



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,

I ask you to keep in your thoughts and prayers the children who are making their First Holy Communion this weekend. This is a momentous event for them and they have spent a great deal of time preparing themselves to receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. I'm looking forward to this special occasion and wish all the families and friends a very happy day
We pray for:

***Riley, Samuel, Oliver B., Bayley, Georgia, Catherine, Jack, Adele, Poppy,
Henry, Maddy, Oliver S., Ewan & Gabriel***

*Lord Jesus, who gave us the gift of the Holy Eucharist, we ask you to look after our
children as they come to your table for the first time.*

Protect and strengthen them through your precious Body and Blood.

Amen.

Dates for your diary

May

Sat 7 th	First Holy Communion Mass ~ 10.30am ~ St George's Church
w/c Mon 9 th	End of Key Stage 2 Assessment week ~ Year 6 SATS Optional SAT's breakfast club for all Year 6 children First Holy Communion Rehearsal (group 2) ~ St George's Church 4-5pm
Sat 14 th	First Holy Communion Mass ~ 10.30am ~ St George's Church



Here comes the sun!

At St George's, sun safety is very important, especially as the children spend time outside during the warmest part of the day. I have reminded the children to bring a sunhat and water to school everyday and apply sun cream before school when needed.



Bookbags

Recently there have been a number of large rucksacks coming into school which is causing a problem in the cloakroom areas. After speaking with the infant staff about what is needed to be brought to school on a daily basis, there is no need for children to bring anything other than the school book bag which can easily accommodate reading books, homework and sunhats (obviously if it is a swimming day, an additional bag is needed). As the children move up into the juniors, years 3 & 4 can continue with their book bags, or use a small bag/rucksack if preferred. Years 5 & 6 have their own lockers, therefore bag size is not an issue. Thank you in advance for your support.

Infant 'Special Menu' Day ~ Thursday 19th May 2016

We are having a special menu on the 19th May and have added a few new choices for the children to sample. If these prove popular we will look to add these to the menu that is available. (the existing menu will still be available to order) We are encouraging all infants to sign up to one of the taster meals, in order that we can get feedback on it.

- * Ploughman's lunch
- * Mini picnic lunch
- * Ham or Chicken wholemeal roll
- * Fruit salad/kebab or rice crispie cake

If you wish for your child to have the special taster menu on Thursday 19th May, please complete and return the order form that was sent out earlier this week to the Office by Wednesday 11th. Please contact the Office staff if you have any questions. If your child does not usually have school infant dinners, please encourage them just to sample the special menu.

Kingswood 2016 Meeting

There will be a meeting for all parents and children on Wednesday 18th May in preparation for the residential trip on 5th June. We ask that all parents attend.

PTA Meeting

Thank you to those of you who came to the PTA meeting on Wednesday.

Head Teacher's Award

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

Nate (St Francis) ~ for fantastic effort with his handwriting and literacy skills

Leandro (St Therese) ~ for focussing on and improving his writing

Xavier (St Elizabeth) ~ for being a superstar in his maths work this week. Well done Xavier!

Aidan (St Bernadette) ~ for engaging enthusiastically in his topic work

India (St Joseph) ~ for excellent progress in all areas

Victoria (St Anthony) ~ for fantastic effort in her literacy work this week. Keep it up!

George (St Peter) ~ for outstanding effort in maths and English. Keep it up!

Sports Awards

Congratulations to this week's winners

Most Improved Jude ~ (St Peter) Sports Performer ~ Lily-Grace (St Elizabeth)

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated a birthday this week

Leandro (St Therese)

Lucy (St Elizabeth)

Grace (St Anthony)



Creative Writing

Mrs Hodges would like to say a MASSIVE WELL DONE to all the children in the Creative Writing Club. They worked tirelessly for four weeks, they have used lunch times and home times to make sure that their stories were finished. They had to work under pressure, and to a deadline and each and every one has written a beautiful story. Well done for all your hard work. She is very proud of you all.

And staying with the theme of writing, 6 children represented St George's at a 'Writer's Day' this week.

Yesterday, we visited Bournes Green School with Ben and Rose in St Joseph's, where we met Joshua Siegal, an author and poet. We had an exciting day reading and writing different poems including 'Addicted to Chicken', 'Pidgeons' and 'What If?'. Joshua Siegal is an amazing poet because he has a good sense of humour and he uses good examples of different poetic style. During our day, we wrote poems influenced by our emotions, our senses and our dreams. Together, we decided our favourite poem was 'The Love Poem to our Favourite Healthy Food'. We enjoyed our day very much.

by Anna, Elliott, Emily A and Charlotte (St Anthony's Class)

Polling Day

On Thursday we had the opportunity to visit the polling station at our school. We asked lots of questions and we were lucky enough to meet Mike Assenheim from the Independent party. It was very exciting and we can't wait to vote when we are older. Also we are waiting for the results of the votes. Good luck to all the candidates. Poppy, Mina, Emma, Josh, year 5



St George's Day Fun Run

The trophies for the winners are being engraved and we hope to receive them next week, ready to give out before half term. In the meantime, please can all sponsor monies be handed into the office as soon as possible.

Success beyond St George's

Well done to Rachel – St Peter's who held a cake sale last weekend and raised £160 for Marie Curie.

Reading Awards

Well done to the following children who have reached 100 reads and earned their silver reading certificates

Dylan & Orla (St Francis)

Florance V. (St Therese)

Alex & Jacob (St Elizabeth)

Poppy (St Bernadette)

...our gold winners who have reached 150 reads

Lilah, Ocean & Julia (St Francis)

Ted (St Therese)

Oliver (St Elizabeth)

Frankie & Adele (St Bernadette)

Henry F. & Brian (St Joseph)

Emily M. & Charlotte (St Anthony)

...and our diamond award winners who have been rewarded for 200 reads

Hannah (St Francis)

Daisy & Liwia (St Therese)

Holly & Lily-Grace (St Elizabeth)

Olivia & Isabel (St Joseph)

Amelia (St Peter)

Lion King

Just a reminder that the final balance of £15 per ticket is now due. Payment can be made by cash or a cheque payable to Friends of St Georges. Please ensure that it is in a named envelope with your child's name. Please hand payment into the Office.

Head in the Clouds...

A huge thank you for all the donations pledged so far for my 'leap of faith' parachute jump in July! Anyone who wishes to sponsor me for the benefit of this wonderful charity can do so by following the link below.

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/annabellenorris1>

Prayers



Please remember all in our community who need your prayers at this time and our First Holy Communion children.

God Bless,

Miss Norris