

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*Let it be known to all who enter here, that Christ is the reason for this school,
the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes,
the model for its children, the inspiration for its staff.*

*We aim to be a Christian community and witnesses to Christ,
where all can experience and grow in Christian love
through God's word and the gifts of His sacraments,
and through prayer and personal example.*



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Dear Parents,

November

Sat 14 th	PARISH FIREWORK NIGHT 7.30pm
Sun 15 th	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CALLING MASS St George's Church 10.45am
Mon 16 th	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SESSION ~ St George's Hall 4pm
Tue 17 th	YEAR 6 CLASS MASS~ 2.30pm
Wed 18 th	OPENING EVENING & PARENT CONSULTATIONS 5-7pm
Thu 19 th	PROSPECTIVE PARENTS FOR RECEPTION 2016 ~ 9.30am YEAR 5 CLASS ASSEMBLY 9am
Fri 20 th	DRESS DOWN DAY IN SCHOOL ~ Donations of bottles from junior children and jars of sweets from infant children

Remembrance Day

On Wednesday this week, the whole school came to a standstill to mark Remembrance Day. Year 6 led a very moving service of Remembrance and we all observed a two minute silence at 11 o'clock. Thank you to St Peter's class, and Mr Sims for enabling children, staff and parents to reflect on this important day.



Calling Mass

This weekend's Family Mass is a very important celebration for many of our Year 3 children. The children will be called forward to show their commitment to making their First Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to attend this special Mass at 10.45am on Sunday at St George's Church.

Thank you

I would like to say a BIG thank you to all the staff and mums who supported my charity bingo night at Mecca Bingo on Saturday. A fab night was had by all (especially for our three St George's winners). As well as being a terrific night I raised a massive £1,038.00 for Havens Hospices in memory of my brother. I would also like to say well done to our Year 2 mums who came 2nd in the quiz at the end of the evening, 1st place next time ladies! I intend to make this an annual event but due to popular demand I am hoping to do one in March as well.

Mrs Russell

Children In Need

Thank you for all the donations given before school this morning for 'Children in Need'. We collected **£200.37** to send to the charity.

Essex County Fire & Rescue Service

Year 3 had a visit from an officer at the Essex County Fire & Rescue Service this week to discuss fire safety in the home. The Essex County Fire & Rescue Service stressed the importance of having smoke alarms in the house and are offering a FREE Home Fire Safety visit and FREE smoke alarms. To arrange a home visit please phone 03003030088 or by e-mail, follow the Home Fire Safety link on their website – www.essex-fire.gov.uk. Smoke alarms should be tested on a weekly basis and batteries replaced annually if necessary.

Remember 'Smoke Alarms Save Lives'

Test Text

It is vital that the school has up to date text contact details for every child. To check this, we will be sending a test text next TUESDAY at 10am. If you do not receive a message from the school, please contact us in order that we can check and amend our records.

Open Evening & Parent Consultations Autumn Term ~ Year R – Year 6

Autumn Term open evening is next Wednesday from 5.00–7.00pm. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. As it is an opportunity for the children to share their successes during this term, we expect that all children will remain with their parents, rather than wandering around the school unaccompanied. We will be reminding the children of this and we thank you in advance for your support.

We still have appointments available for parent consultations, either next Wednesday during Open Evening, or in the week commencing Monday 23rd November. These sessions are an opportunity for you to come and talk to the class teacher regarding the progress of your child and their next step targets. We encourage all parents to make an appointment, which can be done by contacting the school office. The class teachers will be reporting on how well your child has settled, their learning/social behaviours and the key areas of English and Maths. They will comment on the progress your child has made during the term, which will be evidenced in their work.

The cut off date for Wednesday 18th is Monday 16th, and for all others, Friday 20th November.

Operation Christmas Child

We have been overwhelmed by the support from our families for this year's Shoebox appeal. This morning, our school councillors took the boxes to the Rayleigh warehouse, not only to safely deliver them, but also to experience what the packing depot was like. They had a fantastic morning accompanied by Mrs Russell and Mrs Lewis. Pictures can be found on the website. We collected an amazing **175** boxes.

On behalf of the Samaritans Purse Charity, thank you.

Friends of St George's news

Thank you to everyone who attended Thursday's meeting. Volunteers are still needed for the fayre ~ setting up the night before or on the day. Please see Lucy or any committee member if you can help. Don't forget next Friday is 'Dress Down Day'. If your child would like to come in their own clothes for the day, we ask for a donation. For all junior children, we ask that you donate a bottle of something; the infants are asked to bring in a jar of sweets.

We would like the children to design a Front Cover for the Christmas Fayre Programme. We are going to have lots of exciting game stalls and activities for you all to take part in and enjoy. Your design should be something to do with Christmas; either something to do with the stalls that we have at the fayre, or maybe the thing you enjoy most from Christmas. All of the designs will be judged and the top 3 will feature on the programme. There will be a prize for the top 3 designs and something for everyone who takes part. All designs need to be in by the 20th November and the top 3 chosen designers will be notified on the 27th November.

Here is a list of all the stalls that we will be having at the Fayre to give you some ideas ~



face paint, teddy/toy tombola, hoop a jar, toys & books,
knock Santa down the chimney, Santa's grotto,
reindeer food, Nativity stall, cake raffle and Mrs Fitchew's sweet shop,

Bronze reading Awards

Congratulations to the children who have earned their bronze reading certificates this week:

Isis, Joseph & Oliver (St Francis)

Charlotte, Harley, Daisy, Alvin, Ted, Henry, Sophia, Florence, William,
Jessica & Kyrea (St Therese)

Freddie, Nadia, Phoebe, Lily-Grace, Charlie, James, Eden, Joseph,
Eliana & Marley (St Elizabeth)

Olivia, Rose, Grace & Maisie (St Joseph)

Aimee (St Anthony)

Head Teacher Awards

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

Charlie ~ (St Francis) ~ for a fantastic attitude, excellent effort and great perseverance

William ~ (St Therese) ~ for being a focused and enthusiastic learner

Sian ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for great collaboration work in drama this week

Georgia ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for always doing her best in all areas of school life

Henry F. ~ (St Joseph) ~ for focus and perseverance in all areas of school life

Joshua ~ (St Anthony) ~ for perseverance in challenging maths. Keep aiming high!

Imogen ~ (St Peter) ~ for working with enthusiasm and perseverance in all areas of the curriculum. Well done, Imogen!

Sports Award

The winners of this week's sports awards are:

Most Improved ~ Chloe (St Francis) Performer of the week ~ Liam (St Bernadette)

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who celebrated a birthday this week.

Elicia (St Francis)

Harley (St Therese)

Christian (St Joseph)

Jack (St Anthony)



Hadleigh Hardcore Triathlon

On Sunday 22nd November, Mr Sims will be taking part in the Hadleigh Hardcore Triathlon which involves a 5k run, 10k cycle and a military style assault course. Money raised will be split between Havens Hospice and Cancer Research UK as part of his ongoing fundraising efforts. There is a collection box in the school office if you would like to make a donation.

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 Smith 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.
God Bless,

Mrs Smith

Diary Dates

Saturday 14 th November	Parish Firework Night 7.30pm
Sunday 15 th November	Calling Mass for ALL FHC children making their 10.45am ~St George's Church
Tuesday 17 th November	Year 6 Class Mass 2.30pm in school
Wednesday 18 th November	Open Evening 5pm – 7pm
Thursday 19 th November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2016 9.30am Year 5 Class Assembly 9am
Friday 20 th November	Dress down day in school ~ Donations of bottles and jars of sweets please
W/C 23 rd November	Parent Consultations
Saturday 28 th November	Joint Parish and School Christmas Fayre
Monday 14 th December	Year 1 & 2 Performance (2pm)
Tuesday 15 th December	Year R Nativity (9.30am) Year 1 & 2 Performance (7pm) No siblings below secondary age
Wednesday 16 th December	Year R Nativity (9.30am) Carol Concert 7pm at St George's Church
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day PTA Christmas Gift sale
Friday 18 th December	Last Day Autumn Term ~ Mass at 2pm in the school