



ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*Let it be known to all who enter here, that Christ is the reason for this school,
the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes,
the model for its children, the inspiration for its staff.*

*We aim to be a Christian community and witnesses to Christ,
where all can experience and grow in Christian love
through God's word and the gifts of His sacraments,
and through prayer and personal example.*



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Dear Parents,

A New Year Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside our worries about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Amen

Happy New Year!

A very happy New Year to you all ~ we look forward to an exciting 2016 at St. George's. It was lovely to welcome the children back into school this week, albeit still a little tired from the Christmas break!

Dates for your diary



January 2016

Wed 13th

PTA Meeting 3.30pm

Fri 15th

Swimming for years R, 3, 4 & 5

PTA Meeting

The Friends of St George's PTA meeting will take place on Wednesday 13th January at 3.30pm in the community suite. Children will be supervised in the ICT suite. We encourage all parents to attend, as this meeting gives the committee the opportunity to share fund raising information and gain ideas and opinions about future events.

First Holy Communion 2016

First Holy Communion sessions will restart on Monday 11th January at 4pm at St George's Church.

After School Clubs ~ SpringTerm

A list of the clubs for this term are detailed below. Please complete the application form (attached to this newsletter) in the usual way and return it to school by Wednesday 13th January.

The number and range of clubs on offer is due to the commitment of our teachers and I thank them for their support. Attendance at an after school club will continue to be dependant on good behaviour both at school and during the club that they attend. No child will be allowed to attend an after school club if they have displayed unacceptable behaviour.

DAY		CLUB	TEACHER	MAX NO:	YEAR GROUP	TIME
Monday	1	Football	External provider & Mr Sims	30	Yr 5 & 6	3.15 - 4.15
	2	Art	Mrs Lawrence	16	Yr 2 1 st half term Yr 1 2 nd half term	
	3	Recorders	Mrs Howell	20	Yr 4-6	
Tuesday	4	STEPS AHEAD	External provider	30	Yr 3-6	3.15 - 5.00
	5	Cooking	Miss Reed	10	Yr 4 1 st half term Yr 3 2 nd half term	3.15 - 4.15
Wednesday	6	Choir (All places taken this term due to forthcoming concert at O2)	Mrs Sayer	30	Yr 3-6	Lunchtime
	7	Netball	Miss Norris	20	Yr 5 & 6	3.15 - 4.15
	8	Challenging Games	Mrs Halvey	15	Yr 1	
Thursday	9	French	Mrs Arnold & Mrs Philips	15	Yr 2	
	10	Debating Club	Mrs Wallen & Mrs Archer	20	Yr 4-6	Lunchtime

Steps Ahead

Steps Ahead starts back on Tuesday 12th January. Please note that any queries regarding Steps Ahead must be directed to their Office on 01702 295417 and not the School Office.

Swimming ~ Spring Term

A reminder to parents of children in years R, 3, 4 & 5 that lessons will begin next Friday morning. Please may I remind you to send the permission slip back by Tuesday morning and payments by the end of January. If it would help you to pay for the swimming lessons in installments, please contact the school office.

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who celebrated their birthday during the first week back
Loui & Grace (St Therese) & Finlay, Grace & Isabella (St Anthony)



Head Teacher's Award

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

Harley (St Francis) ~ for fantastic progress in Maths

Freddie (St Therese) ~ for his enthusiasm towards learning and completing all activities

Phoebe (St Elizabeth) ~ for brilliant maths work this week. Well done!

Dan (St Bernadette) ~ for excellent progress in his ability to stay focused and persevere in his activities

India (St Joseph) ~ for good progress in all areas

Oliver (St Anthony) ~ for showing a very positive attitude towards learning in the first week of term. Keep it up!

Alfie (St Peter) ~ for working with improved enthusiasm and independence ~ keep it up!

Reading Awards

Congratulations to the children who have earned their bronze reading certificates this week:

Jasmine & Ocean (St Francis)

Loui (St Therese)

Oliver, Lyric, Faith, Xavier & Sian (St Elizabeth)

Liam, Gabriel, Maddie & Poppy (St Bernadette)

India & Oliver (St Joseph)

Finlay, Isabella & Jessica (St Anthony)

And.....the children who have reached 100 reads and earned their silver reading certificates

Samuel, Isis & Joseph (St Francis)

William & Sophia (St Therese)

Lily-Grace, Eden, Charlie & James (St Elizabeth)

Olivia, Isabel & Todd (St Joseph)

William (St Peter)

Sports Award

The winners of this week's sports awards are:

Most Improved ~ **Victoria** (St Anthony) Performer of the week ~ **Oliver** (St Francis)

Friends of St George's 100 club

The PTA 100 club, which gives anyone, friends or family, over the age of 16 a chance to win in our quarterly draws, will continue to run during 2016. Anyone can join, friends, family and work colleagues, so please ask if you need more forms. The Club will run from 1st January to 31st December. To be allocated a number in the draw, you will need to pay a one-off £10 subscription which will cover you for the whole of 2016. **This amount needs to be paid in full by the 29th of January.** Your number(s) will then be entered in to the draw which will be done in school. The prize breakdown will be as follows if we sell 100 numbers:

1st Number drawn £50

2nd Number drawn £30

3rd Number drawn £20

However, in December, there will be a Christmas Bonus!

The draws will take place on the first Friday in March, June, September and December during the celebration assembly.

All you need to do is decide **HOW MANY NUMBERS YOU WANT**, complete your details on the form attached (more copies are available from the office) below and hand it into the office. You can choose your number/s, but if it has already been allocated you will be offered further numbers to choose from. You will receive a card/email confirming your number/s and the winning number will be posted on the notice board, Facebook Group and in the Newsletter.

Faith Newsletter

Please find attached the 'First Monday Newsletter'. This is part of the materials sent to us by Ten Ten, a national Catholic educational charity, whose resources we use in the school. This month, the theme is 'Love and Kindness', which explores the natural love between parents and children, and also some of the challenges that a natural, loving relationship can bring. We hope that many of you may find these words encouraging and inspiring.

Prayers



Please remember all in our community who need your prayers at this time. We especially ask for extra prayers for two families in our school community, Mrs Gillett, our learning support assistant in Year 3, whose father died during the Christmas holidays, and Samuel (St Bernadette) and Jacob (St Elizabeth) who sadly lost their Grandad this week. We ask God's blessing on all of them during this very difficult time.

God Bless,

Miss Norris

Wednesday 13 th January	*PTA Meeting 3.30pm
Friday 15 th January	*Swimming for years R, 3, 4 & 5
Thursday 21 st January	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
Sunday 31 st January	Family Mass at St George's 10.45am
Thursday 4 th February	Year 3 Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 11 th February	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am
HALF TERM ~ MONDAY 15th- FRIDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2016	
Monday 22 nd February	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Sunday 28 th February	Family Mass at St George's 10.45am
Thursday 3 rd March	Year R Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 9 th March	Open Evening 5 - 7.00pm
Thursday 10 th March	Year 1 Class Assembly 9am
W/C 14 th March	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 23 rd March	Easter Service led by Yr 3 & 4 2pm & 7pm at the school
Thursday 24 th March	Last Day of Spring Term
EASTER HOLIDAY ~ FRIDAY 25th March - FRIDAY 8th APRIL 2016	
Monday 11 th April	First day of Summer Term
Thursday 21 st April	Year 5 Class Assembly 9am
Monday 2 nd May	BANK HOLIDAY
Saturday 7 th May	First Holy Communion Mass 2016 TBC
Saturday 14 th May	First Holy Communion Mass 2016 TBC
Tuesday 17 th May	Year 2 Class Celebration 2.30pm in school
Thursday 19 th May	Year R Class Assembly 9am
Tuesday 24 th May	Year 4 Class Mass 2.30pm in school
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 30th MAY ~ FRIDAY 3rd JUNE 2016	
Sun 5 th - WED 8 th June	Year 6 Residential Trip
Sunday 12 th June	Going Forth Mass for ALL First Holy Communion children 10.45am at St George's Church
Tuesday 14 th June	Year 1 Class Celebration 2.30pm in school
Thursday 16 th June	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am
Friday 17 th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 20 th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tuesday 21 st June	Year 5 Class Mass 2.30pm in school
Friday 24 th June	ST GEORGE'S CELEBRATION DAY FOR ALL FAMILIES
Tuesday 28 th June	Year 3 Class Mass 2.30pm in school
Thursday 30 th June	Year 1 Class Assembly 9am
Tuesday 5 th July	Year R Class Celebration 2.30pm in school
Thursday 14 th July	Years 5 & 6 Summer Performance 2pm & 7pm (no younger siblings at the evening performance)
Monday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 7pm
Thursday 21 st July	Last day of term End of Year Mass 2pm

Name

Year

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