



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,

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September Dates for your diary

Sat 23 rd	11+ Exams Defying Poverty Concert ~ hosted by St George's Youth, Justice & Peace group 7.30pm @ St George's Church
Tue 26 th	European Languages Day Healthy Snacks & Packed Lunches ~ workshop for parents 2.15pm-3.15pm
Wed 27 th	Year 2 parents information session 3.30pm
Thu 28 th	Reception Class (Mrs Wallen) parents information session 3.30pm
Fri 29 th	'MacMillan Cake Morning' for the children ~ cakes will be on sale at break

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:

Jack, Freya F., Otilie and Isabella

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 26th September. Copies will be on sale in the office and we ask that you have the correct change.



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.



School Councillors & Sports Captains 2017-18

I am very pleased to announce the School Council and Sport Captains for the following year.

School Councillors

St Elizabeth (Yr 2) ~ Hannah & Ernie

St Bernadette (Yr 3) ~ Ella & William

St Joseph (Yr 4) ~ Lily-Grace & Freddie

St Anthony (Yr 5) ~ Chantelle & Ewan

St Peter (Yr 6) ~ Holly & Haydn

Sports Captains

Todd & Maisie (St Peter)

Parent Information Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who have attended the sessions. We hope you found them useful. The remaining dates are Wednesday 27th Sept for Year 2 parents and Thursday 28th Sept for Reception Class parents.

MacMillan Coffee Morning



On Friday 29th September, our school council will be organising a cake sale in school to support the MacMillan Charity. 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.

Head Teacher Awards

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

Samuel ~ (St Francis) ~ for a fantastic start to St George's!

Florence R-F ~ (St Therese) ~ for being a star this week. She has written with enthusiasm, worked independently and tried hard to use her phonics in her writing. Great work Florence!

Charlie ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for great perseverance and trying to achieve the targets set for him to improve his writing. Keep it up!

William ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for incredible adaptability after breaking his arm. He has not complained once and has carried on with his work with just as much enthusiasm.

Ruby ~ (St Joseph) ~ for presenting her maths subtraction methods to the class with a confident voice and also using this confidence in other subjects, such as PE and drama.

Charlotte ~ (St Anthony) ~ for showing all the qualities of an excellent learner. She works with perseverance in maths and has shown enthusiasm and imagination in her English work. Keep it up

Daisy ~ (St Peter) ~ for showing an exemplary attitude towards learning. Keep it up!



Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated this week:

Grace & Reuben (St Therese)

Samuel (St Elizabeth)

Sophia (St Bernadette)

Alex, Oliver, Lily, Maisie & Henry B. (St Peter)

Poppies 2017

Today, Year 2 children made clay poppies with Beth Hooper from Blade Education. When the poppies are finished they will form part of a large waterfall sculpture at The Rose Garden on Southend seafront. Twenty four other schools have participated which should result in around 5000 poppies in the final exhibition piece. The exhibition will run from Thursday 9th November to Saturday 11th November. For further information please visit www.ssfr.org.uk

DIOCESAN GUIDANCE TO PARENTS/CARERS

If you are intending to apply for a place for your child for next September in a Catholic School, you will probably already know that the process has changed over the last couple of years. Instead of asking your Priest to complete a reference form regarding your Catholicity which he would then send directly to the school, you now need to see your Parish Priest and ask him for a Certificate of Catholic Practice. Your Parish Priest will give this to you providing he is satisfied you are a practising Catholic. You will then need to take this to the Catholic School to which you are applying, together with your child's Baptismal Certificate (or Certificate of Reception where appropriate). If you do not, for whatever reason, qualify for a Certificate of Catholic Practice and your child is baptised, then your application will come into the next category for Baptised Catholic Children. For further details, please read carefully the admissions criteria/arrangements of the Catholic school to which you wish to apply. If you think you are likely to be, in this second category, please do still apply in the normal way, as explained by the Catholic school or the Local Authority, and remember to take a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate to the school.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Simpson

Diocesan Director of Education

Year 7 Admissions for Catholic Secondary School September 2018

Please contact the church to make an appointment to see Father Brett to obtain your Certificate of Practice to support your application.

Year R Admissions ~ September 2018

Applications can be submitted to the Local Authority from now until the 15th January 2018. 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 you are a practicing Catholic, please contact the church to make an appointment to see Father Brett to obtain your Certificate of Practice to support your application.

The Supplementary Information Form and Certificate of Practice is to be returned to the school Both of these must be submitted by 22nd January 2018

Open mornings for Reception 2018

We will be holding information sessions for parents who are thinking of applying for a place for their child in September 2018. 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 2nd November

Tuesday 7th November

Wednesday 15th November

Please ring the school office (01702 293522) to make an appointment

Annual General Meeting

The Friends of St George's AGM will take place on Monday 2nd 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 Stapley, 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 FOSG 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.

European Languages Day 26th September 2017

Thank you to the parents who have offered to come in and be part of our European languages morning on the 26th. The children will be learning basic vocabulary and facts about six different European countries. We can't wait!

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 do not hesitate to ask at the office.

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.



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.

Date:	Event:
Tuesday 26 th September	European Day of Languages
	Healthy Snacks and packed lunches workshop for parents 2.15 - 3.15pm
Wednesday 27 th September	Year 2 Information Meeting for parents 3.30pm
Thursday 28 th September	Reception Class Information Meeting for parents 3.30pm
Friday 29 th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning ~ cake sale at break time
Saturday 30 th September	Youth Mass 6pm @ St George's Church
Monday 2 nd October	PTA AGM meeting 3.30pm ~ Please attend if you can
Tuesday 3 rd October	Coffee Morning for all Reception Class parents
Thursday 5 th October	Volunteer parents/carers session 9am & 2.30pm
Monday 9 th October	Final day for arranging parent consultations with classteachers
	Parents meeting for First Holy Communion 2018 7pm @ St George's Church
Tuesday 10 th October	Year 1 Class Celebration @ 2pm in school
Wednesday 11 th October	Flu immunisation
Thursday 12 th October	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am
w/b Monday 16 th October	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 17 th October	Year 6 Class Mass @ 2pm in school
Thursday 19 th October	Year 5 Class Assembly 9am
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 23rd – FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER 2017	
Monday 30 th October	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tuesday 31 st October	Children return to school Changeover date for Winter Uniform Yr1-6
Wednesday 1 st November	All Saints Day ~ Mass at 9.30am St Georges Church
Thursday 2 nd November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2018 9.30am
	First Holy Communion sessions begin 4pm-5pm @ St George's Church Hall
Saturday 4 th November	Youth Mass 6pm @ St George's Church
Tuesday 7 th November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2018 9.30am
	Year 2 Class Celebration @ 2pm in school
Friday 10 th November	Remembrance Assembly led by Year 6 @ 10.40am ~ Everyone is welcome
Tuesday 14 th November	Year 4 Class Mass @ 2pm in school
Wednesday 15 th November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2018 9.30am
Friday 17 th November	Children In Need Day 2017 ~ more details to follow
Sunday 19 th November	FHC Calling Mass 10.45am @ St George's Church

Tuesday 21 st November	Year 5 Class Mass @ 2pm in school
Thursday 23 rd November	Year 3 Class Assembly 9am
Tuesday 28 th November	Year 3 Class Mass
Thursday 30 th November	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
Saturday 2 nd December	Youth Mass 6pm @ St George's Church
w/b Monday 4 th December	Last week of after school clubs
Thursday 7 th December	Year 6 trip to Harry Potter World
Monday 11 th December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance 2pm
Tuesday 12 th December	Year R Nativity 9.30am
	Year 1 & 2 Performance 7pm (No siblings below secondary age)
Wednesday 13 th December	Year R Nativity 9.30am
	Carol Concert 7pm at St George's Church
Monday 18 th December	Non uniform day for winning house team for Autumn Term ~ TBA!
Tuesday 19 th December	Children's Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of Autumn Term ~ Mass @ 2pm in school
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY THURSDAY 21st DECEMBER – TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY 2018 Christmas Eve Children's Mass ~ Sunday 24th December 6pm @ St George's Church	
Wednesday 3 rd January	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Thursday 4 th January	First Day of Spring Term 2018
Saturday 6 th January	Youth Mass 6pm @ St George's Church
Monday 15 th January	After School Clubs begin
Thursday 18 th January	Bikeability ~ Repairs and Maintenance Yr 6
Tuesday 30 th January	Young Voices Concert @ O2 Arena
Thursday 1 st February	Year 3 Class Assembly 9am
Saturday 3 rd February	Youth Mass 6pm @ St George's Church
Thursday 8 th February	Year 1 Class Assembly 9am
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 12TH – FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2018	
Monday 19 th February	Children return to school
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day ~ more details to follow
Saturday 3 rd March	Youth Mass 6pm @ St George's Church
Thursday 8 th March	Year R Class Assembly 9am
w/b 12 th March	Last week of after school clubs
Wednesday 14 th March	Open Evening 5pm – 7pm
w/b Monday 19 th March	Parent Consultations
Sunday 25 th March	Palm Sunday
Monday 26 th March	Non uniform day for winning house team for Spring Term ~ TBA!
Wednesday 28 th March	Easter Passion led by years 3 & 4 ~ 2pm & 7pm in school
Monday 26 th March	End of term Mass @ 2pm in school
Thursday 29 th March	Last day of Spring Term
EASTER HOLIDAY ~ GOOD FRIDAY 30TH MARCH – FRIDAY 13TH APRIL 2018	

Good Friday Children's Stations of the Cross ~ Friday 30th March
Easter Sunday Family Mass ~ Sunday 1st April 10.45am @ St George's Church
Youth Mass 6pm @ St George's Church Saturday 7th April

Monday 16 th April	First Day of Summer Term 2018
Monday 23 rd April	St George's Day
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
Saturday 19 th May	First Holy Communion Mass 2018
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
Friday 15 th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 18 th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
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
w/b Monday 2 nd July	Last week of after school clubs
Saturday 7 th July	Youth Mass 6pm @ St George's Church
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