



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,

Dates for December

Mon 9 th	Choir singing at Great Mead
Wed 11 th	Year R Nativity 9.30am Year 1 & 2 Nativity 2pm & 7pm
Thu 12 th	Year R Nativity 9.30am Choir performing at Brentwood Cathedral @ 7pm
Fri 13 th	Choir singing at Crouchmans FOSG Christmas Disco
Mon 16 th	Non-uniform houseball day
Wed 18 th	KS2 Carol Service 6pm @ St George's Church
Thu 19 th	Christmas Gift Sale Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
Fri 20 th	Last day of term ~ Mass at 2pm

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER – FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY 2020

Mon 6th January 2020 First day back

Christmas Fayre

Last Saturday, the school and parish community came together for the Christmas Fayre. The event was a fantastic success due to your generous donations, people who organised it, the stall holders and of course, to all of the children, family and friends who came on the day to spend their money.



We raised just over £4200 ~ a record!



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This will be split between the school and parish. On behalf of St George's, I would like to thank **EVERYONE** who was involved, I know in the months leading up to the fayre, many people from the school and parish put in a huge amount of effort. On the day itself it was wonderful to see the parish and school come together. A big thank you to Mrs Rose and Mrs Disley for making Santa feel so at home in the amazing grotto, you are definitely on the good list! And a special thank you to Shawn, Brian, Mrs Halvey and Mrs Antonie for co-ordinating the stalls, stall holders and ensuring that the day ran like clockwork.

Don't forget the **PTA Christmas Disco next Friday**. The infant disco starts at 4pm until 5.15pm and the junior disco is from 5.30pm to 6.45pm. Tickets are available from your class rep. The tickets will include the disco with Crazy Ryan, the photo booth (with one set of prints per child to take home) and unlimited drinks. There will also be a small tuck shop available.

Year 3 ~ 6 Christmas Service



Our annual Christmas Carol Service will take place at the church on Wednesday 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 **5.45pm**. 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.

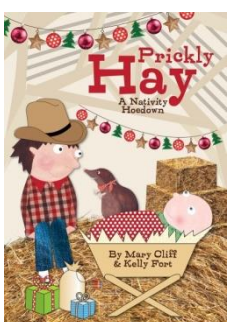
Christmas Performances next week

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

Performances of the Year R nativity take place next Wednesday and Thursday 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 on Wednesday** and the **Front Office on Thursday**. As the community suite is being used for Thursday's election, we are unable to accommodate any late comers on this day.



Year 1 & 2 ~ 'Prickly Hay!'



Performances take place on **Wednesday afternoon** and evening at 2pm and 7pm. Children should arrive at 6.30pm for the evening performance. Entrance for the afternoon performance will be via the Community Suite and the 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 will be given your **ROW AND NUMBER** when you arrive as we have allocated all seating. 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**.

Head Teacher Awards

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

Nathan ~ (St Francis) ~ for fantastic work in phonics. You are applying your knowledge well in reading and writing activities.

Olivia ~ (St Therese) ~ for working so hard to be an independent learner. She listens well, is focused on the task at hand and is completing the work set. What a superstar!

Edison ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for making excellent progress in English and showing a fantastic understanding in his Maths work.

Natalia ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for consistently working hard in all lessons and being a good example to others.

Ernie ~ (St Joseph) ~ for being an excellent role model. He is kind, respectful and hard-working. Well done!

Jessica ~ (St Anthony) ~ for being an outstanding role model to her peers; she is considerate, hard-working and puts her all into everything she does. Your lovely smile tells me just how much you enjoy your learning.

Alex ~ (St Peter) ~ for a fantastic first term in Year 6. His engagement, hard work and focus has resulted in excellent outcomes in all areas of the curriculum. Well done Alex!

Boccia Tournament

This week four pupils, **Lucy & Ellie** (St Bernadette), **Mitchell** (St Joseph) and **Fred** (St Anthony), represented our school at a local Boccia tournament.

'It was really good and we had lots of fun. We won a few games which we really enjoyed. We shook hands with all the other players.'

By Mitchell

Thank you for being such wonderful representatives of the school.

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. As ever, thank you for being wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Bronze reading Awards

Congratulations to the children who have been awarded bronze certificates for 50 reads:

Billy (St Francis), **Padme, Blossom, Katarina, Elsiada & Vince** (St Therese), **Ottilie, Stanislaw & Ted** (St Elizabeth)

December Artist of the Month

Congratulations to **Hannah** (St Joseph) who has been recognised as Artist of the Month for December. Her wonderful nativity picture will be displayed in the front reception area for everyone to enjoy.

Sports Awards

Congratulations to our winners this week.

Most improved ~ **Lily** (St Peter)

Performer ~ **Lucy** (St Bernadette)

Birthdays

Congratulations to **Freddie** (St Francis), **Lyla & Robyn** (St Therese), **Isis** (St Joseph) and **Amelie & Isabelle** (St Peter) who celebrated their birthdays this week.

Christmas Lunch & Jumpers!



On Thursday 19th 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 contact the Office by next Tuesday. 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.

End of Term Mass

If you are intending to be at the end of term Mass on Friday 20th, 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 via the app when Mass has finished.



Please remember all in our community who need your prayers at this time.
Have a lovely weekend with your family. God Bless,

Mrs Delgado