



# 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

Mon 19<sup>th</sup>

Non uniform day for winning house team

Tue 20<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 21<sup>st</sup>

Last Day of Term

Pantomime for whole school

Whole School Mass in the school hall at 2pm ~ For safety reasons, seats will be limited to 80 guests.

**\*PLEASE READ THE NOTE IN THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER \*\***

## Houseball Success

This afternoon in our celebration assembly, we had our final totals for this term's houseball competition. The winning team are invited to wear their own clothes on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December with a splash of their house colour to celebrate their team. We will confirm the winners via text and publish the totals next week.

## The Christmas Story told by the children of St George's



This week, all of our children were involved in retelling the story of the Nativity.



St Francis class welcomed parents, relatives and friends to their performance of 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel' and St Therese & St Elizabeth classes performed 'Shine, Star, Shine' to all their family members, raising the roof with their singing.

I was so very proud and impressed by all of them; they were super singers, amazing actors and brimming with confidence throughout.

On Wednesday evening, the junior children played their part in celebrating the birth of Jesus, performing a selection of carols and readings at St George's



Church. This year, for the first time, our school orchestra played and they were magnificent. Our children left us all with broad smiles and with the excitement of the Christmas story. They are all superstars and we are very proud of them!

I would like to thank all the wonderful staff who work at St George's who have played their part in preparing the children so well for all of the performances.



Finally, I would like to thank you, our wonderful community ~ parents, relatives and friends who have supported the children so well. You came in huge numbers to watch the infant and junior performances, sharing the true meaning of Christmas with us. In particular, may I thank you for your very kind donations to our Christmas charity 'Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.' We raised an amazing **£580.31** for the charity.



### End of Term Mass

We are very fortunate that many families attend end of term Mass, showing support for the importance of celebrating the end of a term. However, the numbers have grown to such a size, and after consulting with the school's fire marshal, it has been decided that our school hall cannot accommodate everyone who would want to attend. Therefore to ensure the safety of all, we will be issuing numbered tickets for the end of term Mass next week. This is to ensure we do not exceed numbers which could make it uncomfortable or unsafe for the children and adults, should there ever be the need to evacuate. 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 158 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. We will not be keeping a register, therefore **you MUST have your ticket as you come in**. Any parents, carers, siblings, family members without a ticket will, unfortunately, not be able to join us on this occasion. 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.

### School Lunches

All Infant Relish repeat lunch orders have now been deleted. Orders for the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2017 **must be placed by 12 noon next Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**. If you forget to order your child's lunch please remember to send them in with a packed lunch on those 2 days.

### Mercy Awards

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

**Isis** (St Joseph) for supporting her friends and being kind in class

**Jabez** (St Anthony) for showing exceptional kindness and love to his brother

## Gift Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported the Gift Sale today, especially our expert 'wrappers' and Mrs McCarthy who manages to source the wonderful range of gifts. We raised £419.20 for PTA funds.

## Reading Awards

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

Leah (St Francis)

Isabelle (St Therese)

M'meli, Henry & Ted (St Elizabeth)

Lily & Oliver (St Bernadette)

Florence, Henry, Maia & Liam (St Joseph)

Markus (St Anthony)

Emily A. & Jack (St Peter)

And.....the children who have reached 100 reads and earned their silver reading certificate

Thomas & Georgina (St Francis)

Cillian, Harry C., William, Harry L., Ocean, Logan, Isis & Hannah (St Therese)

Daisy, Kyrea & Fred (St Elizabeth)

Eliana & Emily (St Bernadette)

Olivia & Louie (St Anthony)

## Head Teacher Awards

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

Aubrey (St Francis) ~ for showing excellent improvement in his social skills. Well done Aubrey and keep it up!

Leah (St Francis) ~ for being a wonderful angel and dealing with any changes like a true professional!

Hannah (St Therese) ~ for an AMAZING start to Year 1 and excellent effort in all areas.

Charlotte (St Elizabeth) ~ for a fabulous first term in Year 2, always working to the best of her ability and producing excellent work.

Marley (St Bernadette) ~ for being a very sensible, mature and responsible member of the class at all times.

Orla (St Joseph) ~ for being a fantastic learner this term. Focused and enthusiastic, she is a role model for us all!

India (St Anthony) ~ India has consistently demonstrated what it is to be an excellent learner, particularly in her focus and creativity this term. She really is a superstar!

Adele (St Peter) ~ for showing fantastic perseverance in Maths and working with increased independence.

Oliver (St Peter) ~ for having a fantastic attitude towards learning and working with focus and independence.

## Musical Success

Congratulations to Anna (St Peter) who was awarded a distinction in her recent guitar exam.

## Birthdays

Congratulations to all who celebrated their birthday this week

Harry L. (St Therese), Lyric & Charlie (St Bernadette)

Adele (St Joseph)

Mrs Howell & Mrs Lawrence



## Friends of St George's

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 2017. 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:

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!)

We will be asking for payment in the new year, £10 per number, and forms will be reissued in January's newsletter. As said last week, all forms and money to the office please.

## Christmas Lunch & Jumpers!



On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December we are having our School Christmas Lunch when all the children bring in their own special packed lunch; sweet treats such as mince pies, chocolate etc. can be included. Relish lunches have been ordered for those that requested them. The only items we ask that you DO NOT include are products containing nuts, fizzy drinks or Christmas crackers. Thank you in advance for your support.

We will be supporting Christmas Jumper Day on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. If your child is coming to school in their best knitwear, they do not have to wear uniform trousers or skirts. We are asking for a donation for taking part and hope to raise a good amount to send off to the charity.



## Prayers



Please remember all in our community who need your prayers at this time. We pray especially for Mrs Gillett, wishing her a speedy recovery, and Mrs Deviell, whose father passed away recently.

Have a lovely weekend with your family,

God Bless,

*Mrs Delgado*