



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,

I ask you to keep in your thoughts and prayers the children who are making their First Holy Communion this weekend. This is a momentous event for them and they have spent a great deal of time preparing themselves to receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. I'm looking forward to this special occasion and wish all the families and friends a very happy day
We pray for:

***Emily, Marley, Morten, Jacob, Charlie, Holly, Sian, Declan,
Freddie, Lexi-Rose, James, Lily and Monty***

*Lord Jesus, who gave us the gift of the Holy Eucharist, we ask you to look after our children as they come to
your table for the first time.*

Protect and strengthen them through your precious Body and Blood.

Amen.

Citizenship Awards

I spent a wonderful morning at Brentwood Cathedral with Joshua (St Peter) and his family, as he received the Citizenship Award for this year from Bishop Alan. Congratulations Josh, I hope you always remember today and how proud of you we all are!

Champion of Champions!

As many of you know, last Friday our football team played their final match of the season at Roots Hall. The final score between St George's and Our Lady of Lourdes was 1-0 to us! The boys were magnificent and the supporters really helped raise the roof. A HUGE thank you to everyone who was involved, especially Mr Sims, for organising and preparing the boys. And not forgetting our champions....

Finlay, Jack, William, Marco, Elliott, Christian, Todd, Ben R. & Callum.

Well done boys, we are very proud of you.



Dates for your diary

May

Sat 20 th	First Holy Communion Mass ~ 10.30am ~St George's Church
Mon 22 nd	First Holy Communion Rehearsal (group 2) ~ St George's Church 4-5pm
Tue 23 rd	Reception Class trip
Thu 25 th	Local Election Day ~ Breakfast club entrance through the Office Pentecost Dash! Reception & KS1 Cross Country 9.30am
Fri 26 th	Last day of Summer First Half Term
Sat 27 th	First Holy Communion Mass ~ 10.30am ~St George's Church

MONDAY 29TH – FRIDAY 2ND JUNE 2017 ~ HALF TERM

Netball success

Well done to the year 5 netball team who played their final match of the season against Greenways. It was a thrilling 2-2 draw! Miss Rusz was not only impressed with the skill and ability of the team but also their teamwork and support for each other. Well done to Miss Rusz for your hard work during the last two terms and all the girls who have represented the school against Greenways during the last fortnight.

Emily A., Charlotte, Hannah, Truly-Rose, Aimee, Adele, Emily M., Anna, Isabella, Mina & Poppy
Maisie, Isabel, Maddie, Lily, Holly, Jessica, Grace, Olivia & India

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

On Thursday, Year 1 led the whole school in worship celebrating their topic 'Toys'. They explained how toys can be received as gifts and then reminded us of the gifts we receive from the Holy Spirit. It was a fantastic assembly that allowed every child to shine. A big thank you to St Therese Class for being such stars and Mrs Lawrence & Mrs Fitchew for organising and preparing the children.

Reception & KS1 Cross Country (Pentecost Dash) @ St. Teresa's 9:30am-11:30am

On Thursday 25th May 2017, St. Teresa's, Rochford, will be hosting the third Reception & KS1 Cross Country event. Parents are more than welcome to come along and support the event but they must remain within the spectator areas. No vehicles will be allowed to park in St. Teresa's car park but there are spaces in the roads around the school. Each race is 500m long and the runners will be given a tour of the course by St. Teresa's young Sport Leaders. An estimated timetable is as follows (please be aware however we cannot guarantee these times)

- Reception girls race at 10am.
- Reception boys race at 10:15am.
 - Year 1 girls race 10:30am.
 - Year 1 boys race 10:45am.
 - Year 2 girls race 11:00am.
 - Year 2 boys race 11:15am.

Once all of the races have been completed there will be a presentation.

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated a birthday this week

Stanley, Ted & Henry (St Elizabeth),

Alex (St Bernadette)

Parking

Unfortunately I am still receiving emails and complaints from parents and carers about the dangerous and illegal parking of cars before and after school. This week we received an email from a very concerned parent regarding parking. It has been brought to our attention that cars are parked across dropped kerbs causing our children and parents with prams, buggies etc., to cross at alternative places which are unsafe.

Parking in front of dropped kerbs is not allowed. It causes obstructions to driveway access, road crossing access and both pedestrian and driver visibility. Blocking driveways and crossing access is inconvenient and selfish but obstructing visibility can be very dangerous to pedestrians and road users. We are aware that the majority of parents and carers park legally and safely but we need all parents to do this to ensure that our children and their families are safe when coming to or leaving school.

It has also been noted that parents are using the staff car park as a point to drop off or pick up children. In the interests of safety we have decided to close the school gates from 8.45am until 3.10pm. Due to the narrowness of the car park when full (due to staff cars), parents are reversing out which poses a danger to pedestrians and to themselves. We thank you in advance for your support.

Billy's Band

Yesterday, St George's School Orchestra took part in a fantastic musical event at the Palace Theatre. The event was called Billy's Band and we are feeling very proud to be part of the band now. The orchestra on the stage were all professional musicians and we learnt lots about the different instruments. We heard them rehearse lots of pieces like the Nutcracker, William Tell Overture and even the Can-Can. Our favourite piece was Pirates of the Caribbean. We learnt how to conduct the orchestra and also played Billy's Blues on our own instruments, which had the world premiere last night at the concert for our families and friends to come and watch.

We love being part of St George's School Orchestra. It is fun and we learn new songs together. Our next big event is the Junior Schools Music Festival at the Cliffs Pavilion next month. We feel excited and inspired to be like the orchestra we saw last night. As Dan the conductor said, "Anyone can play a musical instrument, anyone can be part of the band." We all agree, come and join us!

Chantelle, Henry, Maddie and Samuel, Year 4

St Bernard's & St Thomas More visit for Year 5 parents

We can confirm that Mr Sharpe and Mrs Allen of St Bernard's High School, along with Mr Mason and Mrs Saunders of St Thomas More, will visit St George's on Wednesday 7th June at 3.30pm to speak with year 5 parents. We will happily supervise any year 5 children and siblings if needed.

Infant Lunches

All infant lunches for next term must be ordered by 12 noon on Wednesday 24th May. As we are entering into a new half term, anyone who ordered for this half term only will need to place a new order. If you ordered for the whole term you do not need to do another order. For those of you that haven't noticed, you can now opt out of having a dessert (please select the 'nothing' option).

We will not be able to accept any late orders so if you do not place your order by 12 noon Wednesday 24th May you will need to send in a packed lunch the first week back.

Warmer weather

Now that the warmer weather has arrived it is very important that your child has a water bottle in school, their sun hats for break time, lunch time and outdoor PE and sun cream applied before school if required. If your child forgets to bring them to school we will be contacting you to ask that you drop them in. Should your child suffer with gnat bites, it is advisable that they have Piriton & cream before coming to school.

Head Teacher's Award

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

Daniel V. (St Francis) ~ for having a fantastic week!

Julia (St Therese) ~ for continuing to smile and give 100% even with a broken arm

St Elizabeth Class ~ for excellent focus and perseverance throughout SAT's this week

Jacob (St Bernadette) ~ for focus and desire to improve on a daily basis

Murphy (St Joseph) ~ for always working to the best of his ability with focus and enthusiasm

Daisy (St Anthony) ~ for always putting extra effort into school life. She reflects on challenges and perseveres in order to achieve success. What a superstar!

Victoria (St Peter) ~ for being an ideal role model to others

Reading Awards

Well done to.....

Declan (St Bernadette) and **Aimee** (St Peter)

who reached 100 reads and earned their silver reading certificates

our gold winners **Daniel V. & Florence I.** (St Francis), **William** (St Elizabeth),

Lily Grace (St Bernadette) and **Michael** (St Joseph) who have reached 150 reads

our diamond award winner **Orla** (St Joseph) who has been rewarded for 200 reads

.....and the first of our SUPER READERS marking 250 reads.

Thomas (St Francis), Samuel, Hannah, Harry C. & Isis (St Therese) Kyrea (St Elizabeth) Eliana
(St Bernadette) & Joshua (St Peter)

Sports Awards

Congratulations to this week's winners.

Most Improved Isabel ~ (St Anthony) Sports Performer William ~ (St Peter)

Mercy Awards

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

Georgina (St Francis) for being particularly kind and helpful to members of her class.

St Joseph Class for being kind and caring when a member of the class became very unwell during a lesson. They were sensible, calm and responsible when this happened. Adam and Mrs Howell would like to thank all of the class for outstanding behaviour.

Prayers

Please remember all in the community who need our prayers.

God bless,

Mrs Delgado

Dates for your diary ~ Summer Term 2017

Saturday 20 th May	First Holy Communion Mass 2017 10.30am @ St George's
Tuesday 23 rd May	Reception Class trip to the Sealife Centre
Thursday 25 th May	Polling Day ~ Breakfast Club will be in the hall. Please come through the front entrance
	KS1 Cross Country 9.00 – 11.30am @ St Teresa's, Rochford
Saturday 27 th May	First Holy Communion Mass 2017 10.30am @ St George's
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 29TH MAY – FRIDAY 2ND JUNE 2017	
Sun 4 th – Wed 7 th June	Year 6 Residential Trip
Tuesday 6 th June	Year 3 Class Mass 2.30pm @ school
Wednesday 7 th June	St Bernard's and St Thomas More to visit Year 5 parents @3.30pm
Thursday 8 th June	GENERAL ELECTION ~ Breakfast Club will be in the hall. Please come through the front entrance
	PTA Polash Meal ~ 7.30pm for 8pm meal
Saturday 10 th June	Parish Summer Fayre 12-3pm @ St Gregory's Church
w/b Monday 12 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Tuesday 13 th June	Bikeability Year 6
	Year 5 Class Mass 2.30pm @ school

Wednesday 14 th June	Bikeability Year 6
Thursday 15 th June	Year R Class Assembly 9am
	PTA Father's Day Gift Sale
	Junior Music Festival @ Cliffs Pavillion 7pm
	PTA Theatre Trip 'Matilda'
Fri 16 th & Mon 19 th June	INSET DAYS ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tuesday 20 th June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons 1-3pm
Wednesday 21 st June	Year 6 Class Assembly 9am
	Year 3 Class trip
	Induction afternoon for Reception 2017 parents
Thursday 22 nd June	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
Sunday 25 th June	Going Forth Mass for First Holy Communion children
Monday 26 th June	Year 6 Deanery leaving Mass ~ 11am ~ staff and children
Tuesday 27 th June	Year 5 Day at St Bernards/ St Thomas More
Wednesday 28 th June	Quad Kids athletics @ Garons
Thursday 29 th June	Feast of St Peter & St Paul Mass TBC
	St Bernards & St Thomas More Induction Day for Year 6
Friday 30 th June	ST GEORGE'S CELEBRATION DAY
	St Bernards & St Thomas More Induction Day for Year 6
Monday 3 rd July	Southend High School for Girls Induction Day for Year 6
Tuesday 4 th July	Supersports Track events @ Garons 4pm
Wednesday 5 th July	Key Stage 1 Catholic Sports 9.30 - 12 @ St Teresa's
	Supersports Field events @ Garons 4pm
Thursday 6 th July	Key Stage 2 Catholic Sports 9.30 - 12 @ St Thomas More
Friday 7 th July	Key Stage 1 Borough Sports 9.00 - 12 @ Garons
	Year 3 Day @ St Bernards
	Class trip Year 4 & 5 ~ Cliffs Pavillion
	Southend High School for Boys Induction Day for Year 6
Saturday 8 th July	School Summer Fayre 12-3pm
Monday 10 th July	Shoebury High Induction Day for Year 6
Tuesday 11 th July	Year 4 Class Mass 2.30pm @ school
Monday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass
Wednesday 19 th July	Years 5 & 6 Summer Performance 2pm & 7pm (no preschool or younger siblings from St George's at the evening performance)
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term *End of Term Mass 2pm @ School
SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 24TH JULY 2017	