



# 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,

## December

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| Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> | TOY MASS 6pm Saturday & <u>10.45am</u> @ St George's Church  |
| Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>                   | Year 1 & 2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 2pm   |
| Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>                   | Year R NATIVITY 9.30am<br>Year 1 & 2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 7pm ~ No younger siblings or siblings from the school |
| Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>                   | Year R NATIVITY 9.30am<br>Years 3 - 6 CHRISTMAS SERVICE ~ 7pm at St George's Church ~ All families welcome       |
| Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>                   | PTA CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE  |
| Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>                   | NON UNIFORM DAY for winning House Team<br>Toy Sale during the afternoon  |
| Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>                   | CHRISTMAS LUNCH & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY   |
| Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>                   | Last Day of Term<br>WHOLE SCHOOL MASS in the school hall at 2pm ~ Everyone is welcome                            |

## Year 3 ~ 6 Christmas Service



Our annual Christmas Carol Service will take place at the church on Wednesday. We look forward to seeing ALL of our junior children on the evening of the 13<sup>th</sup> along with their parents, siblings and relatives. It would be great to see as many of you as possible for this special, prayerful evening of readings and carols. Please could you ensure that children arrive at the church dressed in their school uniform, no later than 6.45pm on Wednesday. It would be very helpful if parents could look after children's coats and then send the children to the front of the church where they will be directed to their special place. All parents, siblings and relatives are to sit in the main part of the church.

## Christmas Performances next week

### Year R Nativity ~ 'Humph

Performances of the Year R nativity take place next Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 9.30am and last approximately 30 minutes. All parents, carers and relatives of reception children are welcome to attend. Tickets are not necessary as we should have plenty of space for you all. Entrance will be via the Community Suite.

### Year 1 & 2 ~ 'A Midwife Crisis'

Performances take place on Monday afternoon at 2pm and Tuesday evening at 7pm. Children should arrive at 6.30pm for the evening performance. Entrance for the Monday performance will be via the Community Suite and the Tuesday evening will be through the front doors. We ask that you arrive no earlier than 6.30pm as the front doors will not open until this time (and it will be very cold outside!)

Each ticket has a **ROW AND NUMBER** on it which means that you have an allocated seat so please bring your ticket to the performance. Please do not bring younger or older siblings from our school to the evening show. All of our children will have the opportunity to see the performance during next week. Can I remind all parents that pre-school siblings are welcome to the **AFTERNOON** performance **ONLY**.

### End of Term Mass

We are very fortunate that many families attend end of term Mass, showing support for the importance of celebrating the end of a term. However, the numbers have grown to such a size, and after consulting with the school's fire marshal, it has been decided that our school hall cannot accommodate everyone who would want to attend. Therefore to ensure the safety of all, we will be issuing numbered tickets for the end of term Mass next week. This is to ensure we do not exceed numbers which could make it uncomfortable or unsafe for the children and adults, should there ever be the need to evacuate. There are **80** tickets available and we are limiting it to one per person per family (babies and pre-school children are welcome but they will have to share the chair!). Whilst this may seem restrictive, we have 158 families and no doubt as many as possible would want to attend. The tickets will be on a first come basis and can be collected from the office. We will not be keeping a register, therefore you MUST have your ticket as you come in. Any parents, carers, siblings, family members without a ticket will, unfortunately, not be able to join us on this occasion. Children can be taken home after Mass, around 2.45pm, and even if you do not attend, you can collect your children at this time. We will inform you by text when Mass has finished.

### After school clubs

All Clubs are now finished for this term.

## Rejoice! A Son is born

Yesterday evening, 36 children from Key Stage 2 performed at the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service Christmas concert at the Cathedral. They were magnificent, singing with confidence and perfect pitch. As their Head teacher, I was extremely proud of each one of them and know that the parents and families who attended, were too. Well done to all of my superstars, and thank you, Mrs McLoughlin, for preparing the children to such a high standard.



Natalia, Zofia, Grace, Brianna, Daisy, Jason, Sophia, Kyrea, Jessica, Florence  
& Ella (St Bernadette)

Emily, Eliana, Lucy, Faith, Xavier, Eden, Joseph, Richard, Regan, Phoebe, Ruby  
& Lily (St Joseph)

Adele, Maddie, Chantelle & Charlotte (St Anthony)

And a special mention for Chantelle (St Anthony) who sang solo in front of a packed audience.

## Operation Christmas Child

I thought you would like to know that last week the Rayleigh Depot loaded 6,145 Shoeboxes onto a lorry returning to Romania. What a fantastic effort!

## Head Teacher Awards

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

Lucy (St Francis) ~ for an enthusiastic and focused approach to everything she does. .

Georgina (St Therese) ~ for being a fabulous member of year 1. She has proven herself to be a lovely friend to all and has a super attitude to all activities in the classroom showing perseverance & independence. Great job!

Lilah (St Elizabeth) ~ for working with great focus and independence in our Maths work

Edward (St Bernadette) ~ for his constant hard working attitude and independence in completing his work

Richard (St Joseph) ~ for great focus and enthusiasm this week he has been a shining star in our practical Maths lessons

Harley (St Anthony) ~ for demonstrating all the attributes of an excellent learner in recent weeks. His growing confidence and enthusiasm has amazed us all

Christian (St Peter) ~ for working with enthusiasm, focus and motivation in Maths and English. He has shown a fantastic attitude towards learning. Well done!



## Birthdays

Congratulations to Isis (St Elizabeth) and Isabel (St Joseph) who celebrated their birthdays this week.

## Bronze reading Awards

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

Jack & George (St Francis)

Alexander (St Therese)

*Liwia & Finley (St Elizabeth), Isabelle (St Joseph)*

*Laurence & Hugh (St Peter)*

### **Congratulations!**

A huge WELL DONE to Ruby (St Joseph) who was awarded her **BROWN** belt in Karate. This is a fantastic achievement, especially at such a young age. We are very proud of you, Ruby.

### **Boccia**

This week, three children from St Joseph's class represented St George's at a Boccia tournament. The girls were magnificent, winning 2 out of their 3 preliminary games. They were then placed in the second pool of eight schools where they triumphed and came top. Well done to Lyric, Amelie & Eden.

### **National Young Mathematicians Award 2017**

Unfortunately, our maths team, comprising of Ben R., Gabriel, Isabel & Rose, were not one of the five schools selected to attend the nationwide Grand Final next week. However, the children achieved so much in reaching the regional final stage of the competition. Thank you for being such great representatives of St George's.

### **Harry Potter Warner Bros. Studio Tour**

Yesterday, our Year 6 children visited Warner Bros. Studio Tour as part of their work in English on Harry Potter - they had an amazing time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. From visiting the Great Hall and newly-added Forbidden Forest, to standing inside the Hogwarts Express and having their photo taken on a broomstick, it really was a magical day. If parents have been 'treated' to a Bertie Botts Every Flavour Bean, I can only apologise. As ever, the children were a credit to the school as their behaviour was exceptional.

### **Christmas Lunch & Jumpers!**



On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

We will be supporting Christmas Jumper Day on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Gift Sale

The PTA will be holding a Christmas gift sale in school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Gifts are £1.50 each, maximum of 2 per child.

### 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:

1<sup>st</sup> Number drawn £50

2<sup>nd</sup> Number drawn £30

3<sup>rd</sup> Number drawn £20

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

The form is at the end of this newsletter and we will be asking for payment by the end of January. All forms and money to the office please. The winners of the December super draw are:

1<sup>st</sup> ~ £100 ~ Mr & Mrs Dear

2<sup>nd</sup> ~ £50 ~ Mr Alcock

3<sup>rd</sup> ~ £30 ~ Mrs Antonie

4<sup>th</sup> ~ £20 ~ Mr & Mrs Fensom

### Altar Servers

Congratulations to Xavier and Faith (St Joseph) and Mrs Fensom who were commissioned last weekend. Also to Catherine who received her Guild of St Stephen medal, recognising her first year's serving. Joseph, Lucy & Lily (St Joseph) will be commissioned this Sunday so we wish you the very best for this weekend.

### Breakfast Club ~ Spring Term 2018

Bookings for Spring Term can now be made on Wise Pay. We ask that if you wish to secure a place for the first week back that you book by 3pm Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. A reminder that all bookings for Breakfast Club must be made 24 hours in advance

### Relish Infant Lunches

When ordering lunches for the last week of term (orders by 12 noon Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>) please ensure you order for the whole week as Thursday & Friday's orders will be used for when we come back on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> & Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January. After 12 noon 13<sup>th</sup> December ALL orders will be deleted. New orders for week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> January will need to be placed by 12 noon on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

## RAINBOWS

If your child is struggling through a painful experience, and you would like any further information on how we could support them, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Davenport, Mrs Delgado or your child's class teacher.



## Prayers



Please remember all in our community who need your prayers at this time.

Have a lovely weekend,

God Bless,

*Mrs Delgado*

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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: .....