to support your application. The Supplementary Information Form is to be returned to the school and the priest will return the certificate of practice. Both of these must be submitted by 22nd January 2017. We will be holding information sessions for parents who are thinking of applying for a place for their child in September 2017. Each session will take place from 9.30~10.30am and will include a talk from the Headteacher, a tour of the school and the opportunity to ask questions. The dates are as follows:

Tuesday 8th November

Thursday 17th November

BBC Children in Need

Don't forget 'Children in Need Day' on Friday 18th November. We will be raising money for the charity by inviting all children (and adults!) to dress 'SPOTACULARLY!' You can wear anything spotty: dresses, ties, shoes, socks, hairbands or even paint spots on your face to be involved. The children do not need to wear uniform but we do ask that they are suitably dressed for the weather! There will be a donation bucket in the playground for all children who wish to participate.

Breakfast Club

To support parents who have work commitments, we run a Breakfast Club, which offers a safe and welcoming start to the children's day. It is run by experienced staff, trained in Paediatric First Aid and Food Hygiene procedures. We provide a relaxed environment where the children can eat and socialise with their friends before school. The children also have access to various games which develop their personal skills; collaboration, independence, perseverance, turn taking, in addition to their gross and fine motor skills; construction, Lego, drawing and use of the IT equipment. A nutritious breakfast is served, comprising of a choice of healthy cereals, toast, fruit and yoghurts. Sessions run from 7.30am to 8.45am (Monday to Friday) and cost £2.75 per child.

School photos

Just a reminder that the school's photographer will be in school on **WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER** for individual and family group pictures. If you have any pre-school children that you would like to be included with their siblings, please come to the front entrance from 8.30am.

Message from Mrs Russell

Due to popular demand I have organised another Charity Bingo and Quiz Night at Mecca Bingo Southend, on Saturday 12th November at 6.30pm in aid of Havens. Please pop into the office for more information.

"When a family has been told that there's no cure for their loved one's illness, Havens Hospices can help, making the journey as comfortable as possible"

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.



Prayers



Please remember all in our community who need your prayers at this time. Have a lovely weekend with your family.

Enjoy the fireworks!



God Bless,

Mrs Delgado



Diary Dates

Date change ~ End of Term Mass now Wednesday 29th March at 2.00pm – was 31st March

Tuesday 8 th November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2017 9.30am Year 3 Class Celebration 2.30pm @ school
Wednesday 9 th November	Individual School photographs
Friday 11 th November	Remembrance Assembly led by Year 6 @ 10.40am ~ Everyone is welcome
Saturday 12 th November	Parish Firework Night @ St Gregory's
Tuesday 15 th November	Year 5 Class Mass 2.30pm @ school
Thursday 17 th November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2017 9.30am

Friday 18 th November	Flu Immunisation ~ more details to follow
	Children in Need ~ SPOTACULAR
Monday 21 st November	No uniform Day ~ Donations for the Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 22 nd November	Year 4 Class Mass 2.30pm @ school
Thursday 24 th November	Year 3 Class Assembly 9am
Saturday 26 th November	Joint school and parish CHRISTMAS FAYRE 12-3pm @ the school
Thursday 1 st December	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 8 th December	Year 6 trip to Harry Potter World
Monday 12 th December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance (2pm)
Tuesday 13 th December	Year R Nativity (9.30am)
	Year 1 & 2 Performance (7pm) No siblings below secondary age
Wednesday 14 th December	Year R Nativity (9.30am)
	Carol Concert 7pm at St George's Church
Tuesday 20 th December	Children's Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 21 st December	Last day of Autumn Term
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY THURSDAY 22ND DECEMBER – WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2017	