



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 Parish and School

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 26th November - 12.00 Noon

Hot & Cold Refreshments
 AND ALL OUR USUAL **FUN**
 Bottle Tombola

Children's games & crafts
 Grand Draw & Raffles

St George's School
 Eagle Way
 Shoeburyness



November

Sat 26th

Christmas Fayre

Sun 27th

Calling Mass for First Holy Communion children 10.45am @ St George's

Mon 28th

Final day for bringing in Samaritan shoeboxes

December

Thu 1st

Year 4 class assembly 9am



Lunches

As a school we promote healthy eating and healthy lunches for all our children and have begun to notice that unsuitable items are being included in lunchboxes. For a child to grow and develop properly, it is vital that they are eating a suitable diet. An example of a healthy lunchbox should:

- be based on starchy carbohydrates (bread, potatoes, rice, pasta)
- include fresh fruit and vegetables/salad
- include a source of protein such as meat, fish, eggs, cheese (or dairy alternative)
- include a side dish such as a low-fat and lower-sugar yoghurt (or dairy alternative), tea cake, fruit bread, plain rice/corn cakes, homemade plain popcorn, sugar-free jelly
- include a drink such as water, skimmed or semi-skimmed milk, sugar-free or no-added-sugar drinks

It may be that children have the occasional packet of crisps or a chocolate covered biscuit etc, **but it should not contain** sweets, pure chocolate bars (such as Dairy Milk, Wispa etc), fast food or highly processed/high saturated fat content, as all of these are directly linked to obesity and future health issues, such as diabetes. Lunch boxes are monitored to ensure that the children have enough to eat and are eating the right types of food. If you would like further advice, please do not hesitate to contact the office and we can arrange a session with a school nutritionist. We will also be signposting parents to this service if we feel there is a regular pattern of providing unsuitable lunches for their child. Thank you in advance for your support.

Class Mass & Assembly

It was lovely to see so many friends and family attend St Joseph's class Mass on Tuesday. Thank you Mrs Howell and Fr Brett for organising and leading the liturgy, and of course the children for partaking so actively in this celebration.

Well done to St Bernadette's class for their wonderful 'Belonging' assembly on Thursday morning. I was astounded at the number of groups the children participate in! My thanks go to Mrs Arnold and Mrs Gillett for organising, preparing and inspiring the children.

I would also like to mention and thank Mrs Rees, who during this term, has attended assemblies and Masses to play for the children and parents. She is our superstar!

Mercy Awards

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

Daniel V. (St Francis) for helping a child with his coat

Sophia (St Anthony) Sophia notice a child was upset so gave up her seat at lunch so they could sit next to their friend

Dan (St Joseph) for giving up a lunchtime to untangle a number of playground toys so that other people would have the enjoyment of using them. He showed great kindness and patience.

Head Teacher Awards

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

Joshua ~ (St Francis) ~ for working well in all areas, both independently and as part of a group.

Isabelle ~ (St Therese) ~ for showing great enthusiasm in Maths lessons. Keep it up!

Stanley ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for great participation and enthusiasm in Maths lessons this week.

Phoebe ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for persevering when completing difficult times tables calculations.

Samuel ~ (St Joseph) ~ for persevering with his reading and making progress

Haydn ~ (St Anthony) ~ for showing enthusiasm in his English work and sharing his passion with others.

Francesca ~ (St Peter) ~ for working with enthusiasm and independence and demonstrating a real passion for learning.

Reading Awards

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

Natalia, Florence I., Aubrey & Jamie (St Francis)

Elicia (St Therese)

Liwia & Alvin (St Elizabeth)

Ewan, Oliver, Orla & Maddy (St Joseph)

Jessica & Isabel (St Anthony)

Joshua (St Peter)

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated this week:

Ruby & Phoebe (St Bernadette)

Anna (St Peter)

Mrs Delgado, Mrs Wallen and Mrs Davenport



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 **188** which is fantastic and we would love to break the 200 mark!

Scooters for Schools

One of our parents signposted a scheme which could help raise money and gain resources for our school

HOW IT WORKS

- Every time an order is placed on the scooters for schools website using the unique code of our school, we will receive 10% of that order back to our account.
- As the money earned builds, we aim to swap the money for scooters for the children to use.
- If you would like more information on the scheme, please click on the link below

<http://www.micro-scooters.co.uk/scooters-for-schools>

Artist of the Month

From the 1st December we will be celebrating the wonderful artists we have in the school. Every month a child will be chosen to show a piece of their artwork in a picture frame which will go on display in the front office. December's artist of the month has been awarded to Lily (St Bernadette).

Congratulations

Well done to Gabriel (St Joseph) for his success at the Southend on Sea Music and Drama Festival. Gabriel came second in the poetry class and was awarded a silver medal. In the prose class, he received an honours award.

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