



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,

Sun 25 th	'Here I Am' Mass for all First Holy Communion children 10.45am @ St George's
Tue 27 th	Year 5 Day at St Bernard's and St Thomas More
Wed 28 th	Non-Uniform Day ~ filled jars of sweets/packets of sweets please

BRES Inspection

On Tuesday, the school was visited by a representative from Brentwood Diocese to evaluate the Catholic life of our school. They left with a positive view of the school, seeing what I experience daily as Head Teacher: our amazing children, superb staff and teaching that bring the children we have been entrusted with closer to God. As with any inspection, we have to wait for the report to be published before we have the final grade. I would like to thank all the families who sent in responses to the questionnaire. It was wonderful to read that the overwhelming opinion of parents is that we offer a distinctively Catholic education where we provide opportunities for spiritual growth and development and clear moral teaching.

Changes to school uniform

From September 2017 there will be a couple of changes to our uniform and policy. The most exciting thing is our new school tie! After consulting with parents, governors and staff about the colour and design, everyone agreed that having a predominantly red tie was more in keeping with our school colours. We are aiming to receive the ties before we break up for the summer holidays and each child will be given their new tie in the last week of term. There will be no cost to parents unless you wish to purchase a spare which we anticipate will cost £2.10 for an elasticated tie and £2.85 for a full tie. If you need any financial assistance initially purchasing a spare, please contact the office. From September 2018, winter uniform will be expected to be worn on the first day back of the autumn term. When we return this September, 2017, to support this transition in policy, summer or winter uniform may be worn until the usual change over to winter after October half term.



St George's Summer Fayre 2017 ~ CHANGES

So that we still have a community event that can be enjoyed by the children and parents at the school, the PTA have changed the format and the date of the fayre.

With two weeks to go, there has not been the support from volunteers to make the Saturday event a success as it takes a great deal of organisation, planning and support. After the advert in last week's newsletter and requests from committee members, only 1 parent offered their support. Fortunately this morning, that number has increased to six, but that is still a long way short of the number we need. Therefore we will be organising a mini fayre which will run after school on FRIDAY 14TH JULY, 3-5pm. We will be selling the toys, teddies and books; there will be a BBQ and refreshments; the children in Year 5 have already planned games for the crowd to enjoy and there will be a raffle, with tickets being sold in school and in the playground. We will still need parent support for this event, even if it is just being at the event supporting the school email the office or see any committee member if you could help in anyway, even if it is just with suggestions or setting up before the mini fayre. I would like to thank the parents that have already volunteered. As a school we are disappointed as the Summer fayre has always been a community building event where we get the opportunity to chat and spend time with families, present, past and future, outside of normal school hours. Next Wednesday will still be a non uniform day for donations and we ask that ALL children, INFANTS AND JUNIORS, bring a jars of sweets. On behalf of The Friends of St George's, I thank you in advance for your support.

Class Assemblies



This week Year 6 and Year 4 led the school in collective worship as we enjoyed the last class assemblies of the year. Year 6 shared their memories of their time at St George's and gave the school a taster of their experience at Kingswood. Year 4's theme was 'Building Bridges' which gave the children the opportunity to treat us to

a wonderful retelling of The Prodigal Son. All of the children were magnificent and I would like to thank Mr Sims, Mrs Howell and all the support staff for preparing the children.



Class trip

On Wednesday, Year Three children had an amazing time on their school trip. They started off at the Poppy Wave, where they had a historical guide, which told the children about The Garrison's involvement in WW1. Here, the children were filmed by Blade Education, who will be putting the film on their website very soon. Then the children visited the Pier Museum and learnt all about the different transport used on the pier. After lunch, the children enjoyed a much needed ice-cream and then they received another guided historical tour around the Seafront, where they also got to handle lots of Victorian seaside artefacts. A huge thank you to Mrs Mc Gurk, Mrs Anstsi, Mrs Haggart, Mr Dear and Mr Lish for their fantastic help on the day.

Borough Sports 2017

On Tuesday our Athletics team went to Garons to take part in the annual Borough Sports. The staff who attended confirmed once again that the children were amazing. Each team member gave it their all, performing at the highest level possible. They also supported one another by celebrating the team's achievements and the points earned. Thank you to all the children who represented our school. I'm pleased to say that the track team were awarded 3rd place and we came 4th overall which is a fantastic achievement.

We celebrated individual success with three first places:

Year 3 Javelin ~ Jacob



Year 4 Standing Long Jump ~ Poppy



Year 6 80m sprint ~ Jack



As well as several top three placings

Year 3 70m sprint ~ Holly (2nd)

Year 3 Standing Long Jump ~ Eliana (2nd)

Year 3 Standing Long Jump ~ Joseph (2nd)

Year 3 Javelin ~ Lucy (2nd)

Year 4 70m sprint ~ Florence (2nd)

Yr 4 Girls Relay ~ Florence, Maddie, Grace & Ella (2nd)

Yr 5 Girls Relay ~ Isabel, Maisie, Olivia & Lily (3rd)

Yr 5 Boys Relay ~ Todd, Henry B, Alexander and Oliver (2nd)

Year 5 Ball Throw ~ Ben H-C (2nd)

Yr 6 Girls Relay ~ Poppy, Hannah, Charlotte & Anna (3rd)

Yr 6 Boys Relay ~ Jack, Harrison, Marco & William (2nd)

The children who came first, second or third in a field event or first/second in a track event will be invited to the SuperSports track and field competition next month, where they will compete with the top children from across the borough.

I look forward to bringing you the results from this highly competitive event.

A special mention for Jack, who has won the sprinting event for the last four years.

My thanks also go to our amazing supporters and to Mrs Cracknell, Miss Ruzs, Mrs Arnold, Mrs Davey, Mrs Davenport and Mr Fisher for their help on the day.

Unfortunately due to the diary being so full this term, we are unable to take part in QuadKids Athletics this year. Our team next year will make up for our absence in 2017!

Mercy Awards

Congratulations to our worthy recipients this week.

Oliver B & Oliver B ~ (St Joseph) for giving up their lunchtime yesterday to show kindness to a child in Year R and encourage her to eat her lunch. They continued to stay with her and chat ~ two wonderful KS2 role models

Celebration Day 2017 ~ Friday 30th June 2017

Annually, we come together as a community to celebrate the achievements of our amazing children and welcome ALL family members. The day's timetable is below.

Time	Event	Notes
8.45-9am	Children arrive at school as usual	Parents can then make their way to Shoebury Park for Sports Morning
9.30-11.15am	Sports Morning	Children are encouraged to wear a coloured t-shirt which indicates their house team. If this is not possible, they can wear their P.E. kit. Please see the additional information below regarding Sports Morning
11.15-11.45am	Open Morning ~ celebration of children's work	Parents can collect their children from class/classes with their tray to look at the year's work. All children should be with their parents at this time.
11.45am	Children return to class with their trays	Parents can find a place in the school grounds where they can eat their lunch.
12.00-12.30pm	Shared Picnic Lunch	Children find their parents and remain with them to have their lunch during this time.
12.30pm	Children return to class to prepare for afternoon performance	Parents to finish lunch. KS1 parents to come into the hall for infant musical performance. Key stage 2 parents can remain outside until 1.10pm.
12.45-1.15pm	KS1 musical performance	Parents of KS1 children are invited.
1.15 - 2.15pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Individual performance by peripatetic music group Yr3 & 4Wider opportunities concert Yr3 ~ recorder Yr 4 ~ violin	Parents of years 3 & 4 children are invited.
2.15-3.15pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wider opportunities concert Yr5 ~ ukulele Yr 6 ~ brassIndividual performance by peripatetic music group Yr5 & 6	Parents of years 5 & 6 children are invited.

Sports Morning 9.30am -11.15am

The aim of St George's sports morning is to give every child the opportunity to work as part of a team and earn points for their house. They are competing against their classmates and other children in the different teams.

There are two parts to our sports morning. The first half will comprise of five different activities where children are awarded points based on their team performance. We have used the theme of Great British Sportsmen and Sportswomen for our events.

Running Order

House team activities

Race 1 ~ Beth Tweddles's Balance

Race 2 ~ Andy Murray's Flip

Race 3 ~ Joe Launchbury's Rugby passes

Race 4 ~ Asha Philip's Relay Race

Race 5 ~ Greg Rutherford's short jump!

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Toddlers race ~ Parents House Team Race

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The second half of the morning will celebrate and reward individual performances.

Reception Sprint

Year 1 Sprint

Year 2 Sprint

Year 3 Sprint

Year 4 Sprint

Year 5 Sprint

Year 6 Sprint

Presentation of the House Cup

Relish Infant Lunches

All infant lunches for next Friday 30th June 'St George's Celebration Day' have been cancelled. If your child still wants to have the Relish lunch you must inform the office by 3.15pm on Tuesday 27th June.

Reading Awards

Well done to our readers who reached the next milestone this week. Congratulations to:

....our bronze winners who have reached 50 reads

Alexander (St Francis) & **Ella** (St Elizabeth)

....our silver winners who have reached 150 reads

Lexi-Rose (St Bernadette), **Liam & Murphy** (St Joseph) & **Holly** (St Anthony)

....our gold winners who have reached 150 reads

Stanley (St Elizabeth), **Jack & Florence** (St Joseph) & **Callum** (St Anthony)

....our diamond award winners who have been rewarded for 200 reads

Samuel (St Francis), **Charlie** (St Therese), **Jessica, Leandro & Alvin** (St Elizabeth)
& **Maddie** (St Joseph)

.....and the SUPER READERS who have reached 250 reads.

*Harry L. (St Therese), Florence & Ellie (St Francis), Daisy, Edward & Harley (St Elizabeth),
Charlie (St Bernadette), Catherine & Adele (St Joseph)
Todd (St Anthony)*

Birthdays

Congratulations to all who all celebrated their birthday this week.

*Theodore (St Francis)
Logan (St Therese)
Daisy & Florence O. (St Elizabeth)
And Mrs Ellegard*

Attendance Award

Well done to Year 1 who have 100% attendance this week.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

The last day to hand in Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers is Friday 30th June. Please dig deep in your purses & bags as I'm sure you will find the odd ones hiding there. Remember the more vouchers we have the more sports equipment we can get for the school.

School Nurse

The school nurse will be holding regular drop in sessions for parents to see her. These sessions will begin on Tuesday 11th July 9-11.30. These sessions are to discuss any health issues or concerns that you may have in relation to your child. The school nurse is able to support you in issues such as height and weight, eating, sleeping, hearing, vision and bedwetting. There is no need to book an appointment, just drop in and wait.

Prayers



*Please remember all in our community who need your prayers at this time.
We especially pray for Finlay in Year 2 who is poorly at the moment.
We wish him a very speedy recovery as we miss him!*

God Bless,

Mrs Delgado