



ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*Let it be known to all who enter here, that Christ is the reason for this school,
the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes,
the model for its children, the inspiration for its staff.*

*We aim to be a Christian community and witnesses to Christ,
where all can experience and grow in Christian love
through God's word and the gifts of His sacraments,
and through prayer and personal example.*



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Dear Parents,

Dates for your diary



February

MONDAY 15th ~ FRIDAY 19th FEBRUARY ~ HALF TERM

Mon 22nd

INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Goodbye and Good Luck

Today we said a sad, but fond farewell to Sameer (St Anthony). We have loved having you and your family as part of St George's and we will miss your wonderful smile. We wish you every success and happiness in your new school and home.

Ash Wednesday

It was lovely to see family and friends come to church on Wednesday, to mark the beginning of Lent. Thank you to Mrs Lawrence for organising this special Mass, Mrs Rees for the music and Father Brett for celebrating.



Pancake Day



The day before, on Shrove Tuesday, the children enjoyed their annual 'mix, flip and eat' pancake day. Our helpers were magnificent and the children left with big smiles, albeit a little sugary! All of the staff and children would like to say a HUGE thank you to our wonderful 'pancake helpers'

Class Assembly

On Thursday morning, Year 2 led the school and their families in collective worship. The theme of their assembly was Lent. They explained why we have pancakes, why we were given ashes at Mass on Wednesday and introduced us to GUS and TOM. Gus encourages us to Give Up Something and use that time to pray to God, whereas Tom wants us to Take On More, especially for other people. My thanks go to the children, Mrs Sayer and Mrs Wall for a wonderful assembly.

Superstar!

Congratulations to Grace (St Joseph) who came to see me this week to share her news. She received a merit in her recent tap exam and was extremely proud. Well done Grace.

Birthdays

Congratulations to **Cameron** (St Peter), **Mrs Fitchew** and **Mr Fisher** who celebrated their birthdays this week. Happy Birthday to those celebrating during half term

Hugh and Laurence (St Joseph)

Elliott & Jessica (St Anthony)

Francis & Darrell (St Peter)



Head Teacher's Award

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

Chloe (St Francis) ~ for perseverance and determination

Jessica (St Therese) ~ for always giving 100% and producing outstanding work

Lexi-Rose (St Elizabeth) ~ for being a fantastic role model and always giving 100%

Maddy (St Bernadette) ~ for consistently demonstrating an outstanding attitude towards learning and behaving

Henry B. (St Joseph) ~ for enthusiasm in all areas of school life

Jessica (St Anthony) ~ for fantastic progress in reading

Isabelle (St Peter) ~ for working with enthusiasm in all areas. Well done!

Sports Awards

Congratulations to this week's winners.

Most Improved ~ **Kyrea** (St Therese) Sports Performer ~ **Emily** (St Elizabeth)

Attendance update

As February half term marks the mid point of this academic year, we are sending you an attendance update for your child/children. Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling, with regular absence seriously affecting learning and attainment. At St George's, it is our aim for every child to be in every day so as to make optimum progress. We will be monitoring any children who are currently below 93% and continue to have irregular attendance. If you have any queries about your child's absence report, or need support in improving their attendance, please do not hesitate to contact me via the office.

The percentage totals at the halfway point for each class Year 1-6 (Year R do not have an official percentage)	
Year 1	95.1
Year 2	97.9
Year 3	96.9
Year 4	98.6
Year 5	97.4
Year 6	97.7

Open Evening and Parent Consultations

Spring Term's open evening will take place on **Wednesday 9th March 2016, 5.00 - 7.30pm**. There will be parent consultation appointments available during this time, but these must be booked by **FRIDAY 4TH MARCH**. All times for parent consultations are set out below. Appointments can be booked via the office or by email. The last day for booking an appointment is **FRIDAY 11th MARCH**. The office will arrange appointments from **TUESDAY**

23rd FEBRUARY. This can be done by coming to the front desk or via email admin@st-georges.southend.sch.uk

Wed 9 th Mar	Mon 14 th Mar	Tues 15 th Mar	Thu 17 th Mar	Fri 18 th Mar
5.00 – 6.45pm	9.00 – 9.30am 3.30 – 4.45pm	9.00 – 9.30am 3.30 – 4.45pm	9.00 – 9.30am 3.30 – 4.45pm	9.00 – 9.30am

Reading Awards

Well done to the following children who gained their bronze award this week

Harry L. (St Francis)

Hugh & Laurence (St Joseph)

... the children who have reached 100 reads and earned their silver reading certificates

Keavy (St Therese)

Isabelle (St Elizabeth)

Adele, Frankie & Maddy (St Bernadette)

Grace & Brian (St Joseph)

Anna, Emily M. & Emily A (St Anthony)

.....and our gold winners

Kyrea & Sophia (St Therese)

James, Eliana, Eden & Charlie (St Elizabeth)

Louie (St Joseph)

Bonnie & Amelia (St Peter)

World Book Day

World Book Day 2016 is just a few weeks away on Friday 4th March, and we have a special guest coming into the school to help celebrate on Book week. Southend author and illustrator Dennis Thompson will be visiting the school to read and talk to Reception and Years 1 & 2 about his book 'The Tale of the Greedy Fish'. Dennis teaches the children how the book was created, from scribbles and scanning paper, to colouring and compiling the pages on computers. He visits schools all around Essex encouraging child literacy and art, and his book has over 70 five star reviews on Amazon.co.uk. Signed copies of 'The Tale of the Greedy Fish' will be available for half price – just £3.00 if pre-ordered, or £3.50 on the day of the reading. If you would like to pre-order a copy of the book, please return £3.00 in a clearly marked envelope to your child's teacher or the office prior to the book reading date. There are regular updates and special offers on the official website: www.thegreedyfish.co.uk In conjunction with World Book Day all pupils will receive a £1 book token at the end of February which can be used from 29th February – 27th March 2016.

Creative Writing Workshop

Staying on the theme of books and authors, Mrs Hodges (Poppy, Ted and Henry's mum) will be organising and running a creative writing shop for children in Year 3,4,5 & 6. It will be an after school club and will give the children an added opportunity to be imaginative and inspired. Everyone is welcome, as long as they enjoy writing and can't wait to learn new

techniques and skills. Please give your child's name into the office if they are interested. We will be able to accommodate 20 children.

Prayers

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

Have a wonderful half term break, I look forward to seeing you all back on

Tuesday 23rd February.

Miss Norris



Diary Dates * New dates added or amended

HALF TERM ~ MONDAY 15 th - FRIDAY 19 th FEBRUARY	
Monday 22 nd February	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 23 rd February	Back to school
Sunday 28 th February	Family Mass ~ St George's Church 10.45am
Thursday 3 rd March	Year R Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 3 rd March	Years 1 & 2 class trip
Friday 4 th March	Mother's Day Sale
Wednesday 9 th March	Open Evening 5 - 7.30pm
Thursday 10 th March	Year 1 Class Assembly 9am
W/C 14 th March	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 22 nd March	*End of Term Mass 2pm at St George's School ~ 2pm
	Yr 3 & 4 Easter Service at St George's School ~ 2pm
Wednesday 23 rd March	Easter Service at St George's School ~ 7pm, led by Yr 3 & 4 No siblings below secondary age
Thursday 24 th March	Last Day of Spring Term
Monday 11 th April	Back to school - First Day of Summer Term
Saturday 23 rd April	*ST GEORGE'S FUN RUN

Family Beetle Drive

In aid of HCPT Group 192

Fun for all the family

St George's Church Hall

7.30pm Saturday 27th February

Raffle

Tickets £7 adults, £6 under 10s, includes Sausage and Mash supper

On sale after Masses or from Suzanne Halvey and Olwen Shallis 07850695191