



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,

Happy New Year!

A very happy New Year to you all ~ we look forward to an exciting 2019 at St. George's. It was lovely to welcome the children back into school this week.

A New Year Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside our worries about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Amen

It is wonderful to start the year with the wonderful news that Charles in St Bernadette's class is a BIG brother! His new baby brother, Louis, was born on Boxing day and both Mum and baby are doing well. We can't wait to meet him!

Dates for your diary



January 2019

Mon 7 th	First Holy Communion sessions begin
Wed 9 th	Deadline for after school club applications
Thu 10 th	Southend United after school football begins
Mon 14 th	Year 1 & 2 Multi sports after school club begins
Tue 15 th	Steps Ahead begins
Fri 18 th	Swimming starts for years 2, 3, 4 & 5



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January Artist of the Month

Congratulations to **Finley** (St Joseph) who has been chosen as our first artist of the month for 2019 for his chalk picture of the Northern Lights. You can admire his work in the Reception foyer.

Birthdays

Congratulations to **Loui & Mrs Williams** who celebrated their birthday during the first week back.



Uniform Reminders

We have seen lots of new winter coats coming in to keep the children warm at break and lunchtimes, in addition to scarves, hats and gloves. It is great that the children are so well prepared. Could I ask that all items are labelled so that we can match children with any items that have been misplaced. The children continue with their outdoor P.E. sessions during the Spring term and as the weather is still chilly, we ask that the children have an extra layer. They can wear either their school jumper (or a red school sweatshirt which is optional and available online from Tesco from £9) and **plain** black/navy jogging bottoms. Below is the link for purchasing the sweatshirt.

<https://www.tesco.com/direct/st-george-s-catholic-primary-school/7487.school>

Many of the children may have received FitBits or similar style watches as a Christmas present. We ask that your child does not wear or bring them to school as the school's policy is that children wear a plain, inexpensive watch. I thank you in advance for your support.

School Clubs ~ Spring Term 2019

A list of the clubs for this term are at the end of the newsletter. Please complete the application form in the usual way and return it to school by **WEDNESDAY 9TH JANUARY**

The number and range of clubs on offer is due to the commitment of our teachers and I thank them for their support. Attendance at an after school club will continue to be dependent on good behaviour both at school and during the club that they attend. No child will be allowed to attend an after school club if they have displayed unacceptable behaviour.

Southend United are continuing to run their after school session. This is open to years 3,4,5 & 6. There will be a cost of £3 per week to attend this club and parents will have to pay online in advance. If your child is interested and selects this activity, please use this link to book your child's place www.officialsoccerschools.co.uk/SouthendUnited

Swimming ~ Spring Term

A reminder to parents of children in years 2, 3, 4 & 5 that lessons will begin on Friday 18th January. Please may I remind you to send the permission slip back by Tuesday morning and payments by the end of January. If it would help you to pay for the swimming lessons in instalments, please contact the school office.

Friends of St George's 100 club

The PTA 100 club, which gives anyone, friends or family, over the age of 16 a chance to win in our quarterly draws, will continue to run during 2019. Anyone can join, friends, family and work colleagues, so please ask if you need more forms. The Club will run from 1st January to 31st December. To be allocated a number in the draw, you will need to pay a one-off £10 subscription which will cover you for the whole of 2019. **This amount needs to be paid in full by the 29th of January.** Your number(s) will then be entered in to the draw. The prize breakdown will be as follows if we sell 100 numbers:

1st Number drawn £50

2nd Number drawn £30

3rd Number drawn £20

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

The draws will take place on the first Friday in March, June, September and December during the celebration assembly.

All you need to do is decide **HOW MANY NUMBERS YOU WANT**, complete your details on the form (copies are available from the school) and hand it into the office. You can choose your number/s, but if it has already been allocated you will be offered further numbers to choose from. You will receive a card/email confirming your number/s and the winning number will be posted on the notice board, Facebook Group and in the Newsletter.

Prayers



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

God Bless,

Mrs Delgado

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	2	Fitness Circuits	Mr Sims	20	Yr 4 & 5	
	3	Construction & Lego	Mrs Wallen	20	Yr 1 & 2	
	4	First Holy Communion	Mrs Lawrence	30	Yr 3 - 6	
Tue	5	Reading Club	Mrs Philips	10	Yr 2	Lunchtime
	6	STEPS AHEAD	External provider	20	Yr 3-6	3.15 - 5.00
	7	Challenging Games	Mrs Halvey	15	Yr 2	3.15 - 4.15
Wed	8	Choir	Mrs McLoughlin	30	Yr 3 - 6	Lunchtime
	9	Art	Mrs Gillett	14	Yr R - 6 by invitation	
Thu	10	Singing Club	Mrs Sayer	20	Year 1 & 2	Lunchtime
	11	Netball	Miss Rusz & Mrs Harris	14	Year 5 & 6	3.15 - 4.15
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	13	Cooking club	Mrs Walls	8	Year 3 1 st half term Year 4 2 nd half term	

We had planned for 'Mad Scientist', a hands on after school science club but they were unable to accommodate us on the days requested. We will endeavour to organise an alternative in the second half of the Spring term/Summer term.

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