



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

I cannot believe that we are already at the end of the first half term! It's been a great first seven weeks at the school. It has been wonderful to welcome our reception children to the family of St George's. They have settled extremely well and their Year 6 buddies have been wonderful companions and role models. Thank you to the staff for their commitment and the children for always trying hard to do their best. Currently, **129** children still have 100% attendance and I hope this continues in the second half of the term. Just to remind all parents that when we return after half term, all children are expected to wear winter uniform

Goodbye & Good Luck

We said a fond farewell to Mrs Walls as she leaves St George's today. On behalf of the children, parents and staff, I would like to thank her for all her hard work, commitment and being a fabulous teacher over the last three years. We wish every success for the future.

HALF TERM ~ MONDAY 28TH – FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

Dates for November

Mon 4 th Nov	Children back to school CHANGE TO WINTER UNIFORM for all children
Wed 6 th	Volunteer session 9.00am, 3.30pm or 7pm
Thu 7 th	Parent/carer Information session for Reception 2020 ~ 9.30am
Fri 8 th	Remembrance Assembly led by Year 6 ~ all parents welcome 10.40am
Wed 13 th	Parent/carer Information session for Reception 2020 ~ 9.30am
Thu 21 st	Year 5 Class Assembly 9am
Fri 22 nd	Parent/carer Information session for Reception 2020 ~ 9.30am
w/b 25 th	Last week of school clubs
Thu 28 th	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am



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Safeguarding in the 21st Century

Thank you to all the parents who attended our safeguarding session for parents on Monday afternoon & evening. It was unfortunate that more families were not represented as the speakers were fantastic. Parents have expressed the opinion that they feel much more informed about the risks in the virtual world, but also much more confident in how to deal with any potential dangers and how to support their children when they are online. The school follow 'EST', the company that John and John have set up to increase awareness, on Facebook and regularly share their posts. We would encourage all parents to follow them as the information they give is invaluable.

Friends of St George's News

On Wednesday, members of the PTA met to discuss the events planned for the run up to Christmas. We are lucky to have such an active PTA who give up their time to organise such a lot of fundraising and social events for our school community.

Coming up next half term

- **Design a Christmas Card** – packs coming home today. Please read the instructions carefully. Felt pens etc will be available in the Community Suite on Thursday 7th 3.15 – 4.00 if you want to design with friends! Designs to be returned by Monday 11th November.
- **Christmas Shopping Evening** – Wednesday 13th November 6.30 – 8.30. Lots of stalls already booked.
- **Christmas Fayre** – Saturday 30th November. Our Joint Parish and School event is always an amazing day and we need lots of helpers before, during and after.
- **Christmas Disco** – Friday 13th December with Amazing Ryan and his ever popular Photo Booth!

If you wish to help the PTA with any fundraising events please contact Annette, Danielle or your class rep. You can also contact them through their Facebook group 'Friends of St George's'. Just to remind parents the PTA is not a forum for school issues, which should be raised with your class teacher, through the office. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mission Romania 'Joy in a box'



Thank you to all the families who donated shoeboxes and items for this appeal. We collected **150**, an amazing number! We are looking forward to seeing pictures after Christmas of the children receiving these precious gifts.

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. The dates are as follows: Thursday 7th November, Wednesday 13th November & Friday 22nd November

Head Teacher Awards

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

Freddie ~ (St Francis) ~ for his enthusiasm and independence in all tasks. A great first half term, Freddie!

Henry ~ (St Therese) ~ for showing an enthusiastic and knowledgeable approach to science this week, impressing Mrs Cracknell with his work on senses and body parts.

Ottillie ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for writing an excellent set of instructions for making gingerbread men

St Bernadette Class ~ for working so hard, enjoying their time this half term and for being such a lovely class

Chloe (St Joseph) ~ for trying her best in every lesson, listening well and acting on feedback to continue her progress. An excellent first half term in Year 4. Keep up the good work!

M'Meli ~ (St Anthony) ~ for his excellent enthusiasm when celebrating Black History month. M'meli worked with fantastic focus and detail in his English this week. Well done.

Isabelle ~ (St Peter) ~ for a fantastic first half term in Year 6. You have shown enthusiasm, independence, perseverance and great focus in all areas of the curriculum. Keep it up, Izzy!

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated this week:

Henry (St Therese), **Albie** (St Elizabeth), **Eva** (St Bernadette), **Harley & Thomas** (St Joseph) and **Noah** (St Anthony)

and those celebrating in the half term holiday

Mia-Rae (St Francis), **George** (St Elizabeth), **Aubrey & Jacob S.** (St Bernadette), **Charles** (St Joseph), **Lily** (St Peter)

And **Mr Sims & Mrs O'Shea**

Deanery Football & Netball Tournament

Yesterday, eight boys & eight girls from Years 5 & 6 represented St George's at this year's Deanery tournament. The children were fantastic, not only in their play but their sportsmanship and behaviour. Congratulations to the netball team who came second in the tournament and the football team who came third. Well done to:

Football: **Marley, Jacob, Charlie, Declan, Alex, Freddie, Casey & William**

Netball: **Emily, Eliana, Tinaye, Lucy, Lexi-Rose, Nadia, Phoebe & Charlotte**

Running Miles

This week's results are:

Class	Miles this week	Total so far	Travelled to....
Reception	-	147.5	Ipswich
Year 1	77.7	525.7	Newcastle
Year 2	70.3	500.1	Newcastle
Year 3	61.4	503.1	Newcastle

Year 4	75.3	522.3	Newcastle
Year 5	49.5	522.4	Newcastle
Year 6	76	569	Edinburgh

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