

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,

Dates for your diary



March

Mon 21 st	Whole school Mass 9.30am at St George's Church
Tue 22 nd	Hot Cross Run 1pm start at St Thomas More (access through Bridgewater Drive entrance)
Wed 23 rd	Easter service led by Years 3 & 4 2pm & 7pm (no siblings below secondary age) Year 1 parents meeting 3.30pm in classroom
Thu 24 th	Last day of Spring Term

Goodbye Oreo

We began this week with the sad news that Oreo, our school guinea pig had died. He fell asleep on Sunday afternoon and didn't wake up. I know that Oreo was loved by the children and will be missed. We will be finding a new companion to keep Cookie company and will keep you updated.

Football Match

On Tuesday our boys played their third league match of the season against Our Lady of Lourdes. Despite the boys dominating the first half, with many opportunities to go ahead, they lost the match 3-0. Although they were a little disheartened, they have regrouped and are playing Sacred Heart after school today. The result will be published in next week's newsletter.

Keep going boys...

Ace, Cameron, George, Darrell, William, Jack, Finley, Marco and Elliott

Infant lunches for after Easter

Please make sure your child's lunches for after Easter are ordered by 12 noon next Wednesday 23rd March. Unfortunately if they are not ordered by then you will need to provide a packed lunch for the first week back. Please note that any orders that have been 'repeated until the end of term' will cease and new orders will have to be placed in the new term.

Phonics meeting

Mrs Lawrence invites all year 1 parents to a phonics screening and swimming information meeting next Wednesday 22nd March, at 3.30pm. It will last no more than 30 minutes. The children will be supervised in the ICT suite.

Easter Egg Collection

Mrs Halvey would like to say a big thank you, on behalf of the parish, to all those who donated Easter eggs last weekend. An amazing 180 eggs were collected.

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated a birthday this week

Oliver (St Francis)

Aidan & Maddy (St Bernadette)



Head Teacher's Award

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

Lee (St Francis) ~ for independence and perseverance in maths

M'Meli (St Therese) ~ for persevering and demonstrating great learning in reading and phonics

Lyric (St Elizabeth) ~ for always working to the best of her ability and doing it with a smile on her face

Evie (St Bernadette) ~ for setting an excellent example of good behaviour and for always working hard

Alex and Oliver (St Joseph) ~ for outstanding homework

Jack (St Anthony) ~ for having an outstanding attitude towards learning and being a fantastic role model

Millie-Grace (St Peter) ~ for being a fantastic role model and always setting an excellent example of behaviour

Elise, Amelia & Millie-Grace (St Peter) ~ for painting the Mercy window

Sports Awards

Congratulations to this week's winners.

Most Improved ~ Ntando (St Anthony) Sports Performer ~ Isabel (St Joseph)

Reading Awards

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

Murphy (St Bernadette)

Marco (St Anthony)

Darrell (St Peter)

... the children who have reached 100 reads and earned their silver reading certificates

Lyric & Declan (St Elizabeth)

Ewan (St Bernadette)

Christian & Callum (St Joseph)

.....and our gold winners

Harley & Charlotte (St Therese)

Regan, Lucy, Joseph, Phoebe & Freddie (St Elizabeth)

Reception Class

After the Easter holidays, Miss Reed's class will come into school via the 'infant entrance', the blue gate currently used by year 1 & 2, as part of the preparation for transition to year 1. The children will still exit at the end of the school day via their classroom door.

Breakfast Club ~ Summer Term 2016

Bookings for the Summer Term can now be made on WisePay. We ask that if you wish to secure a place for the first week back that you book by 3pm Thursday 24th March. A reminder that all bookings for Breakfast Club must be made 24 hours in advance.

Summer Uniform

We will be changing from our winter uniform to our summer uniform on the first day back after the Easter holidays, 11th April. I have outlined the expected uniform below.

- Polo t-shirts and summer dresses are now available to purchase from the school via WisePay
- Or
- You can order a school polo top from Tesco, with the school's badge embroidered onto it.

You will need to buy directly from Tesco Online using our unique school information. The cost of these polo shirts will be £3.75 (3-12yrs) or £4.75 (12 - 16yrs) with free p&p.

1. Go to <http://www.clothingattesco.com/icat/embschoolwear>
2. Go to 'Find Your School', click on the arrow for the drop down menu and select Southend-On-Sea
3. Click on 'St George's'
4. Choose the school polo shirt by clicking 'View' ~ Please note ~ the site uses a stock photo and it will be our school badge on the actual item
5. Follow the ordering process

Please be aware that the quality of the polo shirts from Tesco may differ from the school's polo shirt. The school will accept no responsibility for the quality of the material or the manufacture of these shirts.

❖ You can buy a red and white checked summer dress from any stockist, Asda, Tesco etc.

In order that it is accepted as school uniform, it must:

- be a red and white checked dress ~ no stripes
- have a predominantly white collar
- be a plain design with no extras, such as waist ties, frilled skirt, 'feature' pockets/buttons etc. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

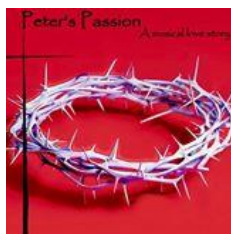
Boys	Girls
<u>School</u> polo shirt (white with embroidered badge)* Also available from Tesco Clothing Online	Red and white check summer dress (<u>with a white collar</u>)*
Grey trousers or shorts	Red, white, navy or black hair band or scrunchie
Grey socks	White socks
Black shoes	Black shoes (no heels or open toe shoes)
<u>School</u> pullover *	<u>School</u> pullover or cardigan *
School reversible fleece jacket* or a <u>plain</u> waterproof outdoor coat (with hood)	School reversible fleece jacket* or a <u>plain</u> waterproof outdoor coat (with hood)
<u>School</u> baseball/summer hat **	<u>School</u> baseball/summer hat **

Items marked * are available to purchase through school. All other items can be purchased from clothing outlets/supermarkets

** At St George's, we believe that children's safety in the sun is of paramount importance and this includes wearing a sun hat/cap. If a child has misplaced their school cap/hat, we expect any replacements to be plain with no bold, fashion logos. Red is the preferred colour as it enables us to easily identify the children walking to church, sports events etc.

Plain means no bold logos, slogans, brand names, inappropriate symbols etc.

Peter's Passion ~ Message from St Thomas More



All parents and friends of the school are warmly invited to this year's Passion Service. It is a musical presentation of Our Lord's journey to the Cross entitled "Peter's Passion". It is composed by Bernadette Egan and will be presented under licence at 7.00pm on Wednesday 23rd March at St Thomas More High School. Parking is available on the playground. We hope you will be able to

join us on this evening.

Prayers

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



Miss Norris

Diary Dates * New dates added or amended

Monday 21 st March	End of Term Mass 9.30am* at St George's Church (Change of time)
Wednesday 23 rd March	Yr 3 & 4 Easter Service at St George's School ~ 2pm
	Easter Service at St George's School ~ 7pm, led by Yr 3 & 4 No siblings below secondary age
Thursday 24 th March	Last Day of Spring Term
Monday 11 th April	Back to school - First Day of Summer Term
Saturday 23 rd April	ST GEORGE'S FUN RUN

