



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,

At the end of a short..but long half term..!

Even though this half term has only been five and a half weeks long, dropping off on dark mornings, cold weather and overcast school pick up times have made it feel a bit longer for quite a few of us! It's great to finish this half term with the wonderful news that Olivia in St Francis Class has become a big sister. Her baby brother Teddie was born on Wednesday 7th, weighing 3lb 2oz. He's doing well and Mum is home now. Olivia is a very proud of her new brother!

On behalf of all the staff at St George's, I wish you all an enjoyable half term holiday. And we look forward to seeing you back on Monday 19th February.

Class Assembly

On Thursday morning, St Therese Class finished this half term off in style with their assembly, 'Being Special'. They reminded us all how special we are and how we need to let our light shine brightly. It was wonderful to see how much their confidence has grown and the joy at sharing who they are with our school community. My thanks goes to the children, Mrs McLoughlin, Mrs Fitchew and Mrs Sapsford for a wonderful start to the day.

Birthdays

Congratulations to all those who celebrated their birthday this week.

Alex (St Therese)

Haydn (St Peter)

And Mrs Fitchew & Mrs Archer-Zeff

And Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating during Half Term

Stanislaw (St Francis), Joseph (St Therese)

Harley (St Anthony) and Mr Fisher



Attendance update

As February half term marks the midpoint of this academic year, we are sending you an attendance update for your child/children. Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling, with regular absence seriously affecting learning and attainment. At St George's, it is our aim for every child to be in every day so as to make optimum progress. We will be monitoring any children who are currently below 93% and continue to have irregular attendance. If you have any queries about your child's absence report, or need support in improving their attendance, please do not hesitate to contact me via the office.

The percentage totals at the halfway point for each class Year 1-6 (Year R do not have an official percentage)	
Year 1	97.0
Year 2	97.2
Year 3	96.5
Year 4	98.2
Year 5	96.4
Year 6	97.9

Head Teacher's Award

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

Ottilie (St Francis) ~ for giving every task 100% and making fantastic progress! She has truly amazed us. Well done Ottilie!

Joshua (St Therese) ~ Joshua wowed us with his contribution to our class assembly. He was always focused, enthusiastic, reliable and spoke with confidence and clarity. Great job, Joshua!

Isabelle (St Elizabeth) ~ for always being a kind and caring friend and for making great progress in her maths skills.

Casey (St Bernadette) ~ for his caring attitude towards his friends in class and acting with great responsibility

Lexi-Rose (St Joseph) ~ for being an excellent learner; hard-working and enthusiastic. She is a very kind friend too. Well done.

Poppy (St Anthony) ~ for completing everything with a smile. She approaches life in Year 5 with enthusiasm and always wants to improve on her best. Keep it up!

Grace (St Peter) ~ for working with focus, enthusiasm and motivation in all areas of the curriculum. She is making outstanding progress. Well done!

Reading Awards

Well done to the following children who gained their bronze award this week:

Thomas & Nate (St Elizabeth), Ella (St Bernadette) & Lily (St Joseph)

Grace & Florence (St Anthony)

And the children who have reached 100 reads and earned their silver reading certificate

Jacob, George & Stanislaw (St Francis), Joshua (St Therese)

Charlotte & Florence O. (St Bernadette), Marley (St Joseph) & Gabriel (St Anthony)

And....our FIRST Gold Awards for 150 reads

Florence R-F., Thomas & Georgina (St Therese), Samuel, Isis & Harry (St Elizabeth)

Sophia, Fred & Kyrea (St Bernadette)

Eliana, Emily & Amelie (St Joseph)

Times tables challenge

Congratulations to the children who celebrated their tables award this week:

For their bronze award:

Charles, Jasmine & Thomas (St Elizabeth)

...and for their silver award:

Declan (St Joseph)

Christian & Maddie (St Peter)

...and for their gold award:

Marley & Amelie (St Joseph)

Adele, Chantelle & Oliver (St Anthony)

Todd, Haydn & Brian (St Peter)

...and our diamond award winners:

Henry B., George, Hugh & Olivia (St Peter)

Mercy Award

Congratulations to **Chantelle & Ella (St Anthony)** who have been awarded a Mercy award this week. Both girls have demonstrated compassion and care for a classmate who needs that extra support at the moment. Well done girls.

Running Miles

This week's results are:

Class	Miles this week	Total so far	Travelled to....
Reception	52.2	179	Norwich
Year 1	66.2	240.2	Kings Lynn
Year 2	73.2	283	Skegness
Year 3	69.1	248.4	Kings Lynn
Year 4	79.2	303.4	Skegness
Year 5	74.5	298	Skegness
Year 6	79.7	318.9	Skegness

Sports Awards

Well done to our winners this week

Most improved ~ **Marley (St Joseph)** and Performer of the week ~ **Eliana (St Joseph)**

Friends of St George's

The PTA 100 club, which gives anyone, friends or family, over the age of 16 a chance to win in our quarterly draws: March, June, September and December, will continue to run during 2018. Anyone can join, friends, family and work colleagues, so please ask if you need more forms. If we sell 100 numbers, the prize break-down is as follows:

1st Number drawn £50, 2nd Number drawn £30 3rd Number drawn £20

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

If, however, we do not get the numbers we need, we will have to adjust the prize fund accordingly. We will keep you informed of this. The form is at the end of this newsletter and we will be asking for payment ASAP. All forms and money to the office please.

Swimming Success

Well done to **Lucy** (St Joseph) for representing her swimming club at a local Essex swimming event. She told me all about the races, her team mates, her excited nerves and how she did herself proud. We are also very proud of you Lucy.

Musical Monday during Half Term



8th Shoeburyness Guides

8th Shoeburyness Guides currently have spaces available in their Girl guide group. They meet every Tuesday night from 7:30-9pm at St Georges Church Hall, St Andrews Road, Shoeburyness. If you are a girl aged 10-14 who loves adventure, camping, having fun and making friends then why not come along? For further information please email - 8thshoeburynessguides@gmail.com

Prayers



Please remember all in our community who need your prayers at this time. We remember Kate Bobbin, Mum to Charley (an ex-pupil), whose funeral is on Monday 12th February. Our prayers are with all the family and friends.

Have a great half term,
God Bless,

Mrs Delgado

Friends of St George's 100 Club

Please complete the information below in BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS:

Members Name:

Contact Phone Number:

Please allocate me with (insert how many numbers you want) @ £10 per year, per number.

I would like to select number/s _ _ _ _ _

- I understand I will not get my first choice if it has been allocated previously.
- I will be offered further choices of available numbers.
- I understand that I will receive a cheque if I am a winner
- I am over 16 years of age.

Total payment = £ (Cheques should be made payable to Friends of St Georges School)

Signature:

Dear Parent / Carer

The government has introduced the Pupil Premium Grant to help children from lower income families reach their full potential and to achieve higher academic grades at school.

Under this arrangement, infant schools receive funding for every pupil who meets the criteria for free school meals; so it is important to us to ensure that every child that meets the criteria is actually registered at the school so we can claim this money.

We are able to check eligibility using a simple, secure and confidential online process.

You meet the criteria if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

In order to determine whether you meet the criteria for the Pupil Premium Grant for your children, please complete the attached form and return it to the school office. However, only parent or carer details may be used to apply for this benefit. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs O'Shea.

Application for the Pupil Premium eligibility check

Part one – details of parent/carer – Please use CAPITALS

<i>Name of person receiving the benefit (must be parent or carer)</i>	
<i>Relationship to the child</i>	
<i>Date of Birth of parent/carer</i>	
<i>National Insurance number, or National Asylum Seeker Number</i>	

Part two – details of children at this school

<i>Number of children at this school</i>	
<i>Name and date of birth of child 1</i>	
<i>Name and date of birth of child 2</i>	
<i>Name and date of birth of child 3</i>	
<i>Name and date of birth of child 4</i>	

Please confirm that you agree that we can use the information that you provide to process your claim for Pupil Premium with Southend Borough Council.

The information you supply will be retained as a record. By making this application you consent for us to use the information in this way. You may withdraw your consent at any time by <contacting us on this number/writing to us at this address>. All personal details will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Signed..... date.....