



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,

NOVEMBER DATES

Sat 3 rd	Youth Mass 6pm @ St George's Church
Sun 4 th	Friends of St George's Coffee Morning
Mon 5 th	Individual and family school photos
Wed 7 th	Year 3 class trip
Thu 8 th	Reception 2019 Information session 9.30am Deanery Football & Netball Tournament pm @ Our Lady of Ransom
Fri 9 th	Year 6 REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY ~ Everyone is welcome to attend 10.40am
Sat 10 th	Parish Firework Night at St Gregory's 6.00pm doors open, firing at 7.30pm
Tue 13 th	Reception 2019 Information session 9.30am
Wed 14 th	Year 1 & 2 class trip PTA meeting @2.30pm in the Community Suite
Thu 15 th	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
Sun 18 th	Calling Mass and Family Mass 10.45am @ St George's Church
w/b Mon 19 th	Last week of clubs ~ excluding Steps Ahead (last session 4 th Dec) and Southend United Football Club (last session 13 th Dec) Nurse Drop In Session 9-11am
Wed 21 st	NON-UNIFORM DAY
Thu 22 nd	Year 3 Class Assembly 9am
Sat 24 th	Joint School and Parish Christmas Fayre 12-3pm Youth Mass 6pm @ St George's
w/b Mon 26 th	Parent Consultation Week



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Breakfast Club

To support parents who have work commitments we run a Breakfast Club, from 7.30am – 8.45am which offers a safe and welcoming start to the children's day. It is run by experienced staff who are trained in Paediatric First Aid and Food Hygiene procedures. We provide a relaxed environment where the children can eat, play and socialise with their friends before school.

A nutritious breakfast is served, comprising of a choice of healthy cereals, toast, fruit and yoghurts. We also offer warm options such as beans, spaghetti and cheese on toast.

Whilst we have endeavoured to keep our prices fixed and low, it has now become necessary to increase the price of this service from £2.75 to £3.50 per session.

We still consider this to be excellent value for money as it covers 1 ¼ hrs child care by trained professionals, a substantial breakfast and a wide range of activities and games for the children to enjoy. We have also compared our rate with other local schools and, at £3.50, are still one of the cheapest.

This price increase will come into effect from Thursday 3rd January 2019.

Family Mass Dates 2018-19

I know many of our families enjoy attending Youth and Family Masses at St George's. Below are a list of the dates for the forthcoming year.

Saturday 3 rd November ~	<u>Youth Mass 6pm</u>
Sunday 18 th November ~	<u>Calling Mass and Family Mass 10.45am</u>
Saturday 24 th November ~	<u>Youth Mass 6pm</u>
Monday 24 th December ~	<u>Christmas Eve Family Mass</u>
Saturday 5 th January 2019 ~	<u>Youth Mass 6pm</u>
Sunday 27 th January ~	<u>Family Mass 10.45am</u>
Saturday 2 nd February ~	<u>Youth Mass 6pm</u>
Saturday 2 nd March ~	<u>Youth Mass 6pm</u>
Saturday 6 th April ~	<u>Youth Mass 6pm</u>
Sunday 21 st April ~	<u>Easter Sunday Family Mass 10.45am</u>
Saturday 4 th May ~	<u>Youth Mass 6pm</u>
Saturday 1 st June ~	<u>Youth Mass 6pm</u>
Saturday 22 nd June ~	<u>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS 10.30am</u>
Sunday 7 th July ~	<u>Going Forth Mass</u>

Parent Consultations & Open Evening ~ New Online Booking system!!!

Don't forget to book your Parent Consultations for this term. The sessions will be held over three evenings including the Open Evening.

You should have received an email inviting you to choose & select your preferred time & date. If you have more than one child you will receive one email per child. The dates are as follows:

Monday 26th November ~ 3.30pm – 5pm, Tuesday 27th November ~ 3.30pm – 5pm
and Wednesday 28th November ~ 4.00pm – 7pm

Friends of St George's

The joint school and parish Christmas Fayre is only 3 weeks away now. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please leave them in the office area. There will be a NON-UNIFORM DAY on WEDNESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2018 and we ask that if your child would like to participate they bring a jar of sweets (year R, 1 & 2) or a bottle (years 3,4,5 & 6).

Other updates

- ✓ Thank you to everyone who has provided addresses for our Fayre advertising boards.
- ✓ Design products for Xmas for schools is being posted Monday - please ensure your designs are in by 9am on Monday.
- ✓ This Sunday is our coffee morning after 10.45 Mass. Please bring cakes to sell and prizes to win in the raffle to the Church Hall before Mass. If you can stay and help please do.

Individual School Photos

The school's photographer will be in school on **MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER** for individual and family group pictures. If you have any pre-school children that you would like to be included with their siblings, please come to the front entrance from 8.30am.

Poppies

Before Half Term, Year Two children have made and painted clay poppies for a Poppy Exhibition in the gardens at Southend Airport. The display will be open to visitors from November 8th. As a school we are aiming to create our own poppy display using the base of any plastic bottles (we will be recycling the rest of the bottle). We ask that each child brings in an empty bottle which will then be shaped and painted for our poppy display. Thank you in advance for your support.



Head Teachers Awards

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

Rosie ~ (St Francis) ~ for being full of enthusiasm every day and being a lovely friend.

Hannah ~ (St Therese) ~ for being a super enthusiastic learner this week. She has made great progress in her writing and always has a happy smile for everyone. Keep it up Hannah!

Alex ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for being an amazing mathematician when solving addition and subtraction problems. Keep it up!

Ocean ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for always having a caring attitude towards her friends and using imaginative ideas to improve things in the community.

Finley ~ (St Joseph) ~ for fantastic learning in Maths. Great improvement in times tables knowledge has also helped Finley succeed in division work this week. Well done!

Lily-Grace ~ (St Anthony) ~ for going above and beyond to overcome difficult challenges in Maths this week. She has shown incredible perseverance and determination. Well done!

Murphy ~ (St Peter) ~ for always being a fantastic role model and working incredibly hard in all areas of the curriculum. Well done!

Sports Award

Congratulations to our winners this week

Riley (St Anthony) ~ Most improved ~ Natalia (St Bernadette) ~ Sports Performer

Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 5 who have 100% attendance this week.

Bronze reading Awards

This week we handed out the first of our bronze reading award certificates of the year to children who have read 50 times at home. Congratulations to:

Lanai, George & Samuel (St Therese)

Thomas & Georgina (St Elizabeth)

Isla, Scarlett, Logan, Ocean, Hannah, Harry C., Samuel, Isis & William (St Bernadette)

Kyrea, Fred & William (St Joseph)

Emily, Eliana, Eden, Joseph, Amelie, Richard, Phoebe, James, Lily-Grace & Nadia (St Anthony)

Florence (St Peter)

Artist of the Month

Congratulations to Daniel (St Elizabeth) who has been named as November's Artist of the Month for his fantastic firework picture! He used a mixture of paint, chalks and glitter to capture the movement of exploding fireworks in the night sky. You can see his firework picture displayed in the office area.

Running Miles

This week's results are:

Class	Miles this week	Total so far	Travelled to....
Reception	n/a	n/a	n/a
Year 1	77.5	488.9	Newcastle
Year 2	52.5	472.9	Newcastle
Year 3	70.4	493.3	Newcastle
Year 4	74.9	502.2	Newcastle
Year 5	83.2	583.6	Edinburgh
Year 6	83.2	588.5	Edinburgh

Parking

It's very sad that I have to mention parking in the newsletter again when it was only mentioned a month ago. Could I remind all parents and carers to be considerate when parking near the school. The local residents understand that school times are busy, but they can become frustrated when they are blocked in or unable to move their car from the driveway and unable to get on with their day. Can I remind parents that it is ILLEGAL to park on double yellow lines and very dangerous to park on pavements. You must not use the gravel carpark adjacent

to our staff car park, this is for residents only. The highways agency have encouraged local residents to phone the police and report any illegally parked vehicles, including number plates & photographic evidence. We will use the text service to alert any drivers who may not be aware that they are parked in the wrong place. We know that parking can be difficult and to combat this many parents use Asda car park or Shoebury Park and walk down to collect their child.

Open mornings for Reception 2019

We will be holding information sessions for parents who are thinking of applying for a place for their child in September 2019. Each session will take place from 9.30~10.30am.

Thursday 8th November

Tuesday 13th November

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

Operation Christmas Child



Operation Christmas Child is a charity that St. George's supports every year and one that our children enjoy very much. We are awaiting some wrapped shoeboxes to hand out after half term but if you want to get a head start and fill your own shoebox over half term, we will be happily accepting them from Monday 29th October. We are planning to have any boxes collected in the last week of November.

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. We especially pray for the Fensom family as they begin their new adventure! May God keep you all safe in the palm of His hand. We also prayer for Joan Butcher, mum of Mrs Williams, who passed away yesterday.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon hr.
May she rest in peace.

God Bless,

Mrs Delgado