



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,

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October Dates for your diary

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| Sat 30 th Sept | Youth Mass 6pm @ St George's Church |
| Mon 2 nd | PTA AGM 3.30pm |
| Tue 3 rd | Coffee morning for Reception parents 9.00am in school |
| Thu 5 th | Volunteer session 9am & 2.30pm |

Congratulations

We are pleased to print in this week's newsletter the wonderful news that Mrs Lawrence has given birth to a baby girl, Alicia. Both mummy and baby are doing well. We can't wait to meet the newest member of St George's community!

Multi Academy Trust

In line with current Diocesan Policy, the Catholic schools in South East Essex are exploring the formation of a Multi-Academy Trust. The aim is to secure strong Catholic education for the benefit of children in South East Essex and will build upon the successful historical working partnerships already in existence within our Deanery. I will keep you informed with any updates.

MacMillan Coffee Morning



Thank you to all families who supported our MacMillan Cake sale. A fantastic £168.24 was raised. I would also like to thank the School Council who played a huge role in the organisation before and on the day.

Request from the Office

As many of you are aware (or have experienced!), the office can get very busy before and after school. If you are simply dropping a letter in, returning a form or making payment for lessons or trips in an envelope, we ask that you use the Secure Drop Box which is located on the left side of the internal doors heading into school. We thank you in advance for your support.



European Languages Morning 26th September 2017

We had a fabulous morning on Tuesday celebrating European Languages. We had 9 volunteers come in to teach basic vocabulary and teach the children facts about their chosen country. The props were fantastic and ranged from flags to footballs to food! I would like to say a huge thank you to the people who made it possible.

Mrs Day, Mrs Kiani, Mrs Smith, Mrs Anstis, Mrs Coimbra, Mrs Prince, Mrs Voroneckij, Grace
and Mrs Norris

We would love to have you back!

Altar Serving

On Tuesday, Shaun Clark, Parish MC, spoke to the children about serving at Mass. If your child has made their First Holy Communion and would like to learn to serve, please see Shaun after 10.45am Mass at St George's on Sunday 1st October.

Head Teacher Awards

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

Olivia ~ (St Francis) ~ for an enthusiastic start at St George's

Leah ~ (St Therese) ~ for trying so hard at school. This week she has come into school with a lovely smile and always works creatively and enthusiastically. Great job Leah!

Jasmine ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for enthusiasm and imagination in her creative writing

Loui ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for being responsible and working extra hard in his maths lessons ~ a great achievement.

Xavier ~ (St Joseph) ~ for super story writing this week, showing enthusiasm with his creative ideas and exciting vocabulary

Adele ~ (St Anthony) ~ for consistently working with focus, enthusiasm and imagination. She is a fantastic role model to the class

Maddie ~ (St Peter) ~ for working with focus and enthusiasm in English lessons.

Well done!

Mercy Awards

Congratulations to **Murphy** (St Anthony) who was recognised this week for his act of kindness. Murphy offered up a space in a team with his friends to help another group out. This was noticed not only by his classteacher but also the external provider.



Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated this week:

Tawana (St Therese)

Charlotte (St Bernadette)

Nadia (St Joseph)

Ben H-C. (St Peter)

Annual General Meeting

Don't forget The Friends of St George's AGM which takes place on **Monday 2nd October at 3.30pm** in the community suite. Any children will be supervised in the ICT suite.

Open mornings for Reception 2018

We will be holding information sessions for parents who are thinking of applying for a place for their child in September 2018. Each session will take place from 9.30~10.30am.

Thursday 2nd November

Tuesday 7th November

Wednesday 15th November

Please ring the school office (01702 293522) to make an appointment.

Year R Admissions ~ September 2018

Applications can be submitted to the Local Authority from now until the 15th January 2018.

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 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. The Supplementary Information Form and Certificate of Practice is to be returned to the school Both of these must be submitted by 22nd January 2018

Catholic Secondary School September 2018

Please contact the church to make an appointment to see Father Brett to obtain your Certificate of Practice to support your application.

Uniform

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school. This policy is based on the notion that a school uniform has various positive benefits: it promotes a sense of pride in the school; engenders a feeling of community and belonging; is practical and smart; identifies the children with the school; is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be); makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance; prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could prove both excessively expensive for some parents and socially divisive in class; is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents and has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Autumn/Winter Uniform

| Boys | Girls |
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| Grey trousers/shorts (as appropriate) | Plain grey pinafore/skirt or grey tailored trousers |
| White shirt ~ excluding Reception who will continue to wear their polo shirt | White shirt ~ excluding Reception who will continue to wear their polo shirt |
| Grey socks | White socks or navy tights ~ not NAVY socks |
| Black shoes | Black shoes (no heels or open toe shoes) |
| <u>School</u> pullover* | <u>School</u> pullover or cardigan * |
| Yr 1 - 6 School tie (elasticated in Yr 1 & 2)* | Yr 1 - 6 School tie (elasticated in Year 1 & 2)* |
| School reversible fleece jacket* or a plain waterproof outdoor coat (with hood) | School reversible fleece jacket* or a plain waterproof outdoor coat (with hood) |

Summer Uniform (optional until October half term)

| Boys | Girls (change in 1 st week of October) |
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| <u>School</u> polo shirt (white with embroidered badge)* Also available form Tesco Clothing Online | Yr1 - 6 Red and white check summer dress (with a white collar) |
| Grey trousers or shorts | Red, white, navy or black hair band or scrunchie |
| Grey socks | White socks |
| Black shoes | Black shoes (no heels or open toe shoes) |
| <u>School</u> pullover * | <u>School</u> pullover or cardigan * |
| School reversible fleece jacket* or a <u>plain</u> waterproof outdoor coat (with hood) | School reversible fleece jacket* or a <u>plain</u> waterproof outdoor coat (with hood) |

Items marked * are available to purchase through school. All other items can be purchased from clothing outlets/supermarkets

Plain means no bold logos, slogans, brand names, inappropriate symbols etc. Thank you in advance for your support.

Plea from St Francis Class

If any families have Playmobil or Happyland toys they no longer require, we would love to give them a good home! Also, if you have any spare gardening tools, we can definitely make use of them!

100 Club winners

Congratulations to our winners this month ~ £50.00 Mrs V Irons, £30.00 Mrs T Ward and £20.00 Mr G Alcock

Southend Libraries

Southend Libraries are hosting a Fun Palace for adults and children to learn a new skill, have hands on experience and try out something for fun on Saturday 7th 10am - 4pm and Sunday 8th October 12 - 4pm. Everyone is welcome to come along to this friendly and informal activity day. We are looking for people to share their skills and expertise with others - so if you have a hobby, or talent or interest in something that other would like to know about, please sign up to be a Fun Palace Maker at <https://fs20.formsite.com/SLAM/form4/index.html>

Or email usersupport@southend.gov.uk by 2nd October. There is more information at www.funpalaces.co.uk under Southend Fun Palace

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