



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,

December Dates

Tue 11 th	Year R NATIVITY 9.30am Year 1 & 2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 2pm
Wed 12 th	Year R NATIVITY 9.30am Brentwood Christmas Concert @ Brentwood Cathedral
Thu 13 th	Year 1 & 2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 7pm ~ No younger siblings or siblings from the school
Fri 14 th	PTA Christmas gift sale ~ £1.50 per gift PTA Christmas Disco
Mon 17 th	Non Uniform Day for winning House Team
Tue 18 th	CHRISTMAS LUNCH & CHRISTMAS OUTFIT DAY Years 3 - 6 CHRISTMAS SERVICE ~ 7pm at St George's Church
Wed 19 th	Last Day of Term ~ WHOLE SCHOOL MASS in the school hall at 2pm
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS THURSDAY 20 TH DECEMBER – WEDNESDAY 2 ND JANUARY 2019	
<u>January 2019</u>	
Thu 3 rd	Welcome Back! First Day of Spring Term

Year 3 ~ 6 Christmas Service



Our annual Christmas Carol Service will take place at the church on Tuesday 18th December. We look forward to seeing ALL of our junior children on the evening along with their parents, siblings and relatives. It would be great to see as many

of you as possible for this special, prayerful evening of readings and carols. Please could you ensure that children arrive dressed in their school uniform, no later than **6.45pm**. It would be very helpful if parents could look after children's coats. All parents, siblings and relatives are welcome to sit anywhere in the main part of the church.



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Christmas Performances next week

Year R Nativity ~ 'A little bird told me..'

Performances of the Year R nativity take place next Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 9.30am and last approximately 30 minutes. All parents, carers and relatives of reception children are welcome to attend. Tickets are not necessary as we should have plenty of space for you all. Entrance will be via the Community Suite.



Year 1 & 2 ~ 'The Inn-spectors'



Performances take place on Tuesday afternoon at 2pm and Thursday evening at 7pm. Children should arrive at 6.30pm for the evening performance. Entrance for the Tuesday performance will be via the Community Suite and Thursday evening will be through the front doors.

We ask that you arrive no earlier than 6.30pm as the front doors will not open until this time (and it will be very cold outside!)

You should have received a text with a **ROW AND NUMBER** on it which means that you have an allocated seat so please show this at the performance for reference. Please do not bring younger or older siblings from our school to the evening show. All of our children will have the opportunity to see the performance during next week. Can I remind all parents that pre-school siblings are welcome to the **AFTERNOON** performance **ONLY**.

Football Club

Just a reminder that next week is the final after school session with Southend United. Could we request that any children who attend the club do not wear metal or metal tipped studs as they leave a very nasty mark if another child is caught and have the potential to cause a more serious injury. Thank you in advance for your support.

Harry Potter Warner Bros. Studio Tour

Yesterday, our Year 6 children visited Warner Bros. Studio Tour as part of their work in English on Harry Potter - they had an amazing time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. If parents have been 'treated' to a Bertie Botts Every Flavour Bean, I can only apologise! As ever, the children were a credit to the school as their behaviour was exceptional.

Birthdays

Congratulations to **Robyn & Lyla** (St Francis), **Isis** (St Bernadette) and **Amelie & Isabelle** (St Anthony) who celebrated their birthdays this week.



Bronze reading Awards

Congratulations to the children who have earned their bronze reading certificates this week:

George, Lyla, Blossom, Padme, Elsiada, Rosie, Jake, Katie, Vince, Max & Kamila (St Francis),
Honey (St Therese), **Alex & Jacob** (St Elizabeth), **Charles** (St Bernadette), **Henry, Ted & Grace**
(St Joseph), **Declan** (St Anthony) and **Charlotte** (St Peter)

Head Teacher Awards

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

Vince (St Francis) ~ for his enthusiastic participation in the singing for our Nativity play, - a star in the making!

Ottilie (St Therese) ~ for being such a responsible and caring member of year one. She listens carefully, always tries her best and is always willing to help others. Keep it up, Ottilie!

Daniel (St Elizabeth) ~ for excellent progress in learning to read. Keep it up!

Isabelle (St Bernadette) ~ for showing enthusiasm and independence in all lessons. Keep it up!

Loui (St Joseph) ~ for having a fantastic week. Loui has been working with increasing focus and independence to produce some wonderful work. Keep it up!

Marley (St Anthony) ~ for his thoughtful and selfless attitude to helping others and his excellent effort and achievement in all areas of the curriculum.

Oliver By. (St Peter) for working incredibly hard in all areas of the curriculum and being a fantastic role model. Well done!

Times tables challenge

This week Mr Sims handed out the next batch of certificates to the children who were awarded their bronze, silver, gold and diamond awards.

For her bronze award, congratulations to

Isabelle (St Bernadette)

...for their silver award, congratulations to

Alex (St Elizabeth), Scarlett, Jasmine & Elicia (St Bernadette),

Noah, Leandro & Jason (St Joseph), Alex (St Anthony)

and Henry & Oliver B. (St Peter)

...for their gold award, congratulations to

Alvin & Casey (St Joseph), Sian, Lexi-Rose & Richard (St Anthony)

And Aidan & Poppy (St Peter)

...for their diamond award, congratulations to

Emily, Eliana, Lucy, Joseph & Lily (St Anthony)

and Frankie, Florence, Kie, Adam and Ewan (St Peter)

Running Miles

This week's results are:

Class	Miles this week	Total so far	Travelled to...
Reception	61.9	192.9	Norwich
Year 1	75.1	833.8	Liverpool
Year 2	76.2	816.8	Liverpool
Year 3	54.2	666.1	Glasgow
Year 4	78.2	824.5	Liverpool
Year 5	81	939.4	Dublin
Year 6	89.4	951.2	Dublin

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to St Peter's Class for 100% attendance this week. Can they make it two weeks in a row?

Christmas Lunch & Jumpers!



On Tuesday 18th December we are having our School Christmas Lunch when all the children can come in with their own special packed lunch that day. If you prefer the Relish Infant lunch you must still order on-line as normal. If we **do not** hear from you we will assume that you will be providing your child's lunch that day. Please do not give your child a Christmas cracker or products containing nuts. We will be supporting 'Christmas Jumper Day' on the same day. If your child is coming to school in a Christmassy outfit, they do not have to wear uniform trousers or skirts. Any donations for taking part we will send off to the 'Save the Children' charity.

Friends of St George's News

The PTA will be organising a Christmas gift sale (gifts are £1.50 each, maximum of 2 per child) and disco in school on Friday 14th December.

The PTA 100 club, which gives anyone, friends or family, over the age of 16 a chance to win in our quarterly draws: March, June, September and December, will continue to run during 2018. Anyone can join, friends, family and work colleagues, so please ask if you need more forms. If we sell 100 numbers, the prize break-down is as follows:

1st Number drawn £50

2nd Number drawn £30

3rd Number drawn £20

With a superdraw in December (just in time for Christmas!)

The form is at the end of this newsletter and we will be asking for payment by the end of January. All forms and money to the office please. The winners of the December super draw are:

1st ~ £100 ~ Kamila Pawlowska

2nd ~ £50 ~ Mrs Delgado

3rd ~ £30 ~ Blanche Corcoran

4th ~ £20 ~ Scott Turner

School Disco

The PTA will be holding a disco in school on Friday 14th December. The Infant Disco is from 4pm ~ 5.15pm and the Junior Disco is from 5.15pm ~ 6.30pm. Drinks are included in the ticket price and a 'Tuck-Shop' will be available to buy snacks. Suggested 'pocket money' to spend is £1.

Cleaner required ASAP!

Do you know anyone who would want a job in our lovely school? The post may suit a sixth form student who wants to earn some extra money but keep their weekends free. We are looking for a competent, organised and friendly person to join our small cleaning team. The post holder will be responsible for carrying out a range of



cleaning duties, ensuring high levels of hygiene throughout the school. The hours are 3.30pm – 5.30pm, Monday to Friday. During the school holidays, the hours are not worked daily but are bulked together and the team deep clean the school at an agreed time. The rate is £8.55 per hour. Details are on the website www.sgcps.co.uk or call Mrs Parascandolo at the school. We look forward to hearing from you!

End of Term Mass

If you are intending to be at the end of term on Wednesday 19th, you will need to ask at the office for a ticket to ensure that the number of people in the hall stays within fire regulations. There are **80** tickets available and we are limiting it to **one per person per family** (babies and pre-school children are welcome but they will have to share the chair!). Whilst this may seem restrictive, we have over 150 families and no doubt as many as possible would want to attend. The tickets will be on a first come basis and can be collected from the office. You will need to bring your ticket with you to hand over to the liturgy team on the way in to Mass. Children can be taken home after Mass, around 2.45pm, and even if you do not attend, you can collect your children at this time. We will inform you by text when Mass has finished.

Prayers



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

Have a lovely weekend,

God Bless,

Mrs Delgado

Friends of St George's 100 Club

Please complete the information below in BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS:

Members Name:

Contact Phone Number:

Please allocate me with (insert how many numbers you want) @ £10 per year, per number.

I would like to select number/s

- I understand I will not get my first choice if it has been allocated previously.
- I will be offered further choices of available numbers.
- I understand that I will receive a cheque if I am a winner
- I am over 16 years of age.

Total payment = £ (Cheques should be made payable to Friends of St Georges School)

Signature: