



ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

At St George's, God calls us
learn and achieve together, safe in the palm of His hands.

'I have your name by my side'

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Dear Parents,

Act of Remembrance

They shall not grow old
As we who are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them
Nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We will remember them



“When you go home, tell them of us and say,
For their tomorrow, we gave our today”

We think of all families whose lives have been affected by the loss of loved ones due to war. We especially pray for all the service men and women who gave their today for our tomorrow. Thank you Year 6 for leading our Remembrance assembly this morning.

Tue 15 th	Year 5 Class Mass Ē 2.30pm
Thu 17 th	Open morning for Reception 2017 parents
Fri 18 th	Flu immunisations
	Children In Need Day ~ SPOTACULAR dressing up day
Mon 21 st	Non uniform Day ~ Donations for the Christmas Fayre please
	Infant children ~ jar of sweets and junior children ~ bottle of drink
Tues 22 nd	Year 4 Class Mass Ē 2.30pm
Thurs 24 th	Year 3 Class Assembly Ē 9.00am
Sat 26 th	Christmas Fayre
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Message from the PTA

Do you love to bake? Do you see yourself as the next Paul Hollywood?

Could you give Mary Berry a run for her money?

Well, we have just the tonic you need:

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We will be having a cake baking competition at the Christmas Fayre.

Bring your finished cake along at the beginning of the day. There will be a prize giving ceremony for the Star Baker (best presented and best tasting cake).

Good luck everyone!

The School and Parish Christmas fayre, held here at St Georges School, is only two weekends away and we know it is going to be a wonderful family afternoon. We will soon be sending out draw tickets to sell, two books per family. If you require more please do not hesitate to ask. As always, these events cannot run without your help so donations will be gratefully received. We are looking for: raffle prizes, toiletries, chocolates, toys & books.

We will be holding a non uniform day on Monday 21st November, to collect bottles and jars of sweets. If you would like to help out at the bazaar, please speak to any committee members: Natalie Lowry, Annette Stapley, Amanda Revell or one of the class reps. Any support is very much appreciated.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project, devoted to spreading love, joy and smiles to children in parts of the world who really need them. This is a charity that St. George's supports every year and one that our children enjoy very much. Please support this worthwhile charity if you can, returning your shoe boxes no later than 9.00am Monday 28th November. If you are unable to fill a shoe box but would like to donate a couple of items we will happily fill some extra boxes in school. We also have some spare leaflets in the office if you need any more. We currently have 49 and would love to get as close to 100 if possible.

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated this week:

Elicia (St Therese)

Harley (St Elizabeth)

Oliver By. (St Joseph)

Jack (St Peter)



Head Teacher Awards

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

Florence F. ~ (St Francis) ~ for being a really caring and responsible member of our class

Natasha ~ (St Therese) ~ for demonstrating creativity and imagination in English tasks this week

Liwia ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for her creative ideas in English lessons this week

Lily ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for enthusiasm in all areas of the curriculum and excellent behaviour at all times

Harley ~ (St Joseph) ~ for perseverance in his writing and showing focus to achieve his goal

Alex ~ (St Anthony) ~ for showing excellent collaborative skills by leading a group and demonstrating qualities of an effective learner

Anna ~ (St Peter) ~ for setting an outstanding example of how to make the most of everything the school has to offer

Reading Awards

Well done to the following children who gained their bronze award this week:

Isla, Oliver and Edie (St Therese)

Harley, Florence O., Brianna, Edward & Casey (St Elizabeth)

Charlie, Nadia, Jessica and Eden (St Bernadette)

Henry & Maisie (St Joseph)

Emily M. (St Peter)

Sports Award

The winners of this week's sports awards are:

Most Improved ~ Lucy (St Francis) Performer of the week ~ Edie (St Therese)

Mercy Awards

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

Jacob R. (St Francis) When Jacob was in the I.C.T suite, he saw a classmate unsure of how to change and find the next activity, so he came over to help her.

Cillian (St Therese) Took time and effort to make sure an upset friend had a tissue to dry his eyes and a friend to cheer him up.

Summer (St Therese) Always being kind to other class members

Finley (St Elizabeth) When a classmate was rewarded for working hard, Finley congratulated him, said 'Well done' and gave him a high five.

Year R Admissions ~ September 2017

Applications can be submitted to the Local Authority from 14th September 2016 to 15th January 2017 at: <http://www.southend.gov.uk/admissions/>. Please note that a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) must be completed, which is available from the school. If you are a practicing Catholic, please contact the church to make an appointment to see Father Brett to obtain your Certificate of Practice to support your application.

Parents wishing to obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice should note that these Certificates will only be issued to families known to the Parish Priest and who are practising Catholics (and have been for a prolonged period of time, not just two/three weeks before). The Catholic Church defines "practising Catholics" as those who attend Mass every week; once every three weeks, every month, six months and every year is not considered "practising".

In the light of this criteria, please consider carefully before booking an appointment to see Fr Brett which is done through the parish office. If you are not eligible for a Certificate of Catholic Practice, simply present your child's Certificate of Baptism to the school (along with the form of course).

Fr Brett Adams

The Supplementary Information Form is to be returned to the school and the priest will return the certificate of practice. Both of these must be submitted by 22nd January 2017. Our final information session for parents who are thinking of applying for a place for their child in September 2017 is Thursday 17th November. The session will take place from 9.30~10.30am and will include a talk from the Headteacher, a tour of the school and the opportunity to ask questions.

Parish Firework Display

HCPT 192 together with the Parish are holding a Firework Display on Saturday in the grounds of St Gregory's Church, Thorpe Bay. The proceeds from the evening will be divided between the two groups. The display starts at 7.30pm, food (burgers, hotdogs, mulled wine, hot chocolate, tea & coffee) will be served from 6.30pm. Mrs Fitchew will also be selling her famous sweets. Tickets are not required, nor firework, we just ask for a donation on the gate.

BBC Children in Need

Don't forget 'Children in Need Day' on Friday 18th November. We will be raising money for the charity by inviting all children (and adults!) to dress IGDC H5 71 @5 F @M D You can wear anything spotty: dresses, ties, shoes, socks, hairbands or even paint spots on your face to be involved. The children do not need to wear uniform but we do ask that they are suitably dressed for the weather! There will be a donation bucket in the playground for all children who wish to participate.

International Board Games Day

International board games day takes place on 26th November 2016 from 10am to 4pm at Southend Library, Elmer Square, Southend. All ages welcome, any children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments are available to purchase on the day. The library has a limited number of board games to play, but please feel free to bring your own! This is a free event.

Southend United VS Bradford Football Tickets

Southend United are offering each family 2-4 tickets to see Southend United VS Bradford on Saturday 19th November. If you would like tickets you need to pop into Reception to collect your code numbers then follow the instructions on the last page of this newsletter to obtain your tickets. There are 500 to give away on a first come first served basis.

Rainbows

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



Prayers



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

Mrs Delgado

Diary Dates

Saturday 12 th November	Parish Firework Night @ St Gregory's
Tuesday 15 th November	Year 5 Class Mass 2.30pm @ school
Thursday 17 th November	Info. Meeting for Prospective Parents ~ Year R 2017 9.30am
Friday 18 th November	Flu Immunisation ~ more details to follow
	Children in Need ~ SPOTACULAR
Monday 21 st November	No uniform Day ~ Donations for the Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 22 nd November	Year 4 Class Mass 2.30pm @ school
Thursday 24 th November	Year 3 Class Assembly 9am
Saturday 26 th November	Joint school and parish CHRISTMAS FAYRE 12-3pm @ the school
Thursday 1 st December	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 8 th December	Year 6 trip to Harry Potter World
Monday 12 th December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance (2pm)
Tuesday 13 th December	Year R Nativity (9.30am)
	Year 1 & 2 Performance (7pm) No siblings below secondary age
Wednesday 14 th December	Year R Nativity (9.30am)
	Carol Concert 7pm at St George's Church
Tuesday 20 th December	Children's Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 21 st December	Last day of Autumn Term
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY THURSDAY 22 ND DECEMBER Æ WEDNESDAY 4 TH JANUARY 2017	

1. Log on to Southend United Ticketing website at <https://ticketing.southend-united.co.uk>
2. Register an individual account for the adult and child using the tickets by using the register button in the top right hand corner; please ensure you make a note of the customer numbers (shown in the top right hand corner once logged in). If you have purchased tickets before you can log in using your existing account, if you do not know this information, please contact the ticket office on 08444 77 00 77 or email tickets@southend-united.co.uk
3. Log in to the child account (this will make it easier to issue tickets from the school)
4. Click on the account tab towards the top right of the page, click on the friends and family link. Enter the customer number, surname and postcode of the adult account and click add customer to my friends and family.
5. Select tickets, then home games and the match that you have been allocated.
6. Click on a block in the South Lower where you would like to sit
7. Pick your seats
8. Click buy on the left hand side
9. Click check out
10. On the fulfilment option please ensure that the collect option is showing.
11. Amend the ticket types to a junior and adult ticket using the drop down, and amend the customer details for you and the child ticket on the customer drop down.
12. Click Check out – this will take you to the payment option screen
13. Enter both promotion codes on the right hand side one by one, and click go, this should discount the tickets for you
14. Continue through the payment option, there should be no charge for the transaction, if you have been charged £1 then the option for fulfilment needs to be changed to collect.
15. Your tickets will be processed and given back to the school to allocate.

If you have any queries or would like to buy additional tickets please contact Southend United Football Club on 08444 77 00 77 or email tickets@southend-united.co.uk