



# 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,

### September Dates for your diary

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Clubs start ~ Apart from Steps head
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup>	Reception group 4 start Year 3 Parents Information session 3.30pm



We welcomed our next 8 reception children on Wednesday morning.

*Ronnie C., Megan, George, Aaron, Jude, Nathan, Ronnie W. & Albie*

And then on Friday, we welcomed Group 3.

*Chloe, Folami, Sinela, Mia-Rae, Shia, Charlotte & William*

We hope that the children and their families enjoy seven happy years at St George's.

If you see any new faces on the playground, please welcome them into our school community.

I know that the children will grow and thrive, spiritually, academically and personally during their time here. We look forward to getting to know all of the new children and their families ~ even if you have been here before!

### 100% Attendance

Congratulation to Reception class, Year 3 and Year 6 who had 100% attendance this week.



## House Captains & Liturgy Team 2019-20

I am very pleased to announce the House Captains, Liturgy Team and Sports Captains for the following year.

### House Captains

*St Anne Line ~ Freddie & Lucy*

*St Thomas More ~ Declan & Phoebe*

*St Margaret Clitherow ~ James & Eliana*

*St John Fisher ~ Richard & Emily*

### Liturgy Team

*Joseph, Eden, Alex, Lily-Grace, Regan  
and Lily*

### Sports Captains

*Holly & Charlie*

Next week we will announce the school councillors for the year.

## Year R Admissions ~ September 2020

Applications can be submitted to the Local Authority from 14<sup>th</sup> September until the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. The form can be downloaded from the council website at:

<http://www.southend.gov.uk/admissions/>. Please note that a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) must be completed, which is available from the school. If your child has been baptised, or equivalent in a Christian church, please send a copy in with your application.

The Supplementary Information Form is to be returned to the school by 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019

## Open mornings for Reception 2020

We will be holding information sessions for parents who are thinking of applying for a place for their child in September 2020. Each session will take place from 9.30~10.30am and will include a talk from the Headteacher, a tour of the school and the opportunity to ask questions. The dates are as follows:

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

## Friends of St George's News

### Annual General Meeting

The Friends of St George's AGM will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm in the community suite.

**As parents/carers at St George's School, you are all members and are invited to attend.**

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers who are willing not only to raise money which will benefit all of the pupils at the school, but also help organise and run social events throughout the year. If you feel that you would like to play an active part in the school community, you may like to consider putting yourself forward for one of the positions. Each post is for a year

and at the end of that time you can choose to either stand down or put yourself forward for re-election.

The posts are: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary positions.

If you think you may be interested and would like a little more information, please do not forget to contact Annette Stapely, our current chair, who is happy to give further information about the different posts.

In addition to these, we also need CLASS REPS. This role requires you to be a link between the committee and parents/carers in that class, giving information, asking for support and taking forward any ideas etc. The class reps need to be nominated in the same way as the other FOSG positions.

Any person wishing to put themselves forward for any of these positions must complete the nomination form which will be emailed to all parents.

You need two people (one to nominate and one to second) who are parents or carers with children attending the school. You then sign the form accepting the proposal. The form must be completed and handed to the office or a standing committee member before the AGM. To make this meeting certified it is important that we have **at least 30 parents/teachers** so please try to spare 30 minutes to attend. Children will be supervised in the ICT suite.

### Head Teacher Awards

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

**Vince** ~ (St Therese) ~ for a fantastic start to Year 1 and giving everything a go!

**Olivia** ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for a fantastic start to Year 2 and working with great effort and concentration in all areas of the curriculum.

**Daniel** ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for his enthusiastic start to Year 3 and working with great independence.

**William** ~ (St Joseph) ~ for having a fantastic attitude and focus at the beginning of this school year. What a great start. Keep it up!

**Noah** ~ (St Anthony) ~ for setting a shining example to others with his positive attitude to learning. His hard work and focused approach to Year 5 has been outstanding. Keep being a superstar!

**Montague** ~ (St Peter) ~ for his enthusiasm and knowledge across the curriculum and for demonstrating an excellent attitude to life in Year 6.

### Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated this week:

**Beatrice** (St Francis), **Mia** (St Elizabeth), **Jamie** (St Bernadette), **Lee** (St Joseph)  
**Keavy** (St Anthony) and **Mrs Davey & Mrs Pickford**

## Running Miles

This week's results are:

Class	Miles this week	Total so far	Travelled to....
Reception	N/A	N/A	N/A
Year 1	75.9	75.9	London
Year 2	74.2	74.2	London
Year 3	79.9	79.9	London
Year 4	62.5	62.5	London
Year 5	74.2	74.2	London
Year 6	83.5	83.5	London

## Adventure Playground

We ask that children do not play on the adventure playground before or after school. We thank you in advance for your support.

## After School Clubs ~ Autumn Term

Thank you for the response for this term's clubs, there were over 250 requests! You will be notified by email which clubs your child has been allocated.

## Pupil Premium

The government has introduced the Pupil Premium Grant to help children from lower income families reach their full potential and to achieve higher academic grades at school.

We are able to check eligibility using a simple, secure and confidential online process.

Under this arrangement, schools receive funding for every pupil who meets the criteria for free school meals; so it is important for us to ensure that every child that meets the criteria is actually registered at the school so we can claim this money.

You meet the criteria if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

In order to determine whether you meet the criteria for the Pupil Premium Grant for your children, please complete the attached form and return it to the school office. However, only

parent or carer details may be used to apply for this benefit. If you are unsure, please see Mrs O'Shea in the office.

### Safeguarding in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century ~ The Two Johns

The internet has changed all of our lives, particularly our children's. For parents and carers this opens up a whole new world of things to be aware of. For many of us, this can all be a bit too much. You might be struggling to keep up with the things your child is doing online, you might wonder whether what they are doing is safe, and you might also be thinking *how can I be as good a parent online as I am offline?*

As a school, safeguarding is of paramount importance, and this includes safety online. We deliver e-safety lessons to the children during ICT and regularly talk to them about their online activity. On **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October**, the KS2 children will have a session with an e-safety experts to further educate them on keeping safe.

In addition to this, we have organised a session for all parents (from Yr R – 6); one will be at 3.30pm and one at 7pm.

We expect that every family will be represented, due to every parents responsibility to safeguard their child

You may think that your child is too young, or that you have adequate filters in place etc., but we cannot stress enough the potential dangers for all of our children and how vital it is that you are aware of them. Each session lasts around 1 ½ hours, due to the amount needed to be covered. As all the staff will be attending the session, we are unable to supervise any children after school, which is why the session has been advertised at the earliest opportunity. There is a slip at the end of this newsletter to inform us which session you, or a representative (aunt, uncle, nan etc) will be attending, to return to the office. We have been informed that other local primary schools have run these sessions for parents and turnout has been very high. Let's aim for 100% at St George's, for our children's sake.

### Uniform

If you need to order uniform, follow the link via the website or click on the link below

<https://www.em-it.co.uk/shop/>

The uniform can be collected on a Thursday between 2.50pm and 3.30pm, with any unclaimed orders available on the following Thursdays. Please note that the school does not keep any uniform that hasn't been collected.

### 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 Delgado or your child's class teacher.



## Diary

There are a couple of additions to diary dates. They are highlighted in bold and have an asterisk next to them.

## Job Vacancy

St George's are looking to appoint an experienced, enthusiastic and caring person to work as our Caretaker/Cleaner. Full details and an application form can be found on our website at [www.sgcps.co.uk](http://www.sgcps.co.uk). Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. In line with our Safer Recruitment policy all applications must be made using our application form and successful candidates will be required to have an Enhanced DBS check, medical clearance and references.

## 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*

*Application for the Pupil Premium eligibility check*

*Part one – details of parent/carer – Please use CAPITALS*

<i>Name of person receiving the benefit (must be parent or carer)</i>	
<i>Relationship to the child</i>	
<i>Date of Birth of parent/carer</i>	
<i>National Insurance number, or National Asylum Seeker Number</i>	

*Part two – details of children at this school*

<i>Number of children at this school</i>	
<i>Name and date of birth of child 1</i>	
<i>Name and date of birth of child 2</i>	
<i>Name and date of birth of child 3</i>	
<i>Name and date of birth of child 4</i>	

*Please confirm that you agree that we can use the information that you provide to process your claim for Pupil Premium with Southend Borough Council.*

*The information you supply will be retained as a record. By making this application you consent for us to use the information in this way. You may withdraw your consent at any time by contacting us on 01702 293522. All personal details will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.*

*Signed..... date.....*

### Diary Dates

Further activities/dates will be added as soon as they have been finalised.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Clubs begin (except for Steps Ahead)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Group 4 Reception start
	Year 3 Information Meeting for parents 3.30pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Yr 5 trip to Wat Tyler
	Steps Ahead begins
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception parents coffee morning from 9am
	Reception Class Information for parents 2.30pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	MacMillan Coffee Morning Cake sale for children
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 height and weight check
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>*PTA AGM 3.30pm</b>
w/b Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Afternoon 3.45pm – 6pm
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Safeguarding in the 21st Century parent information session 3.30pm & 7pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Yr 5 trip to the Planetarium
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Deanery Netball & Football Tournament 1-3pm @ OLOL
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> – FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2019</b>	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Information Session for Reception 2020 Parents 9.30am
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Assembly led by Year 6 @ 10.40am ~ Everyone is welcome
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Information Session for Reception 2020 Parents 9.30am
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>*Year 5 Class Assembly 9am</b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Information Session for Reception 2020 Parents 9.30am
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Last week of school clubs
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Class Assembly
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 trip to Harry Potter
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Class Nativity Play 9.30am
	Choir performing at Brentwood Christmas Concert
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Class Nativity Play 9.30am
	Yr 1 & 2 Christmas Performance 2pm & 7pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Non uniform Day for winning house team
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert 6pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Children's Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Autumn Term ~ Mass @ 2pm in school

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER – FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2020**

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	First Day of Spring Term 2020
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	School Clubs begin
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Choir performing at Young Voices @ The O2

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

w/b Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Open Afternoon 3.45pm – 6pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Hot Cross Run @ St Thomas More 1-3pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Non uniform Day for winning house team
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Last day of Spring Term

**EASTER HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2020**

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Summer Term 2020
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Clubs start
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	*Year 5 Class Assembly 9am
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday
w/b 11 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	KS1 Cross Country @ St Teresa's 10am

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 29<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2020**

Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> May – Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 6 Residential Trip
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Children return to school
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	First Holy Communion 2020
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons 1pm start
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Induction afternoon for Reception 2020 parents
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	ST GEORGE'S CELEBRATION DAY 2020
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Supersports Track 4pm start
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Supersports Field 4pm start
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 4 class trip
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	KS1 Borough Sports @ Garons
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 Catholic Sports
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Catholic Sports
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 & 6 Production 2pm & 6pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term

**SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020**

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**E SAFETY SESSION FOR PARENTS MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

**PRINT NAME**

*I will be attending/ sending a representative to the E Safety session at  
3.30pm          7pm*

*Please hand into the office*