



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

St George's School & Parish Christmas Fayre

WHAT A SUCCESS!

Last Saturday, the school and parish community came together for the Christmas Fayre. The event was a fantastic success due to the generous donations, people who organised it, the stall holders and of course, to all of the children, family and friends who came on the day to spend their money.

An amazing £3500 was raised!

This will be split between the school and parish. On behalf of St George's, I would like to thank EVERYONE who was involved, but my special thanks must go to Mrs Stapely, Mrs Halvey and Mrs Fensom for giving up so much of their time to ensure its success. Also thank you Mrs Lowry who, although she was unable to attend the event, kept the wheels of organisation turning.

I would also like to recognise the following companies for their donations: Cilffs Pavilion, Photo Visual, Sea Life Centre, Kids Kingdom, The Fun Factory, Bonnie Wee Things, Heidi Flints Flowers, Smart Fitness, Mrs Fitchew's Sweets, Freda-Rose Event Planning, The Roslin Beach Hotel, Urban Utopia Hairdressers & Julie Price School of Motoring.

December

Thurs 8th

Year 6 trip to Harry Potter World

Choir carol singing at Great Meads sheltered accomodation

Fri 9th

Choir carol singing at Crouchmans sheltered accomodation



Operation Christmas Child

We have been overwhelmed by the support from our families for this year's Shoebox appeal. On Monday, 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 afternoon accompanied by Mrs Wall and Mrs Lewis. We collected an amazing **213** boxes. (175 last year)

On behalf of the Samaritans Purse Charity, thank you.

We would also like to say a big thank you to Finley from Thorpe Hall School, who didn't want presents for his 6th Birthday last month, instead he asked all his friends to fill a shoe box. He collected 19 shoe boxes, which was fantastic. Well done Finley & friends.

Christmas Lunch

On Tuesday 20th December we are having our School Christmas Lunch when all the children can come in with their own special packed lunch that day. If you still prefer the Relish Infant lunch you must still order on-line as normal. We will automatically cancel all Relish lunches unless you return the slip attached. If we **do not** receive a slip from you we will assume that you will be providing your child's lunch that day. Please do not give your child a Christmas cracker or products containing nuts.

Gift Sale

The PTA will be holding a Christmas gift sale in school on Friday 16th December. Gifts are £1.50 each, maximum of 2 per child.

Toy Mass

The parish are holding our annual toy collection at the 10.45 am Mass on Sunday 11th December, for the local children in need who otherwise may not receive a gift this Christmas. We are looking for only new toys, gifts, or vouchers for children and young teenagers up to 16 years. These can be left in the boxes at both Churches or bring them to any Mass on the weekend of 10th/11th December. Please leave gifts unwrapped. Thank you for your support.

'Wear a Woolly and Save Lives'

We will be supporting Christmas Jumper Day on Tuesday 20th December. If your child is coming to school in their best knitwear, they do not have to wear uniform trousers or skirts. We are asking for a donation for taking part and hope to raise a good amount to send off to the charity.



Year 4 Class Assembly

It was lovely to see so many friends and family attend St Joseph's class Assembly on Thursday. The children explained the season of Advent very clearly and helped us to look forward to, and

prepare for, Jesus birthday at Christmas. Thanks to Mrs Howell, Mrs Davey and Mrs Pickford for organising, preparing and inspiring the children.

World Gifts

We would like to end the Year of Mercy by supplying mosquito nets to protect children from malaria and other mosquito-borne diseases in a time of emergency. The nets cost £7 each so if you would like to contribute please send the money into school in a labelled envelope. If every child was able to contribute just 25p we would be able to send a net from each class!

Mercy Awards

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

Eliana (St Bernadette) for being really kind and caring towards another pupil when they became upset.

Jack (St Joseph) for comforting an upset Year 1 child during orchestra rehearsal.

Head Teacher Awards

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

Ellie ~ (St Francis) ~ for focus and enthusiasm in all areas especially phonics

William ~ (St Therese) ~ for showing great imagination in English this week

Sophia ~ (St Elizabeth) ~for showing great enthusiasm in all areas of the curriculum and always putting in 100%

Faith ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for staying focused and working independently during lessons

Chantelle ~ (St Joseph) ~ for always staying focused on her work and consistently behaving well

Christian ~ (St Anthony) ~ for showing great signs of a reflective learner. Well done, you have worked hard to improve your maths in areas you have found challenging.

Hannah ~ (St Peter) ~ for being a fantastic role model and showing real enthusiasm towards her learning

Reading Awards

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

Samuel B, Kundai, Daniel Y (St Francis)

Chloe, Ernie, Jasmine (St Therese)

Stanley, Gabriel (St Elizabeth)

Harley, Michael, Gabriel (St Joseph)

Callum, Daisy (St Anthony)

100% Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 5 who have 100% attendance this week.

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated this week:

Adam (St Joseph)
Amelie & Isabelle (St Bernadette)
Poppy (St Peter)



Altar Servers

Congratulations to *Catherine* (St Joseph) who will be commissioned this Sunday.
Also to *Rose, Louie, Andrew, Jessica & Henry F.* who received their Guild of St Stephen medals, recognising their first year's serving, last weekend.

Steps Ahead

This week was the last Steps Ahead session for this term.

Parental/Family Contacts

It is really important that we have up to date local contact details for your child. When a child is unwell and we feel they need to go home it is crucial that we have a local contact who can collect your child immediately.

Parking

There have been some incidents reported recently of parents/carers parking without thinking about the safety of the children or the local residents. I ask that you park legally; **not blocking driveways, garages or across dropped kerbs or on the corners/verges** as this limits visibility of the children and the traffic. We are in contact with the Highways Agency to see what can be done to prevent this continually happening and I will keep you updated. I thank you in advance for your support.

Prayers



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

Mrs Delgado

Child's name	Year
I <u>will</u> be sending my child in with a special Christmas packed lunch on Tuesday 20th	please tick <input type="checkbox"/>
My child <u>will</u> be having their normal Relish lunch	please tick <input type="checkbox"/>
Parent's signature	

Shoeburyness High School Presents



Monday 5th December
7pm Wendy Owen Hall

Shoeburyness High School (entrance via the
Caulfield Road side, opposite Shoebury and
Thorpe Bay Baptist Church)

**Special offer for our Primary Schools - £2
per ticket**

Please call 01702 292286 ext 135 to reserve tickets