



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

September Dates for your diary

Tue 24 th	Year 5 Class trip Steps Ahead begins
Wed 25 th	Reception Class coffee morning 9am Community Suite Reception Class Parents meeting 2.30pm
Fri 27 th	MacMillan Break time Cake Sale

At Last!

We finally have a full house in Reception! Everyone has arrived and settled into life at St George's. On Monday, our final group joined us:

Emily, Erin, Ada, Eliana, Darcey, Meredith, Frederick, Nancy and Elise

I have no doubt that our newest children will be a remarkable group who will make our school community proud and amaze us at the wonderful things they achieve. We wish you all every happiness and success during the next seven years.

11+ Exams

Many of our year 6 children will be sitting the 11+ exam this weekend. We know how hard you have worked and wish you every success on Saturday.



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School Council and Healthy School's Council 2019-20

I am very pleased to announce the School Councillors and Healthy School Team for this academic year.

School Councillors

St Therese ~ Albert & Evie
St Elizabeth ~ George & Mia
St Bernadette ~ Daniel & Lucy
St Joseph ~ Samuel & Julia
St Anthony ~ Harley & Brianna
St Peter ~ Marley & Ruby

Healthy School Team

Sian, Tinaye & Morten
Charlotte, Maxwell & Jessica

Uniform reminder

Now that we have been back for a couple of weeks, just a couple of reminders

- Jewellery, including earrings, are not allowed to be worn at school. If your child is wearing earrings (even if they are taped) they will not be able to participate in P.E. activities. A plain watch may be worn (no smart watches/fitbits etc)
- Children must wear black school shoes (no boots or trainers)
- As the weather is changing, please ensure that the children have a plain waterproof coat with a hood. Tracksuit tops/hoodies are not waterproof coats.
- Please label all items of clothing

Any unnamed items of clothing that are found will be put in a plastic container in the reception area for parents to claim. We thank you in advance for your support.

Stomp Club

With effect from Monday 23rd September, our Orchestra club will be changing into the Stomp Club – lots of fun was had in the planning by the children who attended last week. We are looking for new recruits to join our merry band. No experience of playing a musical instrument or being able to read music is necessary for this club. We have lots of drumsticks ready and waiting to be decorated next week and some great ideas for sounds to mix with well-known songs, from Disney to the Greatest Showman and everything else in between. We are open to children in Years 4, 5 and 6.

If you would like to join, please email office@st-georges.southend.sch.uk using the Subject line 'Stomp Club'

Coffee Morning

On Friday 27th September, our school council will be organising a cake sale in school to support the Macmillan Charity. Each child will be able to buy a cake giving a minimum donation of 50p for this worthwhile charity. If you are able to donate any cakes, we would really appreciate your generosity.

Year R Admissions ~ September 2020

Applications can be submitted to the Local Authority from 14th September until the 15th January 2020. The form can be downloaded from the council website 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 your child has been baptised, or equivalent in a Christian church, please send a copy in with your application.

The Supplementary Information Form is to be returned to the school by 22nd January 2020

Open mornings for Reception 2020

We will be holding information sessions for parents who are thinking of applying for a place for their child in September 2020. Each 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.

The dates are as follows:

Thursday 7th November

Wednesday 13th November

Friday 22nd November

Friends of St George's News ~ Annual General Meeting

The Friends of St George's AGM will take place on **Wednesday 9th October at 3.30pm** in the community suite.

As parents/carers at St George's School, you are all members and are invited to attend.

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers who are willing not only to raise money which will benefit all of the pupils at the school, but also help organise and run social events throughout the year. If you feel that you would like to play an active part in the school community, you may like to consider putting yourself forward for one of the positions. **Each post is for a year and at the end of that time you can choose to either stand down or put yourself forward for re-election.**

The posts are: **Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary positions.**

If you think you may be interested and would like a little more information, please do not contact Annette Stapley, our current chair, who is happy to give further information about the different posts.

In addition to these, we also need **CLASS REPS**. This role requires you to be a link between the committee and parents/carers in that class, giving information, asking for support and taking forward any ideas etc. The class reps need to be nominated in the same way as the other FOSG positions.

Any person wishing to put themselves forward for any of these positions must complete the nomination form which will be emailed to all parents.

You need two people (one to nominate and one to second) who are parents or carers with children attending the school. You then sign the form accepting the proposal. The form must be completed and handed to the office or a standing committee member before the AGM. To make this meeting certified it is important that we have **at least 30 parents/teachers** so please try to spare 30 minutes to attend. Children will be supervised in the ICT suite.

Head Teacher Awards

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

Oscar ~ (St Therese) ~ Wow! How impressed are we with Oscar! He is always enthusiastic, focused and perseveres. He has worked so hard in everything he does and always with a smile.

Great work, Oscar!

Isabella ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for fantastic concentration in all areas of the curriculum. Keep it up!

Grace ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for a fabulous start to Year 3.

Joseph ~ (St Joseph) ~ for being really engaged and enthusiastic in all subjects this week. A bright smile and lovely manners show he is a wonderful role model too.

M'meli ~ (St Anthony) ~ M'Meli's enthusiasm and persevering attitude shines through in all that he does. He demonstrates qualities of an excellent and responsible learner.

Jacob ~ (St Peter) ~ for making a fantastic start to Year 6, demonstrating focus, determination and independence

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated this week:

Harry & Heidi (St Therese), Grace (St Bernadette) and Sophia (St Anthony)

100% Attendance

Congratulation to Reception class who had 100% attendance this week.

Running Miles

This week's results are:

Class	Miles this week	Total so far	Travelled to....
Reception	N/A	N/A	N/A
Year 1	69.9	145.8	Ipswich
Year 2	69.1	143.3	Ipswich
Year 3	52.2	132.1	Ipswich
Year 4	76.8	139.3	Ipswich
Year 5	78.4	152.6	Ipswich
Year 6	75.8	159.3	Ipswich

Catholic Parenting - 'Engaging and re-engaging your children in the Faith'

30th September 2019, 8pm @ St Peter's Catholic Church, Eastwood

In this day and age, passing on our Catholic faith to our children comes with its challenges. How can we offer our children the best opportunity to understand and develop their relationship with God in a way that will sustain their practice of faith through to their adult

life? How do we, as parents, navigate the aspects of our faith that are counter cultural and answer the difficult questions our children have about the teachings of our church?

The Diocesan Department for Marriage and Family Life have put together a workshop to support parents who are looking for ideas to raise their young children as faithful Catholics, or opportunities to re-engage older children and teenagers where there might be a struggle. This will be a chance to meet other parents facing the same challenges, to ask questions and hear some tried and tested ideas.

You can register for this event via the www.eventbrite.co.uk, and searching 'Catholic Parenting' in Southend or by e-mailing anna.mccormick@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Safeguarding in the 21st Century ~ The Two Johns

The internet has changed all of our lives, particularly our children's. For parents and carers this opens up a whole new world of things to be aware of. For many of us, this can all be a bit too much. You might be struggling to keep up with the things your child is doing online, you might wonder whether what they are doing is safe, and you might also be thinking *how can I be as good a parent online as I am offline?*

As a school, safeguarding is of paramount importance, and this includes safety online. We deliver e-safety lessons to the children during ICT and regularly talk to them about their online activity. On **Monday 21st October**, the KS2 children will have a session with an e-safety experts to further educate them on keeping safe.

In addition to this, we have organised a session for all parents (from Yr R – 6); one will be at **3.30pm** and one at **7pm**.

We expect that every family will be represented, due to every parents responsibility to safeguard their child

You may think that your child is too young, or that you have adequate filters in place etc., but we cannot stress enough the potential dangers for all of our children and how vital it is that you are aware of them. Each session lasts around 1 ½ hours, due to the amount needed to be covered. As all the staff will be attending the session, we are unable to supervise any children after school, which is why the session has been advertised at the earliest opportunity. We have been informed that other local primary schools have run these sessions for parents and turnout has been very high. Let's aim for 100% at St George's, for our children's sake.

Uniform

If you need to order uniform, follow the link via the website or click on the link below

<https://www.em-it.co.uk/shop/>

The uniform can be collected on a Thursday between 2.50pm and 3.30pm, with any unclaimed orders available on the following Thursdays. Please note that the school does not keep any uniform that hasn't been collected.

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.



Diary

There are a couple of additions to diary dates. They are highlighted in bold and have an asterisk next to them.

Job Vacancy

St George's are looking to appoint an experienced, enthusiastic and caring person to work as our Caretaker/Cleaner. Full details and an application form can be found on our website at www.sgcps.co.uk. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. In line with our Safer Recruitment policy all applications must be made using our application form and successful candidates will be required to have an Enhanced DBS check, medical clearance and references.

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

Further activities/dates will be added as soon as they have been finalised.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Sunday 22 nd September	*Family Mass @ St George's Church 10.45am
Tuesday 24 th September	Yr 5 trip to Wat Tyler
	Steps Ahead begins
Wednesday 25 th September	Reception parents coffee morning from 9am
	Reception Class Information for parents 2.30pm
Friday 27 th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning Cake sale for children
Friday 4 th October	Year 6 height and weight check
Saturday 5 th October	*Youth Mass @ St George's Church 6pm
Wednesday 9 th October	PTA AGM 3.30pm
w/b Monday 14 th October	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 16 th October	Open Afternoon 3.45pm – 6pm

Monday 21 st October	Safeguarding in the 21st Century parent information session 3.30pm & 7pm
Tuesday 22 nd October	Yr 5 trip to the Planetarium
Wednesday 23 rd October	Deanery Netball & Football Tournament 1-3pm @ OLOL
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 28th – FRIDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2019	
Thursday 7 th November	Information Session for Reception 2020 Parents 9.30am
Friday 8 th November	Remembrance Assembly led by Year 6 @ 10.40am ~ Everyone is welcome
Wednesday 13 th November	Information Session for Reception 2020 Parents 9.30am
Thursday 14 th November	*Year 3 Class Assembly 9am
Sunday 17 th November	Calling Mass for FHC @ St George's Church 10.45am
Thursday 21 st November	Year 5 Class Assembly 9am
Friday 22 nd November	Information Session for Reception 2020 Parents 9.30am
Saturday 23 rd November	*Youth Mass @ St George's Church 6pm
Monday 25 th November	Last week of school clubs
Thursday 28 th November	Year 4 Class Assembly
Thursday 5 th December	Year 6 trip to Harry Potter
Sunday 8 th December	*Family Mass @ St George's Church 10.45am
Wednesday 11 th December	Reception Class Nativity Play 9.30am
	Choir performing at Brentwood Christmas Concert
Thursday 12 th December	Reception Class Nativity Play 9.30am
	Yr 1 & 2 Christmas Performance 2pm & 7pm
Monday 16 th December	Non uniform Day for winning house team
Wednesday 18 th December	KS2 Carol Concert 6pm
Thursday 19 th December	Children's Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20 th December	Last day of Autumn Term ~ Mass @ 2pm in school
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER – FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY 2020	
Sunday 4 th January	*Youth Mass @ St George's Church 6pm
Monday 6 th January	First Day of Spring Term 2020
Monday 13 th January	School Clubs begin
Wednesday 5 th February	Choir performing at Young Voices @ The O2
Sunday 9 th February	*Family Mass @ St George's Church 10.45am
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 17TH – FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2020	
Saturday 7 th March	*Youth Mass @ St George's Church 6pm
w/b Monday 9 th March	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 11 th March	Open Afternoon 3.45pm – 6pm
Sunday 15 th March	*Family Mass @ St George's Church 10.45am
Thursday 19 th March	Reception Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 25 th March	Hot Cross Run @ St Thomas More 1-3pm

Monday 30 th March	Non uniform Day for winning house team
Thursday 2 nd April	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am
Friday 3 rd April	Last day of Spring Term
EASTER HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 6TH APRIL – FRIDAY 17TH APRIL 2020	
Monday 20 th April	First Day of Summer Term 2020
Monday 27 th April	Clubs start
Saturday 2 nd May	*Youth Mass @ St George's Church 6pm
Thursday 7 th May	Year 5 Class Assembly 9am
Friday 8 th May	May Bank Holiday
w/b 11 th May	KS2 SATs week
Wednesday 20 th May	KS1 Cross Country @ St Teresa's 10am
Thursday 21 st May	Year 3 Class Assembly 9am
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 25TH MAY – FRIDAY 29ST MAY 2020	
Sun 31 st May to Wed 3 rd June	Year 6 Residential Trip
Monday 1 st June	Children return to school
Saturday 6 th June	*Youth Mass @ St George's Church 6pm
Saturday 13 th June	First Holy Communion 2020
Tuesday 16 th June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons 1pm start
Wednesday 17 th June	Induction afternoon for Reception 2020 parents
Friday 19 th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 22 nd June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Friday 26 th June	ST GEORGE'S CELEBRATION DAY 2020
Sunday 28 th June	*Family Mass @ St George's Church 'Going Forth'
Tuesday 30 th June	Supersports Track 4pm start
Wednesday 1 st July	Supersports Field 4pm start
Thursday 2 nd July	Year 4 class trip
Friday 3 rd July	KS1 Borough Sports @ Garons
Saturday 4 th July	*Youth Mass @ St George's Church 6pm
Tuesday 7 th July	KS1 Catholic Sports
Wednesday 8 th July	KS2 Catholic Sports
Thursday 9 th July	Year 5 & 6 Production 2pm & 6pm
Friday 17 th July	Last day of term
SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 20TH JULY 2020	