



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,

Welcome back ~ I hope that you all enjoyed the Easter holiday and are ready for the final term! The children looked very smart returning to school this week dressed in their summer uniform. Some parents have asked if the 'playsuits' that Asda are selling (which have shorts instead of the usual dress design) would be considered as uniform. As they look identical to our uniform dresses, we are happy for parents to choose either style. We ask that any dress or playsuit has a predominantly white collar, not checked, as in line with our uniform policy. Please can you make sure your child's uniform is clearly named, including the red jackets, to avoid unnecessary expense replacing lost items. We also ask that as the warmer weather has arrived, could you please ensure that your child comes to school with a water bottle and a sun hat. We have school caps for sale at the office.

We also start the term pleased to announce TWO new arrivals! **Albie** (St Francis) welcomed his new baby brother, Johnny, just before the Easter holidays which meant he had two whole weeks to spend with him. Also, we welcome our new caretaker, **Mr Lazarus**, to St George's. I am sure that you will all make him feel very welcome and by next week, he'll feel as if he's always been here!



April

Sat 21st ST GEORGE'S FUN RUN

Mon 23rd ST GEORGE'S DAY

Mass @ St George's Church @ 9.15am PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME



Text Messages

A few parents have asked about the school's text messaging service and why the numbers are different with each text. By having different numbers, it means that some parents are struggling to keep track of texts from the school. We emailed the company, Eduspot, who gave us this response.

'All messages are sent and received over a secure, UK, number. Messages may be received from a different number each time. The messages will always remain safe and secure.'

We regularly look at our providers to ensure best value and effectiveness, in addition to taking into account feedback from parents. We will be researching various companies during the next year to find a better option to keep us in contact with you.

Friends of St George's

A HUGE thank you to Annette and Danielle for organising this week's PTA meetings. There was a good turnout at the afternoon and evening with lots of great ideas, offers of support and organisation of events that benefit every child in our school. It would be great if the numbers steadily grew for each meeting as it would mean there is more parental input and views.

Don't forget the FUN RUN



Saturday 21st April 2018

Registration: 9am – 9.30am

Years 5 & 6 – 9.30am

Years 3 & 4 – 9.40am

Years 1 & 2 – 9.50am

Year R and Nursery – 10.00am



Start Line: Sealife Adventure Finish Line: Uncle Tom's Cabin

We will be joining with Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Lourdes this year; a really competitive event! For that reason, we ask that the children wear their red P.E. top so that we can spot you all and can also identify our year group winners! There is no need to inform us of participation prior to the event, we will be registering the children on the morning, so even if you decide last minute, it'll be great to see you there!

Parents, as ever, are more than welcome to run, jog or walk with their children.

Pantomime

The Friends of St Georges are selling tickets for Aladdin at the Cliffs Pavilion for this Christmas! We are able to sell these at a great discount price of just £14.50 per ticket. The tickets are for Thursday 20th December 2018 @ 2.15pm. This is the first day of the Christmas holidays. Tickets will go on sale from Monday 23rd April via the office only. They will be sold on a first come first served basis. A deposit of £10 will secure each ticket with the balance being due by 19th October. These tickets are being sold at cost because we would like to give all our pupils and their families the opportunity to go to the panto at a reasonable price, we do however only have a limited number of tickets which will be sold on a first come first served basis so if you would like to reserve tickets, please use the form below and hand in to the office.

After School Clubs

We had a great response for after school clubs this term. Please note that Athletics, Southend United, Steps Ahead & Fitness, Circuit & Dance will commence next week and the rest of the clubs will start week commencing 30th April 2018. Southend United have extended their after school football club to accommodate Year 2. If your child is interested, please apply on the Southend United website.

500 Words competition

This afternoon we celebrated all the children who, as part of writing club last term, entered a short story of 500 words. **Ben R.** (St Peter) has made it through to the next round so we are very excited to see what happens next!

Well done to **Ben R., Henry B., Rose, Hugh, Gabriel, India, Holly, Daisy, Markus,**

Olivia & George (St Peter)

Poppy, Ewan & Georgia (St Anthony)

A special mention for **Mrs Hodges** who organised the lunchtime writing club which enabled our children to participate. She has inspired so many of our children to continue to develop their writing; for some it was the confidence to pick up a pencil and write, for others it was to further develop their skills.

Thank you!

Head Teacher's Award

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

Joshua (St Francis) ~ for coming back with a fabulous 'can do' attitude and for working really hard.

Lucy (St Therese) ~ for having a fabulous start to the Summer term. She's impressed us with her perseverance and enthusiasm, especially in Maths. Well done, Lucy!

Oliver (St Elizabeth) ~ for excellent imaginative story writing skills and progress in joined up handwriting.

Florence O. (St Bernadette) ~ for excellent independent work, showing a responsible attitude to her learning in class and always trying her best.

Faith (St Joseph) ~ for beginning this term with enthusiasm and great focus; her bright smile adds a feeling of summer happiness to our class!

Henry (St Anthony) ~ for starting the summer term with enthusiasm and resilience, especially during English sessions. Keep up the hard work!

George (St Peter) ~ for working incredibly hard in all areas of the curriculum and making the most of all that school has to offer. Well done!

Sports Awards

Congratulations to this week's winners.

Most Improved ~ **James** (St Joseph) Sports Performer ~ **Holly** (St Joseph)

Running Miles

This week's results are:

Class	Miles this week	Total so far	Travelled to....
Reception	76.5	366.5	Sheffield
Year 1	71.4	593.3	Edinburgh
Year 2	43.8	589.3	Edinburgh
Year 3	74.6	640.5	Glasgow
Year 4	76.7	688.5	Carlisle
Year 5	77.1	672.1	Glasgow
Year 6	76.1	720.5	Carlisle

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated a birthday this week

Dominic (St Francis)

Natasha (St Elizabeth)

M'meli (St Bernadette)

Florence & Catherine (St Anthony)



Reading Awards

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

Edward (St Francis), Eva (St Joseph) & Keavy (St Bernadette)

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

Isabella (St Francis), Grace (St Bernadette), Holly & Lyric (St Joseph)

...our gold winners who have reached 150 reads

George, Stanislaw & Jacob (St Francis)

Daniel, Jacob S., Jamie, Natalia & Joshua (St Therese)

Charlotte, Ted, Alvin & Henry (St Bernadette)

Marley, Regan & Richard (St Joseph)

Orla, (St Anthony)

...and our diamond award winners who have been rewarded for 200 reads

Lanai (St Francis), Florence R-F. (St Therese)

Isis, Samuel & Hannah (St Elizabeth)

Kyrea, Sophia & Natalia (St Bernadette)

James, Amelie, Lexi-Rose & Joseph (St Joseph)

Prayers

Please remember all in the community who need our prayers. We especially remember Lorraine Kelly who worked at St George's as a music teacher of recorder and violin in addition to being one of our peripatetic teachers. We ask for God's comfort for her family and friends at this time.

God bless,

Mrs Delgado

Any new dates will be denoted with * and printed in bold

Monday 23 rd April	St George's Day
Friday 27 th April	*St George's Disco Yr R, 1 & 2 ~ 4 - 5.15pm, Yr 3-6 5.30-6.45pm
Monday 30 th April	After School Clubs begin
Thursday 3 rd May	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am
Saturday 5 th May	Youth Mass 6pm @ St George's Church
Monday 7 th May	May Bank Holiday
w/b Monday 14 th May	KS2 SATs week
Friday 18 th May	*Champion of Champions final for Yr 5 & 6 football team @ Roots hall
Saturday 19 th May	First Holy Communion Mass 2018
Wednesday 23 rd May	*Key Stage 1 Cross Country 10am @ St Teresa's, Rochford
Thursday 24 th May	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
Saturday 26 th May	First Holy Communion Mass 2018
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 28TH MAY – FRIDAY 1ST JUNE 2018	
Youth Mass 6pm @ St George's Church Saturday 2nd June	
Sun 3 rd – Wed 6 th June	Year 6 Residential Trip
Monday 4 th June	Children return to school
Thursday 7 th June	Year 5 Class Assembly 9am
Sunday 10 th June	Going Forth Mass 10.45am @ St George's Church
Mon 11 th & Tue 12 th June	Bikeability Yr 6
Thursday 14 th June	Year 1 Class Assembly 9am
	Junior Music Festival @ The Cliffs Pavilion
	London Theatre trip ~ Matilda
Friday 15 th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 18 th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tuesday 19 th June	Borough Sports @ Garons pm
Wednesday 20 th June	Induction afternoon for Reception 2018 parents
Thursday 21 st June	Year 6 Kingswood Assembly 9am
Thursday 28 th June	ST GEORGE'S CELEBRATION DAY
Friday 29 th June	Feast of St Peter & St Paul Mass 9.30am @ St George's Church
	*Friends of St George's Summer Fayre 3 – 5pm
w/b Monday 2 nd July	Last week of after school clubs
Thursday 5 th July	Yr 6 Transition day ~ St Thomas More
Friday 6 th July	Yr 6 Transition day ~ All schools
Saturday 7 th July	Youth Mass 6pm @ St George's Church
	Year 5 Day @ St Thomas More & St Bernard's

Wednesday 11 th July	Key Stage 2 Catholic Sports 10am @ St Thomas More 10am
Thursday 12 th July	Key Stage 1 Catholic Sports 10am @ St Teresa's 10am
Monday 16 th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass
Tuesday 17 th July	Non uniform day for winning house team for Summer Term ~ TBA!
Wednesday 18 th July	Years 5 & 6 Summer Performance 2pm & 7pm (no younger siblings at the evening performance)
Friday 20 th July	Last day of term

SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 23rd JULY 2018 – TUESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 5 th September 2018	Children return to school for Autumn Term
Half term ~ Monday 22 nd October – Friday 26 th October 2018	
Wednesday 19 th December 2018	Final day of Autumn Term
Thursday 20 th December 2018	INSET Day School closed to pupils
Christmas holiday ~ Thursday 20 th December – Wednesday 2 nd January 2019	

Aladdin

Order form – Thursday 20th December 2018 @ 2.15pm

Lead Name:

Contact mobile number:

Email address:

Please write your email address clearly as this will be used for confirmation of tickets etc. Thank you

Number of tickets required:

Deposit - £10 per ticket on reservation

Final payment will be due by 19th October 2018