



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,

During the last three weeks, we have been holding Information sessions for parents who are thinking of applying for a Reception place next September. Part of the meeting involves a tour of the school accompanied by our year 6 pupils. I received so many compliments from the parents about how impressed they were by our children, both in their manner and the information they shared. On behalf of the school, I would like to thank St Peter's Class.

You are a credit to our school

November

Mon 21 st	Non uniform Day ~ Donations for the Christmas Fayre please Infant children ~ jar of sweets and junior children ~ bottle of drink
Tues 22 nd	Year 4 Class Mass - 2.30pm
Thurs 24 th	Year 3 Class Assembly - 9.00am
Sat 26 th	Christmas Fayre
Sun 27 th	Calling Mass for First Holy Communion children 10.45am @ St George's

Do you love to bake? Do you see yourself as the next Paul Hollywood?

Could you give Mary Berry a run for her money?

Well, why don't you enter...



The St. George's Christmas Bake Off!

We will be having a cake baking competition at the Christmas Fayre.

Bring your finished cake along at the beginning of the day. There will be a prize giving ceremony for the Star Baker (best presented and best tasting cake).

There will be prizes for the best adult and best child creation.

Good luck everyone!

Don't forget the **non uniform day on Monday 21st November** to collect bottles (juniors) and jars of sweets (infants).



Scooters for Schools

One of our parents signposted a scheme which could help raise money and gain resources for our school

HOW IT WORKS

- Every time an order is placed on the scooters for schools website using the unique code of our school, we will receive 10% of that order back to our account.
- As the money earned builds, we aim to swap the money for scooters for the children to use.
- If you would like more information on the scheme, please click on the link below
<http://www.micro-scooters.co.uk/scooters-for-schools>

Operation Christmas Child

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 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 currently have **140** which is fantastic and we would love to break the 150 mark!

Head Teacher Awards

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

Leah ~ (St Francis) ~ for her enthusiasm and focus in all areas, especially independent writing

Lee ~ (St Therese) ~ for fantastic perseverance to improve his writing

Gabriel ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for working with increased focus and enthusiasm. Keep it up Gabriel!

Isabelle ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for working with great perseverance in her maths work

Adele ~ (St Joseph) ~ for being an outstanding pupil showing a responsible attitude

Rose ~ (St Anthony) ~ for her zealous and reflective approach to learning in Year 5. A real asset to the class!

Aimee ~ (St Peter) ~ for having a fantastic attitude towards learning and for producing high-quality written work

Reading Awards

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

Joseph, Samuel S. & Ellie (St Francis)

Nate, Lilah, Natasha & Julia (St Therese)

Leandro, Natalia & Jason (St Elizabeth)

Lily-Grace, Marley, Freddie, Lucy & Lyric (St Bernadette)

Chantelle (St Joseph)

Emma (St Peter)

Sports Award

The winners of this week's sports awards are:

Most Improved ~ **Daisy** (St Anthony) Performer of the week ~ **Grace** (StAnthony)

Mercy Awards

Well done to the children recognised for their compassion and mercy this week.

Adam (St Joseph) for being a great example to others when playing playground games

Holly & Daisy (St Anthony) for helping a reception child at lunchtime

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to Year 6 (St Peter) for 100% attendance this week. Can you keep it going?

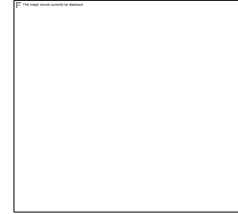
Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated this week:

Jessica (St Elizabeth)

Freddie (St Bernadette)

Christian (St Anthony)



Year R Admissions ~ September 2017

Applications can be submitted to the Local Authority from 14th September 2016 to 15th January 2017 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.

Parents wishing to obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice should note that these Certificates will only be issued to families known to the Parish Priest and who are practising Catholics (and have been for a prolonged period of time, not just two/three weeks before). The Catholic Church defines "practising Catholics" as those who attend Mass every week; once every three weeks, every month, six months and every year is not considered "practising".

In the light of this criteria, please consider carefully before booking an appointment to see Fr Brett which is done through the parish office. If you are not eligible for a Certificate of Catholic Practice, simply present your child's Certificate of Baptism to the school (along with the form of course).

Fr Brett Adams

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 22nd January 2017. Our final information session for parents who are thinking of applying for a place for their child in September 2017 is **Thursday 17th November**. The 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.

Parish Firework Display

Thank you to everyone who came to the Firework night. It was a great evening. We will publish the final total next week.

Children In Need

Thank you for all the donations given before school this morning for 'Children in Need'. We collected £192.74 to send to the charity.

International Board Games Day

International board games day takes place on 26th November 2016 from 10am to 4pm at Southend Library, Elmer Square, Southend. All ages welcome, any children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments are available to purchase on the day. The library has a limited number of board games to play, but please feel free to bring your own! This is a free event.

Photos

Photos must be returned to the school office by 9.00am Monday 21st November. This will ensure that we get them back before Christmas. If you miss the deadline you can still order online, post your order form & payment to Freepost, Tempest Photography or call the direct order team on 01736 751555. Please note there is a £4 postage/late order fee that applies.

Southend United VS Bradford Football Tickets

To all the families who have obtained tickets for Saturdays match please collect your tickets from the ticket office. Enjoy the match.

Congratulations

Well done to Isabella (St Peter) for her success at the Thorpe Bay Yacht Club Pico Racing competition. She was awarded first place, a great achievement.

Parental/Family Contacts

It is really important that we have up to date local contact details for your child. When a child is unwell and we feel they need to go home it is crucial that we have a local contact who can collect your child immediately.

Parking

There have been some incidents reported recently of parents/carers parking without thinking about the safety of the children or the local residents. I ask that you park legally; **not blocking driveways, garages or across dropped kerbs or on the corners/verges** as this limits visibility of the children and the traffic. I thank you in advance for your support.

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