



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,

St George's School & Parish Christmas Fayre

WHAT A SUCCESS!

Last Saturday, the school and parish community came together for the Christmas Fayre. The event was a fantastic success due to the 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.

An amazing £3184 was raised!

This will be split between the school and parish. On behalf of St George's, I would like to thank EVERYONE who was involved, but my special thanks must go to Mrs Fensom, Mrs Halvey, Mr Lish and Mrs Stapley for giving up so much of their time to ensure its success.

I would also like to recognise the following companies for their donations:

The Castle Pub, Towels are Us, The Parson's Barn, Liam Gillan photography and Kursaal Bowling.

The Friends of St Georges also raised £112.34 the following day, at the Coffee morning after Mass. Thank you to everyone who served teas, coffees and cakes.

Friends of St George's 100 Club

We are aiming to continue running the 100 Club which gives anyone, friends or family, over the age of 16 a chance to win in our quarterly draws. Anyone can join, friends, family and work colleagues so please ask if you need more forms

The Club will run from 1st January to 31st December. To be allocated a number in the draw, you will need to pay a one-off £10 subscription which will cover you for the whole of 2016.

This amount needs to be paid in full by the 30th of January. Your number(s) will then be entered in to the draw which will be done in school. The prize breakdown is as follows:

1st Number drawn £50

2nd Number drawn £30

3rd Number drawn £20

However, in December, there will be a Christmas Bonus!

The draws will take place on the first Friday in March, June, September and December during the celebration assembly.

All you need to do is decide **HOW MANY NUMBERS YOU WANT**, complete your details on the form attached (more copies are available from the office) below and hand it into the office. You can choose your number/s, but if it has already been allocated you will be offered further numbers to choose from. You will receive a card/email confirming your number/s and the winning number will be posted on the notice board, Facebook Group and in the Newsletter.

Infant School Christmas Lunch ~ 17th December

In addition to the normal menu, we have added a 'Christmas' picnic lunch. This consists of breaded chicken goujons, mini scotch egg, mini sausage roll, mini cheese & tomato pizza, cherry tomato and a 'Christmas' chocolate rice crispie cake.

If you wish your child to have the 'Christmas' lunch, please use the following link and orders need to be placed by 12pm on Wednesday 9th December.

<https://docs.google.com>

Well done Jessica!

Last weekend, Jessica (St Joseph) was also commissioned as an altar server. I look forward to seeing you all serving at Mass.

Head Teacher Awards

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

William (St Francis) ~ for demonstrating kindness and respect towards others at all times

Casey (St Therese) ~ for being a focused learner

Ruby (St Elizabeth) ~ for working with great determination & enthusiasm on fractions this week. Well done Ruby.

Adele (St Bernadette) ~ for 100% effort in all areas of the curriculum

Jessica (St Joseph) ~ for excellent maths work

Ntando (St Anthony) ~ for trying his best at all times and showing enthusiasm with his smile.

Rachel (St Peter) ~ for having an excellent attitude towards learning

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who celebrated their birthdays this week.

Isis (St Francis)

Amelie & Isabelle (St Elizabeth)

Poppy (St Anthony)



Choir at Great Mead Sheltered Housing

This morning, our choir visited local sheltered accommodation to sing a selection of carols to residents. It was wonderful to see our children share the Christmas spirit with our local community. We will be visiting another group of elderly residents next week. Thank you to Mrs Sayer and Mrs Beales for preparing the children so well.

After School Clubs

There will be no more after school clubs until next term.

Bronze reading Awards

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

Julia, Hannah, Charles, Lilah & William. (St Francis)

Declan (St Elizabeth)

Grace, Catherine, Michael & Maddy (St Bernadette)

Ben, Jessica & Christian (St Joseph)

Elliott, Anna & Francesca (St Anthony)

Ace, Francis & Imogen (St Peter)

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Advent Box Appeal



Along with the Newsletter this week your child should hopefully have received a small Advent collection box from the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The box is designed to carry the message of Advent and can be used to reinforce the meaning of Christmas to the children. The Advent Wreath on one of its sides has been purposely left blank so the children can colour this as

they progress through the weeks of Advent. We are asking the children to fill the boxes with loose change and remember others not as fortunate as themselves at this special time of year. Last year the appeal raised just under £10,000 – a fantastic amount of money that made a huge difference to the lives of many children in our Diocese. Please remember every little bit helps.

Gift Sale

The PTA will be holding a Christmas gift sale in school on Thursday 17th December. Gifts are £1.50 each, maximum of 2 per child.

Toy Mass

The parish are holding our annual toy collection at the 10.45 am Mass on Sunday 13th December, for the local children in need who otherwise may not receive a gift this Christmas. We are looking for only new toys, gifts, or vouchers for children and young teenagers up to 16 years. These can be left in the boxes at both Churches or bring them to any Mass on the weekend of 12th/13th December. Please leave gifts unwrapped. Thank you for your support.

'Do your bit in a Christmas Knit'

We will be supporting Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 17th 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 various charities.

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RAINBOWS

If your child is struggling through a painful experience, and you would like any further information on how we could support them, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Davenport, Mrs Smith or your child's class teacher.



Prayers



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

God Bless,

Mrs Smith