



# 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,

### 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**

### Happy New Year!

A very happy New Year to you all ~ we look forward to an exciting 2018 at St. George's. It was lovely to welcome the children back into school this week, albeit still a little tired from the Christmas break. We also welcomed a new pupil to St Anthony's class, Kie. I am pleased to say even after two days, it feels as if he has always been here! We know you will be a great asset to St George's, Kie, and look forward to celebrating your many successes.

### Dates for your diary



### January 2018

Tue 9 <sup>th</sup>	Steps Ahead starts
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for after school club applications
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming starts for years 2, 3, 4 & 5

### First Holy Communion 2018

First Holy Communion sessions will restart on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm at St George's Church.

## Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who celebrated their birthday during the first week back

Loui & Grace (St Elizabeth)

And Mrs Williams



## 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 £8) 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.

## Sickness Bugs

Whilst we promote good attendance, we have many children who have, unfortunately, fallen foul of nasty bugs. We ask that if your child has been sick or has diarrhoea, they are kept of school for 48hrs. This is for several reasons: they may spread the virus to other children; they may be sick again in school, which is highly distressing; the children need to have eaten and kept food down so that they have the energy for a school day. This is in line with our school policy on illness and NHS advice given to schools. I thank you in advance for your support.

## After School Clubs ~ Spring Term 2018

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 10<sup>TH</sup> 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.

There is an additional football training session run by an external provider, Southend United. 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 for the 8 weeks in advance. If your child is interested and selects this activity, we will send details.

We will not be offering choir as a club for new members this term. This is due to the O2 concert in January which the choir have been working on since the beginning of the autumn term.

## Swimming ~ Spring Term

A reminder to parents of children in years 2, 3, 4 & 5 that lessons will begin on Friday morning. 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.

## Reading Awards

The children who have earned their bronze and silver certificates during the holiday will be awarded their certificates and stickers next week.

## 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 2018. Anyone can join, friends, family and work colleagues, so please ask if you need more forms. The Club will run from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> 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 2018. **This amount needs to be paid in full by the 29<sup>th</sup> of January.** Your number(s) will then be entered in to the draw which will be done in school. The prize breakdown will be as follows if we sell 100 numbers:

1<sup>st</sup> Number drawn £50

2<sup>nd</sup> Number drawn £30

3<sup>rd</sup> 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*

Dates for the diary 2018

Any new dates will be denoted with \* and printed in bold



Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Youth Mass 6pm @ St George's Church
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	After School Clubs begin

<b>*Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Road Safety Assembly</b>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Bikeability ~ Repairs and Maintenance Yr 6
<b>*Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Yr 3 &amp; 4 football tournament (postponed from last term) 9-12</b>
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices Concert @ O2 Arena
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 3 Class Assembly 9am
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Youth Mass 6pm @ St George's Church
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 Class Assembly 9am
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018</b>	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day ~ more details to follow
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Youth Mass 6pm @ St George's Church
<b>*Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>A visit from author Jack Trelawney</b>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year R Class Assembly 9am
w/b 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Last week of after school clubs
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Open Evening 5pm – 7pm
w/b Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm Sunday
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Non uniform day for winning house team for Autumn Term ~ TBA!
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Passion led by years 3 & 4 ~ 2pm & 7pm in school
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of Spring Term ~ Mass @ 2pm in school
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY ~ GOOD FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018</b> <b>Good Friday Children's Stations of the Cross ~ Friday 30th March</b> <b>Easter Sunday Family Mass ~ Sunday 1st April 10.45am @ St George's Church</b> <b>Youth Mass 6pm @ St George's Church Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Summer Term 2018
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	St George's Day
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	After School Clubs begin
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Youth Mass 6pm @ St George's Church
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday
w/b Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	First Holy Communion Mass 2018
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	First Holy Communion Mass 2018
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2018</b> <b>Youth Mass 6pm @ St George's Church Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential Trip
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Class Assembly 9am
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Going Forth Mass 10.45am @ St George's Church
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> & Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Bikeability Yr 6
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Class Assembly 9am

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
*Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Borough Sports @ Garons pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Induction afternoon for Reception 2018 parents
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 6 Kingswood Assembly 9am
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	ST GEORGE'S CELEBRATION DAY
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Feast of St Peter & St Paul Mass @ 9.30am @ St George's Church
w/b Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last week of after school clubs
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Youth Mass 6pm @ St George's Church
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Mass
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Non uniform day for winning house team for Summer Term ~ TBA!
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 5 & 6 Summer Performance 2pm & 7pm (no younger siblings at the evening performance)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term

**SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2018**

DAY		CLUB	TEACHER	MAX NO:	YEAR GROUP	Time
Monday	1	Football	Mr Sims	24	Yr 5 & 6	3.15 - 4.15
	2	Construction & Lego	Mrs Wallen	20	Year 3 & 4	
	3	Debating Club	Mrs Noblet	14	Year 5 & 6	Lunchtime
Tuesday	4	Reading Club	Mrs Philips	10	Yr 3	Lunchtime
	5	STEPS AHEAD	External provider	20	Yr 3-6	3.15 - 5.00
Wednesday	6	Choir	Mrs McLoughlin	30	Yr 3 - 6	Lunchtime
	7	*Orchestra	Mrs Howell	20	Year 4 - 6	
Thursday	8	Writing Club	Mrs Hodges	20	Years 5 & 6	Lunchtime
	9	First Holy Communion	Hannah Wallen	30	Year 3-6	4-5pm
	10	Netball	Mrs Delgado	14	Year 3 & 4	3.15 - 4.15
	11	Netball	Miss Rusz	14	Year 5 & 6	
	12	Football	External provider SOUTHEND UNITED	30	Years 3-6	3.15 - 4.30

## Spring Term 2018 Clubs

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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