



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,

Happy St Andrew's Day to all our families with Scottish connections! Enjoy your feast day!

December Dates

Tue 4 th	Reconciliation Service for KS1 & KS2 @ school
Thu 6 th	Year 6 Class trip
Fri 7 th	Flu Immunisation
	Santa Netball Rally
Tue 11 th	Year R NATIVITY 9.30am
	Year 1 & 2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 2pm
Wed 12 th	Year R NATIVITY 9.30am
	Brentwood Christmas Concert @ Brentwood Cathedral
Thu 13 th	Year 1 & 2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 7pm ~ No younger siblings or siblings from the school
Fri 14 th	PTA Christmas gift sale ~ £1.50 per gift
	PTA Christmas Disco
Mon 17 th	Non Uniform Day for winning House Team
Tue 18 th	CHRISTMAS LUNCH & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
	Years 3 - 6 CHRISTMAS SERVICE ~ 7pm at St George's Church
Wed 19 th	Last Day of Term ~ WHOLE SCHOOL MASS in the school hall at 2pm
	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS THURSDAY 20 TH DECEMBER - WEDNESDAY 2 ND JANUARY 2019

January 2019

Thu 3rd Welcome Back! First Day of Spring Term



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Christmas Fayre

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 £3,173.93 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 Annette and Danielle for giving up so much of their time to ensure its success. The PTA would like to thank the following companies for their support and donations:

Stockvale group at Adventure Island, Lazy Pickle online delivery, Prime Products,
Great Mead, Marks and Spencer and B&M Bargains

Cleaner required ASAP!

Do you know anyone who would want a job in our lovely school? The post may suit a sixth form student who wants to earn some extra money but keep their weekends free.

We are looking for a competent, organised and friendly person to join our small cleaning team. The post holder will be responsible for carrying out a range of cleaning duties, ensuring high levels of hygiene throughout the school. The hours are 3.30pm – 5.30pm, Monday to Friday. During the school holidays, the hours are not worked daily but are bulked together and the team deep clean the school at an agreed time. The rate is £8.55 per hour. Details are on the website www.sgcps.co.uk or call Mrs Parascandolo at the school. We look forward to hearing from you!



Football Success

On Tuesday afternoon, our Year 5 & 6 football team represented the school at a local tournament. They played the first three games and scored enough points to play in the higher tier for the afternoon. After a thrilling four games, with three wins and one draw, the team won their pool and were overall winners.

Well done to Samuel, Oliver S., Adam, Harley, Michael, Aidan, Charlie, Declan and Freddie

Operation Christmas Child

On Tuesday all the shoe boxes were collected with the help of Year 6. We would like to say thank you to all our families and those in our parish who contributed. We collected an amazing **155** boxes, all of which are being sent to Romania.

On behalf of the Samaritans Purse Charity, thank you.

Birthdays

Congratulations to Adam (St Peter) who celebrated his birthday this week.

Every Day Counts

It is vital that pupils attend school, on time, every day in order to gain the greatest benefit from their education. Whilst many of the children at our school have good to outstanding attendance (between 95% and 100%), there are some children who are below 95% attendance. This does make it harder for any child to progress as they are missing key learning opportunities. We understand that time is generally missed due to illness which is unavoidable; however, if your child's attendance falls to 90% or below, it is considered 'Persistence Absence' and we have a duty to report this to the Local Authority. To prevent this happening to a number of our children, we will be sending home an end of term attendance percentage. If the percentage is below 93% we will monitor your child's attendance over the spring term and hope to see the figure rise. However, if your child's attendance is 90% or below, a letter will be sent home outlining the actions that we will be taking: close monitoring attendance during first half term of Spring term, possibly contacting the local authority and/or seeking support of the Early Help & Family Support Team's attendance service.

In addition to this we will be monitoring lateness. It is the duty of parents to ensure that children attend school regularly and punctually. This encourages habits of good timekeeping and lessens any possible classroom disruption. The school gates open at 8.30am; the children can enter the building at 8.45am and the gate is closed at 8.55am. In addition to receiving a letter, the school will closely monitor punctuality over the next half term and I will meet with parents of those children who are regularly late arriving at school to investigate reasons and suggest solutions to enable more punctual attendance.

Every child's education is an invaluable building block for a successful future and every school day counts towards your child's success.

Thank you in advance for your support

.Head Teacher Awards

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

Olivia ~ (St Francis) ~ for trying really hard in her school work and being a kind, helpful friend.

Oscar ~ (St Therese) ~ for being so enthusiastic about his writing this week. He has persevered with forming his letters correctly and has even been practising hard at home. Great job Oscar!

Thomas ~ (St Elizabeth) ~for always giving 100% effort in all of his school work and homework. Keep it up!

Natasha ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for working with a great deal of effort and working independently in maths

Keavy ~ (St Joseph) ~ for being a conscientious, enthusiastic learner, for being respectful and a kind friend too. A wonderful role model to us all!

Sian ~ (St Anthony) ~ for showing resilience and the biggest smile even when facing tough challenges. Keep doing your best!

Catherine ~ (St Peter) ~ for demonstrating an excellent attitude towards learning and being a fantastic example of how to behave. Keep it up!

Reading Awards

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

Lily, Heidi, Beatrice, Harry H., Harry S., Imogen & Ruvarashe (St Francis)

Oscar, Hannah, Julia, Oliver & Edison (St Therese)

Joseph (St Elizabeth), Sian & Freddie (St Anthony)

Maddie, Liam, Oliver S. & Frankie (St Peter)

Artist of the Month ~ December

Congratulations to Elicia (St Bernadette) who has been chosen for her fabulous cave painting piece. You can see her masterpiece in the office reception.

Sports Award

Congratulations to our winners this week

Charlie (St Anthony) ~ Most improved Michael (St Peter) ~ Sports Performer

Running Miles

This week's results are:

Class	Miles this week	Total so far	Travelled to....
Reception	60.3	131	Ipswich
Year 1	72.2	758.7	Carlisle
Year 2	72.2	742.6	Carlisle
Year 3	23.2	611.9	Glasgow
Year 4	45.1	746.3	Carlisle
Year 5	55.5	858.4	Liverpool
Year 6	57.5	861.8	Liverpool

Christmas Lunch

On Tuesday 18th 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 still prefer the Relish Infant lunch you must still order on-line as normal. We will automatically cancel all Relish lunches unless you return the slip attached. If we **do not** receive a slip 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.

Gift Sale

The PTA will be holding a Christmas gift sale in school on Friday 14th December. Gifts are £1.50 each, maximum of 2 per child.

School Disco

The PTA will be holding a disco in school on Friday 14th December. The Infant disco is from 4pm ~ 5.15pm and the Juniors is from 5.15pm ~ 6.30pm. Further details will follow nearer the event.

Christmas Jumper Day 2018

We will be supporting Christmas Jumper on Tuesday 18th December. 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 and hope to raise a good amount to send off to 'Save the Children charity'.

Message from St George's Parish ~ ANNUAL GIFT COLLECTION

This year, instead of our usual Toy Collection, we will be collecting vouchers – either for High Street stores, or for Supermarkets. These will be then given out to local organisations for children/young adults in need. Please donate any vouchers that you can up to the weekend of the 16th December.

We thank you as always for your wonderful support.

Parental/Family Contacts

It is really important that we have up to date local contact details for your child. When a child is unwell and we feel they need to go home it is crucial that we have a local contact who can collect your child immediately.

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.

God Bless,

Mrs Delgado

Child's name		Year
I <u>will</u> be sending my child in with a special Christmas packed lunch on Tuesday 18 th		please tick <input type="checkbox"/>
My child <u>will</u> be having their normal Relish lunch		please tick <input type="checkbox"/>
Parent's signature		