



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,

BINGO! It's a full house!

We welcomed our last group of reception children on Wednesday morning.

Charlotte, Scarlett, Elsie, Tabitha, Finley, Victoria, Sophie, Rosie,

Emilia, Isabella, Jacob & Adam



We hope that the children and their families enjoy seven happy years at St George's.

If you see any new faces on the playground, please welcome them into our school community.

I know that the children will grow and thrive, spiritually, academically and personally during their time here. We look forward to getting to know all of the new children and their families ~ even if you have been here before!

Now that we are all back, I have published the full year diary 2021-22 at the end of the newsletter. No doubt there will be more events added and I will make parents aware in the weekly newsletter.

Goodbye and Hello

Yesterday, we said goodbye to **Lilah** from St Peter's class and **Isabella** from St Joseph's class. They are off to start a new adventure further afield. We will miss you and wish the whole family every success.

This week we are very happy to say hello to the youngest members of St George's family. **Dalton** from St Therese class has become a big brother for the second time to Carter, and **Elijah** from St Francis class has become a big brother for the first time to Aurelia. Congratulations to both families.



11+ Exams

Some of our year 6 children will be sitting the 11+ exam this weekend and on Monday. We know how hard you have worked and wish you every success.



Next week's dates for your diary

Mon 20 th	Year 6 Parent Information Session - 2.45pm. Entrance via the Community Suite
Wed 22 nd	National Fitness Day Reception Parents Information session - 2.30pm - Entrance via the Community Suite
Thu 23 rd	Reception Class P.E. begins - Children to come dressed in school P.E. kit PTA AGM @ 9.05am Entrance via the Community Suite
Fri 24 th	School cake sale to support Macmillan Coffee Morning

A Roaring Competition Success!



Towards the end of last term, St Anthony's Class (now St Peter's Class) took part in a National Book Design competition. They had been reading *The Land of Roar* by Jenny Maclachlan, the first in a trilogy. The class had read the story together and received personalised videos, and letters from the author throughout lockdown. We were excited to take part in the competition to design a dragon, adding really

creative and imaginative description notes. Mrs Howell was thrilled to announce this week that James is the National Winner! He received a fabulous dragon puppet and the trilogy of books all personalised and signed. The whole class was also rewarded with their own copy of *The Land of Roar*, also signed.



Cake sale



On Friday 24th September, our school council will be organising a cake sale in school to support the Macmillan Charity. Each child will be able to buy a cake giving a minimum donation of 20p for this worthwhile charity. If you are able to donate any cakes, we would really appreciate your generosity.

Parent Information Meetings

It was great to see parents and carers who were able to attend the information sessions this week. Year 6 and Reception parents have their meeting on Monday and Wednesday respectively.

Communication

One positive change that has resulted due to the last 18 months, is the communication between parents and the school via email. If you need to contact your child's teacher, email them via the office office@st-georges.southend.sch.uk and mark it for their attention. You will receive a confirmation email that it has been received and the teacher will reply at the earliest opportunity. It may be after the school day has finished, or the next day, due to looking into a matter or due to the teacher not being in school. Please be assured that it will be dealt with. The staff thank you in advance for your support and patience.

Year R Admissions ~ September 2020

If you have a child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, they are due to start school in September 2022

Applications can be submitted to the Local Authority from 14th September until the 15th January 2022. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Please note that a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) must be completed. [CLICK HERE](#) for a copy of the form. If your child has been baptised, or equivalent, in a Christian church, please send a copy of their certificate in with your application.

The Supplementary Information Form is to be returned to the school by 22nd January 2022

Open mornings for Reception 2022

We will be holding information sessions for parents who are thinking of applying for a place for their child in September 2022. Each session will take place from 9.30~10.30am and will include a talk from the Headteacher, a tour of the school and the opportunity to ask questions. The dates are as follows:

Wednesday 3rd November

Friday 12th November

Thursday 18th November

Friends of St George's News

Annual General Meeting

The Friends of St George's AGM will take place on **Thursday 23rd September at 9.05am** in the community suite. **As parents/carers at St George's School, you are all members and are invited to attend.** To try and enable as many of you to be there, we will be 'streaming' the meeting via Google Meet. To access the meeting [CLICK HERE](#)

The Friends of St Georges are looking for enthusiastic volunteers who are willing not only to raise money which will benefit all of the pupils at the school, but also help organise and run social events throughout the year. If you feel that you would like to play an active part in the school community, you may like to consider putting yourself forward for one of the positions. **Each post is for a year and at the end of that time you can choose to either stand down or put yourself forward for re-election.**

The posts are: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary positions.

If you think you may be interested and would like a little more information, please contact **Stacey Rose**, our current chair, who is happy to give further information about the different posts.

In addition to these, we also need CLASS REPS. This role requires you to be a link between the committee and parents/carers in that class, giving information, asking for support and taking forward any ideas etc. The class reps need to be nominated in the same way as the other FOSG positions.

Any person wishing to put themselves forward for any of these positions must complete the nomination form which will has been emailed to all parents with this newsletter.

You need two people (one to nominate and one to second) who are parents or carers with children attending the school. You then sign the form accepting the proposal. The form must be completed and handed to the office or a standing committee member before the AGM. To make this meeting certified it is important that we have **at least 30 parents** so please try to spare 30 minutes to attend.

School Policies

The Local Governing Committee review school policies and documents throughout the year to ensure they are up to date and in line with education guidance. During September, we review key documents that need to be revised annually. These are shared with parents and carers via the website and will now be shared via the newsletter. To date we have reviewed and published: [Home School Agreement](#) and [Parent & Carer Code of Conduct](#). As soon as other documents are reviewed and published on the website, I will inform parents and carers via the newsletter.

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated this week:

**Maddison (St Therese), Harry H. (St Bernadette)
and Mrs Pickford**





Head Teacher Awards

As you can see, we have pictures of all our winners since coming back!

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

Sophia ~ (St Therese) ~ for a super start to Year One! Sophia is a great listener and is already working hard to be an independent learner. Keep it up, Sophia!

Patrycja ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for her hard working approach to all areas of the curriculum and her ability to work independently and with great concentration.

Brooklyn ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for his confidence and enthusiasm in maths this week and being a very speedy times tables expert!

Oscar ~ (St Joseph) ~ for being a mathematical genius! He showed great knowledge, understanding and confidence when adding 5 digit numbers this week.

Kundai ~ (St Anthony) ~ for showing great enthusiasm in her learning, trying her best, demonstrating lovely manners and being a kind friend. A wonderful role model in St Anthony's class.

Isis ~ (St Peter) ~ for being a Year 6 superstar! She always works to the best of her ability and has contributed to all areas of the curriculum. Well done!



Did you know about Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium Funding?

Parents apply for funding via their school and are then notified by the local authority if they are eligible. Once the funding has been approved schools are given a pupil premium for children who have qualified for free school meals at any point in the past six years. Schools use this money to boost the pupil's learning and to help support opportunities such as music lessons and school trips to become more affordable for parents that are in receipt of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (if they not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income under £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may get for another 4 weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- Universal Credit

If you are in receipt of the above, please contact Mrs O'Shea in the School Office and she will provide more information to you.

Uniform

If you need to order uniform, follow the link via the website or click on the link below
<https://www.em-it.co.uk/shop/>

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

Further activities/dates will be added as soon as they have been finalised.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Monday 20 th September	Year 6 Parent & Carers Information Session 2.45pm
Wednesday 22 nd September	National Fitness Day
	Reception Information Meeting for Parents & Carers 2.30pm
Friday 24 th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning Cake sale for children
Wednesday 29 th September	KS1 & 2 Cross Country
Wednesday 6 th October	Reception Parents Coffee morning in the Community Suite 9-10am
Wednesday 13 th October	Closing date for Parent Consultations
Thursday 14 th October	Year 2 Class Assembly 9.am – Parents welcome
Monday 18 th October	Parent & Carer Consultation Week
	Open Afternoon 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Friday 22 nd October	Wear Red Day – Show Racism the Red Card Awareness Day
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 25th – FRIDAY 29th OCTOBER 2021	
Monday 1 st November	All Saints Day
Wednesday 3 rd November	Information Session for Reception 2022 9.30am-10.30am
Tuesday 9 th November	Individual School Photos
Thursday 11 th November	Year 6 Class Assembly Remembrance Day Parents and Carers welcome
Friday 12 th November	Information Session for Reception 2022 9.30am-10.30am
Monday 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Awareness Day – Wear odd socks to school
Thursday 18 th November	Information Session for Reception 2022 9.30am-10.30am
Friday 19 th November	Children In Need Day (details to follow)
	Year 5 & 6 Boys Football Tournament
Thursday 25 th November	Year 5 Class Assembly 9.05am Parents and Carers welcome
Tuesday 30 th November	Year 6 height and weight check
Thursday 2 nd December	Year 5 Class Assembly 9.05am Parents and Carers welcome
Friday 3 rd December	Boccia and New Age Curling Tournament
w/b Monday 6 th December	Last week of clubs
Thursday 9 th December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Performance 9.15am for Year 1 Parents
Friday 10 th December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Performance 9.15am for Year 2 Parents
Monday 13 th December	Reception Class Nativity Performance 9.15am Parents welcome
Tuesday 14 th December	Carol Service 2pm
Wednesday 15 th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper/Outfit day
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MONDAY 20TH DECEMBER – MONDAY 4TH JANUARY 2022	
Tuesday 4 th January	First Day of Spring Term 2021
w/b 7 th February	Children's Mental Health Week

Thursday 10 th February	Year 1 Class Assembly 9.05am Parents and Carers welcome
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 14TH – FRIDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2022	
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day – Dress as a book character
w/b 7 th March	Science Week
w/b 14 th March	Book Fair Week
	Parent and Carer Consultation Week
Monday 14 th March	Open Afternoon 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday 23 rd March	Key Stage 2 Assisi Cross Country
Thursday 24 th March	Reception Class Assembly 9.05am Parents and Carers welcome
w/b 28 th March (Mon-Thu)	Year 3 & 4 Stations of the Cross 9am Parents welcome
Friday 1 st April	Last day of Spring Term
EASTER HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 4TH APRIL – MONDAY 18TH APRIL 2022	
Tuesday 19 th April	First Day of Summer Term 2020
Wednesday 20 th April	Non uniform day for winning house team
Monday 2 nd May	Bank holiday
w/b 9 th May	KS2 SATs week
Thursday 19 th May	Year 1 Class Assembly 9.05am Parents and Carers welcome
Tuesday 24 th May	Key Stage 1 Assisi Cross Country
Thursday 26 th May	Year 3 Class Assembly 9.05am Parents and Carers welcome
HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 30TH MAY – FRIDAY 3RD JUNE 2022	
Monday 6 th June	Additional Bank holiday for Queen's Jubilee
Monday 7 th June	Children return to school
Tuesday 14 th June	KS2 Borough Sports @ Garons
Friday 17 th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 20 th June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Friday 24 th June	ST GEORGE'S CELEBRATION DAY 2022
Thursday 30 th June	Year 2 Class Assembly 9.05am Parents and Carers welcome
Thursday 7 th July	Year 4 Class Assembly 9.05am Parents and Carers welcome
Tuesday 5 th July	KS1 Assisi Sports
Wednesday 6 th July	KS2 Assisi Sports
Thursday 9 th July	Year 5 & 6 Production 9.15am & 6pm Parents welcome
Monday 18 th July	Non uniform day for winning house team
Friday 22 nd July	Last day of term
SUMMER HOLIDAY MONDAY 25TH JULY 2022	