



# 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 24<sup>th</sup>

Clubs start

Wed 26<sup>th</sup>

Year 3 parents information session 3.30pm

### At Last!

We finally have a full house in Reception! Everyone has arrived and settled into life at St George's. On Monday, our final group joined us:

*Elsiada, Kamila, Oscar, Albert, Max, Sarah-Jane, Rosie, Katarina, Vince, Amelie & Samuel*  
I have no doubt that our newest children will be a remarkable group who will make our school community proud and amaze us at the wonderful things they achieve. We wish you all every happiness and success during the next seven years.

### Evening Echo

Reception children had their photo taken yesterday afternoon. It will appear in the Echo on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Copies will be on sale in the office and we ask that you have the correct change.



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## 11+ Exams

Many of our year 6 children will be sitting the 11+ exam this weekend. We know how hard you have worked and wish you every success on Saturday.

## Uniform reminder

Now that we have been back for a couple of weeks, just a couple of reminders

- No jewellery, including earrings, are not allowed to be worn at school
- Children must wear black school shoes (no boots or trainers)
- As the weather is changing, please ensure that the children have a plain waterproof coat with a hood
- Please label all items of clothing

We thank you in advance for your support.

### Autumn/Winter Uniform

Boys	Girls
Grey trousers/shorts (as appropriate)	Plain grey pinafore/skirt or grey tailored trousers
White shirt ~ excluding Reception who will continue to wear their polo shirt	White shirt ~ excluding Reception who will continue to wear their polo shirt
Grey socks	White socks or navy tights ~ not NAVY socks
Black shoes	Black shoes (no heels or open toe shoes)
<u>School</u> pullover*	<u>School</u> pullover or cardigan *
Yr 1 - 6 School tie (elasticated in Yr 1 & 2)*	Yr 1 - 6 School tie (elasticated in Year 1 & 2)*
School reversible fleece jacket* or a plain waterproof outdoor coat (with hood)	School reversible fleece jacket* or a plain waterproof outdoor coat (with hood)

### Summer Uniform (optional until October half term)

Boys	Girls (change in 1 <sup>st</sup> week of October)
<u>School</u> polo shirt (white with embroidered badge)* Also available form Tesco Clothing Online	Yr1 - 6 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)

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

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

## School Council and Healthy School's Council 2018-19

I am very pleased to announce the School Councillors and Healthy School Team for this academic year.

### School Councillors

St Therese ~ Ottilie & Dominic  
St Elizabeth ~ Florence I. & Roman  
St Bernadette ~ Isla & Nate  
St Joseph ~ Sophia & Henry  
St Anthony ~ Holly & Morten  
St Peter ~ Maddie & Henry I.

### Healthy School Team

*Eliana, Joseph & Emily*

## Child Sexual Exploitation Parents session

Thank you to all the parents who attended these sessions. We had an excellent turnout with 53 families represented. I would also like to thank Andy Packer, our safeguarding governor, who organised the sessions and D.I. Trevor Plumb who delivered both sessions.

## Coffee Morning



On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September, our school council will be organising a cake sale in school to support the Gold Geese charity which supports children with cancer and are currently supporting Harley and his family. Each child will be able to buy a cake giving a minimum donation of 50p for this worthwhile charity. If you are able to donate any cakes, we would really appreciate your generosity.

## St George's School Orchestra/Band

We are very keen to set up a Junior School Orchestra/Band, which will be after school on a Monday till 4.15pm. Starting Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October. One of our peripatetic music teachers has kindly offered to run this for us. If your child would like to be in our orchestra/band please give their name to the office or alternatively e-mail: [admin@st-georges.southend.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-georges.southend.sch.uk)

## Year R Admissions ~ September 2019

Applications can be submitted to the Local Authority from now until the 15th January 2019.

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 2019

We will be holding information sessions for parents who are thinking of applying for a place for their child in September 2019. 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: **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November & Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

### Head Teacher Awards

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

**Harry S.** ~ (St Francis) ~ for a wonderful start to life at St George's. He is a great example to others.

**Isabella** ~ (St Therese) ~ for being a star in phonics. She has tried so hard to remember her sounds. Great work, Isabella!

**Theodore** ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for fantastic concentration and effort in English

**Thomas** ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for focus and concentration in Maths and English this week. Great effort.

**Jessica** ~ (St Joseph) ~ for showing great enthusiasm in her learning, trying her best, demonstrating lovely manners and being a kind friend. A wonderful role model in St Joseph's class.

**Regan** ~ (St Anthony) ~ for her conscientious and hard-working attitude which shines through in all that she does – and always with a smile

**Liam** ~ (St Peter) ~ for working with focus, motivation and independence in all subjects. What a brilliant start to the year.

### Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated this week:

**Harry H. & Heidi** (St Francis), **Grace** (St Elizabeth), **Samuel** (St Bernadette) and **Sophia** (St Joseph)

### 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.



### 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	62.4	128.8	Ipswich
Year 2	68.5	137	Ipswich

Year 3	74.4	145	Ipswich
Year 4	69.6	143	Ipswich
Year 5	81.1	163.8	Gt. Yarmouth
Year 6	83.9	169	Gt. Yarmouth

### Altar Servers

Shawn Clarke, our parish MC, came in to speak to the key stage 2 children about becoming altar servers. The children really enjoyed his visit and many of them expressed a keen interest. If your child would like to train to be an altar server (they need to have made their first holy communion), the training starts on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October after the 10.45am Mass.

### Sporting Success

Well done to *Sophia* (St Bernadette) for also having a trial for Southend united recently and being picked for the squad.

### Friends of St George's News ~ Annual General Meeting

The Friends of St George's AGM will take place on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</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 hesitate to come and see me. Annette Stapely, our current chair, is also equally 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 FOSQ positions.

**Any person wishing to put themselves forward for any of these positions must complete the nomination form from the school office.**

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.

The Friends of St George's are pleased to announce they are selling Big Beach Bang tickets again this year.

The event is on Saturday 3rd November 2018. To book your tickets follow the link provided and we will receive £1 for every ticket we sell towards our fundraising.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/southendroundtable/190896/r/st-georges>

Prices as follows:

Early bird to be sold before Sunday, 30 September - £5.00 per person

1 October to 3 November (mid-day) - £6.00 per person

From mid-day on 3 November and on the gates - £7.00 per person

Remember children under 5 are FREE.

### 100 Club winners

Congratulations to our winners this month ~ £50.00 Mrs L Rainbow, £30.00 Mrs H Cochrane and £20.00 Mrs V Irons.

### 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; it is therefore important for us to ensure that every child that meets the criteria is actually registered at the school so we can claim this money to support your child.

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 do not hesitate to ask at the office.

### 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

## Diary Dates

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

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	School Clubs begin
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 Information Meeting for parents 3.30pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Coffee Morning for all Reception Class parents
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 Class Assembly 9am
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> – FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018</b>	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Volunteer parents/carers session 9am & 2.30pm
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2019 9.30am
	<b>*Start date for St George's Band!</b>
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	All Saints Day ~ Mass at 9.30am St Georges Church
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2019 9.30am
	Deanery Football and Netball Tournament pm @ Our Lady of Ransom School, Rayleigh
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Assembly led by Year 6 @ 10.40am ~ Everyone is welcome
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2019 9.30am
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 3 Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Autumn Term Open Evening 4pm-7pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 trip to Harry Potter World
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu immunisation
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	YR Nativity 9.30am
	KS1 Nativity 2pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	YR Nativity 9.30am
	Brentwood Christmas Concert
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Performance 7pm (No siblings below secondary age)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Non uniform day for winning house team for Autumn Term ~ TBA!
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Children's Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
	KS2 Carol Service @ St George's Church 7pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Autumn Term ~ Mass @ 2pm in school

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2019****Christmas Eve Children's Mass ~ Monday 24th December 6pm @ St George's Church**

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	First Day of Spring Term 2019
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	School Clubs begin
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2019</b>	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 5 Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Open Evening 5pm – 7pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 & 4 Stations of the Cross 2pm ~ venue TBC
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Non uniform day for winning house team for Spring Term ~ TBA!
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Key Stage 2 Deanery Cross Country Competition
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Spring Term
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2019</b>	
<b>Good Friday Children's Stations of the Cross ~ Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
<b>Easter Sunday Family Mass ~ Sunday 21st April 10.45am @ St George's Church</b>	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	First Day of Summer Term 2019
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year R Class trip
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday
w/c 7 <sup>th</sup> May	After School Clubs begin
w/b Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Key Stage 1 Deanery Cross Country Competition
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year R Class Assembly 9am
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2019</b>	
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential Trip
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Children return to school
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Class Assembly 9am
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons 10am start
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Induction afternoon for Reception 2019 parents
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	First Holy Communion 2019 Mass
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	ST GEORGE'S CELEBRATION DAY
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Catholic Sports
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 Catholic Sports
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Non uniform day for winning house team for Spring Term ~ TBA!

Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 5 & 6 Summer Performance 2pm & 7pm (no younger siblings at the evening performance)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 6pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2019</b>	