

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,

Today marks the end of another year at St George's. Every day we have celebrated the achievements of our amazing children and the weekly newsletter enables us to reflect on the great things that they accomplish, both academically and personally. As ever, we have enjoyed sporting success, musical excellence and the children continuing to be outstanding representatives of the school. I am always very proud when I hear compliments about their attitude and behaviour. The staff work tirelessly in order that the children in our care realise their full potential, in addition to enjoying their time here.

I continue to relish being Head Teacher of this wonderful school. I have always said that it is a privilege to serve the school community, in challenging and celebratory times. I have so many people to thank, my fantastic staff, the governors and Father Brett. I also thank you, the parents and families, for your support throughout this year.

My final thanks go to the children, the heart of our school; we are blessed to know, teach and spend our days with you. I look forward to the next academic year with all the triumphs and surprises it will bring. I wish all of you a very happy and restful summer holiday.

Farewell...

Today we say goodbye to our remarkable Year 6.

Katie, Sophie, Imogen, Francis, Finlay, Luke, Abigail, Elise, Ace, Bonnie, Alfie, Imani, George, Jude, Hannah, Thobekani, Thulani, Millie, Darrell, Millie, Millie, Jack, Eliana, Rachel, Millie-Grace, Isabelle, William, Cameron, Amelia & Daniel

We wish them every success in their new adventures in September and look forward to hearing about their future achievements. We celebrated Mass together on Monday night which gave children, parents and staff the opportunity to reminisce on their successful years spent at the school. It was a very special evening and I thank everyone who played a part in the organisation.

We also say goodbye to the following families of children in Year 6 who have had long connections with our school. It is the end of an era and we thank you all for the support you have given to St. George's over many years.

We say goodbye to:

the Bourke family, the Grixti family, the Holland family, the Kaiyo family, the King family, the Mayo family, the O'Donovan family, the O'Halloran family, the O'Sullivan family, the Pawlina family, the Saad family and the Seymour family.

It's also goodbye to Miss Reed as she moves on to her next adventure. The children and staff thanked her this morning for all that she has done at St George's. We will miss her a great deal and wish her every success in the future.

Attendance Awards

I gave out many badges today celebrating 100% attendance during the summer term.

Bronze Award ~ 100% attendance for this term

St Francis ~ Harry C., Chloe, Dylan & Harley

St Therese ~ Grace

St Elizabeth ~ Alex, Freddie, Isabelle, Lyric & Monty

St Bernadette ~ Oliver Byrne & Evie

St Joseph ~ George

St Anthony ~ Emily A.

St Peter ~ Imani, Millie M., Millie-Grace & Isabelle

Silver Award ~ 100% attendance for two terms

St Francis ~ Julia, Isla, Isis, William & Joseph

St Therese ~ Natalia, Kyrea, Fredrick & Florance

St Elizabeth ~ Marley, Morten, Faith & Phoebe

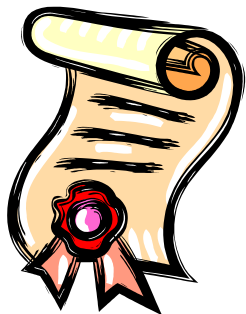
St Bernadette ~ Oliver Bass, Jack, Adele & Maia

St Joseph ~ Holly, Ben H-C., Grace, Hugh, Ben R. and Oliver

St Anthony ~ Hannah, Truly-Rose, William & Poppy

St Peter ~ Luke, Millie O'H. & Elise

I also had the great pleasure of awarding the GOLD AWARD to children with 100% attendance for the WHOLE YEAR to:



St Francis ~ Charles, Natasha & Hannah

St Therese ~ Jason & Jessica

St Elizabeth ~ Emily, Eliana, Lucy, Amelie, James & Lily

St Bernadette ~ Catherine, Maddy, Chantelle, Adam & Grace

St Joseph ~ Henry, Maisie, Christian, Isabel, Maddie, Lily, Brian, Andrew,

Olivia, Callum, India & Rose

St Anthony ~ Aimee, Joshua, Marco, Emily M. & Elliott M-C

St Peter ~ Katie, Finn, Ace, Bonnie, George, Darrell, Jack & Cameron

This is a fantastic achievement ~ well done

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated a birthday this week.

Morten (St Elizabeth)

Jack & Oliver B. (St Bernadette)

Jessica (St Joseph)

Charlotte & Adele (St Anthony)

And to everyone who celebrates their birthday during the summer holiday.

Isabelle & Hannah (St Francis)

Finlay, Florence V. & Freddie (St Therese)

Eden & Jacob (St Elizabeth)

Riley & Alice (St Bernadette)

Markus, Andrew & Olivia (St Joseph)

Victoria, Aimee, Ntando & Truly -Rose (St Anthony)

Isabelle, William, Imani, Abigail & Hannah (St Peter)



Reading Challenge

We have been amazed at the engagement of children in this year's reading challenge. Mrs Philips has collated the whole school results and the percentage of children achieving the different awards are as follows:

Bronze award ~ 92%

Silver ~ 76%

Gold ~ 53%

Diamond ~ 33%

Super reader ~ 16%

Thank you to all the parents, aunts, uncles, nans, granddads, brothers, sisters etc. etc., who have supported the children by listening to them read. We will be running the scheme again next year and hope that everyone will aim to either match their achievements this year, or maybe go one better! Don't forget this year's Summer Read in the library. There is a prize for the school that has the most participants on a percentage basis. It would be great if St George's was the first recipient of the cup!

Summer Performance

Year 5 & 6 'brought the house down' with their fantastic performance of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' this week. The script was highly ambitious as it relied heavily on exceptional speaking and acting skills as well as a high standard of singing. The children were magnificent and every parent who I spoke to after the performance was full of praise and compliments. Thank you for your generous donations after the play, a total amount of £186.98 was raised for the NSPCC. Well done to all the children and to Mr Sims and Mrs Howell for a memorable show. A special thanks goes to our very own 'King Kong', Mr Fisher, for his perfect portrayal of a primate!



Relish Lunches

Parents can begin ordering lunches for the autumn term from 22nd August. After taking feedback from parents and looking at menu choices, there are a couple of changes for next year. Orders will have to be placed by Wednesday 31st August if you would like your child to have a school lunch during the first week back.

Annie

Shoebury High are hosting a performance of 'Annie' from 4th -6th of August. Hugh (St Joseph) is in the cast so keep your eyes peeled for him! Tickets can be obtained from Jo Rafiq 07793 461102

September Uniform

Just a note to remind Year 1 – 6 parents that the children return to school in their summer uniforms, polo shirts and red checked dresses. On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear any jewellery in our school. If your child wishes to have his/her ear(s) pierced, we ask that this be carried out at the beginning of the summer holiday, so that the healing process is complete by the time school starts again in September and the ear stud can be removed. We do not permit children to have extreme haircuts or colouring that could serve as a distraction to other children. Short hair should be uniform in length, across the head, with no parts left significantly longer than others. Children should not wear any fixatives, hair gel/spray etc in their hair. This is in line with our uniform policy. Thank you in advance for your support.

I hope you all enjoy the Rio Olympics which start on 5th August ~ I'll definitely be watching!



Have a wonderful summer holiday, see you all on Monday 5th September.

God bless,

Miss Norris

SUMMER HOLIDAY FRIDAY 22ND JULY – THURSDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2016

Thursday 1 st September	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Friday 2 nd September	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 5 th September	First Day of Autumn Term 2016
13 th September	Roald Dahl's birthday ~ Dress up as your favourite Roald Dahl character day
Friday 21 st October	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 24 TH – FRIDAY 28 TH OCTOBER 2016	
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY THURSDAY 22 ND DECEMBER – WEDNESDAY 4 TH JANUARY 2017	
Thursday 5 th January	First Day of Spring Term 2017

