

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,

Act of Remembrance


They shall not grow old
As we who are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them
Nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We will remember them



“When you go home, tell them of us and say,
For their tomorrow, we gave our today”

We think of all families whose lives have been affected by the loss of loved ones due to war. We especially pray for all the service men and women who gave their today for our tomorrow. We will be holding a special Remembrance Assembly in school on Wednesday morning.

November

Mon 9 th	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SESSION ~ St George's Hall 4pm	
Tue 10 th	PROSPECTIVE PARENTS FOR RECEPTION 2016 ~ 9.30am YEAR 2 CLASS CELEBRATION ~ 2.30pm	
Wed 11 th	<u>ST GEORGE'S REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY</u> ~ 10.30am ~All are welcome SCHOOL PHOTOS ~ families with pre-school children 8.30am onwards FOSQ PTA MEETING ~ All parents are invited 3.30pm Community Suite	
Thu 12 th	Last day to bring in 'Operation Christmas Child' shoeboxes	
Fri 13 th	CHILDREN IN NEED DAY ~ normal school uniform day, but the children welcome to bring/wear Pudsey accessories. There will be a collection box in the playground in the morning for any donations and the children will enjoy afternoon activities.	
Sat 14 th	PARISH FIREWORK NIGHT 7.30pm	
Sun 15 th	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CALLING MASS St George's Church 10.45am	

Congratulations

I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Cracknell gave birth to a baby girl, Olivia Beatrice, on Friday 23rd October. Both Mummy and baby are doing well. We look forward to seeing both of them soon.



Goodbye!

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to two members of staff who will be leaving us for a well earned rest! Mrs Wright and Mrs DeViell have been instrumental in the smooth running of the school; one with finance and one with first aid. We will miss them both a great deal and wish them every happiness in the future.

Parent Governor

This week, we counted the votes that came in for the position of parent governor. I would like to thank the three parents that put themselves forward for this vital role, it reflects their commitment to our school. Mrs Vicky Irons received the most votes and will therefore be joining the Governing Body next month. I would like to also thank you, the parents, for engaging with this process.

School photos

Just a reminder that the photographer will be in school on **WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER** for individual and family group pictures. If you have any pre-school children that you would like to be included with their siblings, please come to the front entrance from 8.30am.

PTA MEETING

There will be a PTA meeting next Wednesday at 3.30pm in the Community Suite. As all parents/carers of children at the school are members, you are all invited to attend. We will supervise any children in the ICT suite.

100% Attendance Award

Congratulations to Years 1, 2 & 4 who have 100% attendance this week.

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 Thursday 12th 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 **56** and would love to get as close to **100** as possible.

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who celebrated a birthday this week.

Charles (St Francis)
Oliver B (St Bernadette)
Mrs Marquis



Bronze reading Awards

This week we handed out the first of our bronze reading award certificates to children who have read 50 times at home. Congratulations to:

Edward, Liwia & Freddie (St Therese)
Emily, Lucy & Amelie (St Elizabeth)
Todd, Isabel, Louie & Daisy (St Joseph)
Millie O'H, Katie, Amelia, Bonnie, Rachel & Millie O'D (St Peter)

Head Teacher Awards

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

Oliver ~ (St Francis) ~ for gaining confidence in his communication skills and showing a great improvement in phonics

Finley ~ (St Therese) ~ for coming back to school with a positive attitude towards learning

Lily-Grace ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for always showing enthusiasm in her learning

Maia ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for excellent behaviour and perseverance in all activities

Lily ~ (St Joseph) ~ for thoughtful work in R.E.

Emma ~ (St Anthony) ~ for being an enthusiastic learner ~ keep it up!

Sophie ~ (St Peter) ~ for working with independence and perseverance and for being an excellent role model. Keep it up!

Sports Award

The winners of this week's sports awards are:

Most Improved ~ Chloe (St Francis) Performer of the week ~ Grace (St Anthony)

Literacy and Maths Awards

Congratulations to Ntando (St Anthony) and Holly (St Joseph) who gained a special recognition award during World Literacy Day. Ntando was awarded 2nd place and Holly, 1st. Well done also to Jack, Mina and Charlotte (St Anthony), who were recognised for their achievements during World Maths Day. Charlotte came 3rd, Mina was 2nd and Jack came 1st.

Message from the PTA

Christmas will soon be upon us and we are already busy planning the School and Parish Christmas bazaar. It is going to be a wonderful family afternoon and is held here at St Georges School. We will soon be sending out draw tickets to sell, two books per family. If you require more please do not hesitate to ask.

As always, these events cannot run without your help so donations will be gratefully received. We are looking for: raffle prizes, toiletries, chocolates, toys & books.

We will be holding a non uniform day on Friday 20th November, to collect bottles and jars of sweets. We will also be selling cakes on the day. Would you like to help out at the bazaar? If you would, please speak to any committee members: Lucy Fensom, Annette Stapley or Rose Mutsunge or one of the class reps. Any help is very much appreciated. Thank you for your support.

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

Tuesday 10 th November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2016 9.30am
	Year 2 Class Celebration 2.30pm in school
Wednesday 11 th November	REMEMBRANCE DAY ~ Year 6 Class Assembly 10.30am Everyone is welcome
Saturday 14 th November	Parish Firework Night 7.30pm
Sunday 15 th November	Calling Mass for ALL children making their First Holy Communion this year 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
Friday 18 th December	Last Day Autumn Term ~ Mass at 2pm in the school
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 21st DECEMBER 2015 – FRIDAY 1st JANUARY 2016	