



# 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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**Headteacher: Mrs A. Delgado**

Dear Parents,

*newsletter no. 191 ~ 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016*

### Dates for your diary

Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	Altar Server training after 10.45am Mass @ St George's Church
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup>	Reception & Yr 6 weight and height Volunteer Session 7pm @ school
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Volunteer Session 9am @ school
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am

### Friends of St George's

A HUGE thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the AGM on Monday. We voted in our new committee members for the forthcoming year.

Chairperson ~ Natalie Lowry & Vice-Chair ~ Annette Stapley

Treasurer ~ Matthew Irons & Vice-Treasurer ~ Mrs Wallen

Secretary ~ Amanda Revell

Year R Rep ~ Vicky Irons Year 1 Rep ~ Nina Nathan

Year 2 Rep ~ Louise Rossiter Year 3 Rep ~ Hannah Fitzpatrick

Year 4 Rep ~ Stacey Jones Year 5 Rep ~ Catherine Fitzgerald

Year 6 Rep ~ Emma Milford-Cottam

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the previous committee, especially Lucy, for their hard work during the last year and welcome the new committee. I look forward to working with you all this coming year.

The next PTA meeting will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm in the Community Suite.



### Parent Consultations

The cut off for booking Parent Consultations is 3.30pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

### Operation Christmas Child

On Thursday the children took part in a wonderful assembly all about Operation Christmas Child better known to them as "Christmas Shoe Boxes"



The children were very enthusiastic and hopefully came home full of great ideas of what they could put in a shoe box. Each family should have received a leaflet this week giving you more information. Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project, devoted to spreading love, joy and smiles to children in parts of the world who really need them. This is a charity that St. George's supports every year and one that our children enjoy very much. Please support this worthwhile charity if you can, returning your shoe boxes no later than **9.00am on Monday 28th November**. If you are unable to fill a shoe box but would like to donate a couple of items we will happily fill some extra boxes in school. We also have some spare leaflets in the office if you need any more. We have 60 boxes in the office to give away on a first come first served basis.

### Winter Uniform

Don't forget we will be changing from summer to winter uniform on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Children from years 1 to 6 will be in their shirts and ties, whilst Reception will be in school polo shirts.

### Parking

Could I remind all parents and carers to be considerate when parking near the school. The local residents understand that school times are busy, but they can become frustrated when they are blocked in or unable to move their car from the driveway and unable to get on with their day. We have also had reports of parents parking dangerously, for example parking on pavements etc. Thank you for your support with this

### Volunteers Session

Just a reminder about the two sessions for any parent/carer who would like to help at the school: in class, on trips, at PTA events etc. You will need to attend one of the sessions to be on the volunteer register, as there have been updates in procedures and policies for keeping children safe. If you are attending during the day time, I ask that you come in through the front office. If you are attending the evening session, please use the staff car park and enter the school via the Community Suite entrance to the side of the building. Each session will last between 30 – 45 minutes. Could you please contact the office to confirm which session you will be attending. The dates and times are Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 7pm and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 9am.

### Class celebration

On Tuesday afternoon, Year 1 celebrated with their families, friends and Father Brett. The children reflected on the importance of family and how God is part of everyone's family. Thank you children, Mrs Lawrence and Father Brett for the wonderful celebration.

### Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated this week:

Chloe (St Francis)

Jasmine (St Therese)

Ewan (St Joseph)

Isabel (St Anthony)

Mrs Halvey

### Head Teacher Awards

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

Grace ~ (St Francis) ~ for imaginative, independent story telling

Isla ~ (St Therese) ~ for reflecting on her learning in maths this week

M'meli ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for excellent focus this week especially in RE

Jacob ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for his imaginative work in our 3D shape & space work

Oliver By ~ (St Joseph) ~ for reflecting at the planning stage of work, sharing a detailed report of his homework task

Stanley ~ (St Anthony) ~ for his focus and determination this week to make his work the best it can be

Truly-Rose ~ (St Peter) ~ for working well collaboratively and with bundles of enthusiasm. Well done!

### Sports Award

The winners of this week's sports awards are:

Most Improved ~ Lily (St Anthony) Performer of the week ~ Jessica (St Elizabeth)

### No Nut Policy

Just a reminder to check all food brought into school including cereal bars that they DO NOT contain nuts as we have children in our school who suffer from a serious nut allergy.

### Open mornings for Reception 2017

We will be holding information sessions for parents who are thinking of applying for a place for their child in September 2017. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November



### Year R Admissions ~ September 2017

Applications can be submitted to the Local Authority from 14th September 2016 to 15th January 2017. 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 is to be returned to the school and the priest will return the certificate of practice. Both of these must be submitted by 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017

### Year 7 Admissions for Catholic Secondary School September 2017

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

### St Thomas More Open Days

Open days take will take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October. The days are for parents only. Parents will have an opportunity to view the school as a working school, visiting any department and any lessons they wish. After the tour conducted by our own students there will be an opportunity to listen to the views of the school from some of our present students including the new year 7's whilst enjoying some refreshments. Mrs Ackred will also be addressing the parents. The session will finish with questions and answers from parents to some of our staff.

There are three possible sessions available, commencing at 9.20, 11.40 and 14.40 - by appointment only.

If you would like to make an appointment, please call the school on 01702 344933 and ask to the admission secretary.

### 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*

### Diary Dates

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	CHANGE TO WINTER UNIFORM
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Volunteer Session 7pm @ school
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Volunteer Session 9am @ school
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am
	Year 5 Class Trip
w/b Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultations
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Mass in school 2.30pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Class Mass 2.30pm @ school
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	INSET Day ~ School closed to children
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016</b>	
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	First Holy Communion programme begins 4-5pm in St George's Church Hall
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	All Saints Day Mass 9.15am @ St George's Church
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2017 9.30am
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Years 1 & 2 Class Trip
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2017 9.30am
	Year 3 Class Celebration 2.30pm @ school
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual School photographs
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Assembly led by Year 6 @ 10.40am ~ Everyone is welcome
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Class Mass 2.30pm @ school
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2017 9.30am
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunisation ~ more details to follow
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 4 Class Mass 2.30pm @ school
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 trip to Harry Potter World
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance (2pm)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year R Nativity (9.30am)
	Year 1 & 2 Performance (7pm) No siblings below secondary age
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year R Nativity (9.30am)
	Carol Concert 7pm at St George's Church
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Children's Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last day of Autumn Term
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER – WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017</b>	