



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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Mon 9 th	Final day for booking Parent Consultation appointments
Wed 11 th	Flu Immunisation
Thu 12 th	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am ~ coffee morning to follow for any parents/family that attend

Friends of St George's News

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the AGM on Monday.

The new committee members for the forthcoming year are:

Chairperson ~ Annette Stapley & Vice-Chair ~ Danielle Antonie

Treasurer ~ Matthew Irons & Vice-Treasurer ~ Mrs Wallen

Year R Rep ~ Kate Clifton Year 1 Rep ~ Suzanne Richardson-Foster

Year 2 Rep ~ Louise Hammond Year 3 Rep ~ Louise Rossiter & Lindsay Rainbow

Year 4 Rep ~ Hannah Fitzpatrick Year 5 Rep ~ Helena Cochrane

Year 6 Rep ~ Catherine Fitzgerald

I look forward to working with you all this coming year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the previous committee, **especially Amanda Revell**, whose hard work during the last three years has proved invaluable, to the committee and to the school.

Many parents who attended the AGM expressed the opinion that they would like to re-establish coffee mornings for parents and families after class assemblies. Annette Stapely will be organising the first one for Year 2 and she hopes that other parents from the different year groups will put their names forward. The rota will be drawn up at the first PTA meeting of this academic year which is on Monday 16th October at 2.30pm.

School Priorities 2017 – 18

Every year I share with the staff and governors the school's priorities for the coming year. I would like to take this opportunity to give you, the parents/carers of the children at the school, a brief overview. Our key priority is always to continue the mission of Christ. Pope Francis articulated this perfectly in one of his recent tweets:

'The mission of schools and teachers is to develop an understanding of all that is true, good and beautiful'.

The other priorities are focused on ensuring positive outcomes for every child. Communication between home and school is vital; not just what is on and when, but also communicating what the children are studying. Feedback we received last year was that some parents were not aware of the areas of study and would like more information. We hope that meeting your child's class teacher at the beginning of the year helped with this, and that you found the leaflet, which covered R.E and Relationship Education, useful. By attending all KS1 & KS2 meetings, I was also able to share with you the school's positive behaviour strategy. We will continue to focus on this with the children during the next three terms and have high expectations that children will be empowered to challenge thoughtless, anti-social or bullying behaviour. This year we intend to extend the children's experiences by engaging them in practical activities on and during 'National Days/Months', such as European Languages Day, Black History Month, Disability Month etc. This gives each teacher the opportunity to organise one of these days as part of their role as subject leader.

Last year, we were one of the top performing schools in Southend. Our aim is to continue this so that all children realise their full potential from Reception class to year 6. We will continue to use each child's end of year and end of key stage result (EYFS profile & Yr2 SAT result) and plan activities and tasks which will develop knowledge and understanding, challenge and engage your child in their learning.

I look forward to the year ahead and the many successes it will bring and will finish with a final quote from our Holy Father which highlights the responsibility we all share.

'Educating isn't a profession but an attitude, a way of being. In order to educate you must go out of yourselves and be amidst the young, accompanying them in their stages of their growth, standing beside them.'

Pope Francis

Southend Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge Schools Cup

This afternoon I gave out 62 Summer Reading certificates. I was also very pleased to announce that St George's has kept the Southend Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge School Cup for second year running as we had the highest participation percentage in Southend.

After School Clubs

Please be aware that because of parent consultations during the week of 16th – 20th October, all clubs are cancelled, with the exceptions of Creative Writing and Steps Ahead

Head Teachers Awards

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

Albert ~ (St Francis) ~ for his enthusiastic and independent approach to school life.

Samuel S. ~ (St Therese) ~ for wowing us with his politeness. This week he persevered with his R.E. writing, reflecting on how important his family and friends are. A super responsible member of our class. Well done!

Isis ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for always being enthusiastic about her work and setting a good example to others.

Kyrea ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for engagement with others, enthusiasm and imagination in her English work, particularly the drama activities which are a joy to watch.

Emily ~ (St Joseph) ~ for being a focused and enthusiastic learner and a kind friend. Emily is an excellent role model in Year 4.

Oliver S. ~ (St Anthony) ~ for constantly setting himself challenges, rising to them with a focused and reflective approach. What a fantastic start to Year 5!

Markus ~ (St Peter) ~ for demonstrating outstanding learning behaviour and being a role model to others. Well done!

Mercy Awards

Congratulations to **Samuel B.** (St Therese) for playing with a Yr R child and helping him to take turns. He made sure the other boys who joined in included everyone.

Samuel was kind and patient and the boys loved playing with him....AND... **Lily** (St Joseph) for mediating between two children who were arguing over football. She gave one child the other point of view to think about and both children went away with a positive attitude.



Artist of the Month

Congratulations to **Florence R-F** (St Therese) who has been named as October's Artist of the Month.

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated this week:

Freya W. (St Francis)

Chloe (St Therese)

Jasmine (St Elizabeth)

Isabel (St Peter)

A Message from Mrs Philips

Thank you to everyone for making such a great start to the year by supporting your children with their reading at home and writing comments in the reading diaries. It would be wonderful to improve on our reading certificate awards this year! We are always keen to help our children develop a love of books and are currently refreshing our reading scheme books. It is wonderful when we are able to add new books to our library and it would be greatly appreciated if, when bringing the book home and to school, they are not kept alongside water bottles, as we have had many leakages that unfortunately result in the books being ruined and then having to be removed. Thank you for your continued support.

Volunteers Session

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Volunteer sessions on Thursday morning and afternoon. It is wonderful to have a committed group willing to help support not only their own child, but the school.

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.

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

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Monday 9 th October	Final day for arranging parent consultations with class teachers
	Parents meeting for First Holy Communion 2018 7pm @ St George's Church
Tuesday 10 th October	Year 1 Class Celebration @ 2pm in school
Wednesday 11 th October	Flu immunisation
Thursday 12 th October	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am
w/b Monday 16 th October	Parent Consultations
	*Friends of St George's Meeting 2.30pm in Community Suite
Tuesday 17 th October	Year 6 Class Mass @ 2pm in school
Thursday 19 th October	Year 5 Class Assembly 9am
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 23rd – FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER 2017	
Monday 30 th October	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tuesday 31 st October	Children return to school ~ changeover to winter uniform Yr1-6