



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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Dates for your diary

Sun 16 th	Family Mass 10.45am Mass @ St George's Church
Mon 17 th	Volunteer Session @ 7.30pm followed by PTA meeting @ 8pm ~ Community Suite
Tue 18 th	Year 6 Class Mass 2.30pm
Fri 21 st	INSET Day ~ School closed to children

Goodbye!

Today we said goodbye to a member of staff who is leaving us for pastures new. Mrs Key has worked at the school for over 8 years; as an LSA and a member of the office staff. We will miss her very much, especially her care for everyone in our school community. We wish her every success in her new job as a nurse ~ a perfect choice!

Southend Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge Schools Cup

I am very pleased to announce that St George's is the inaugural winner of Southend Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge School Cup! We were visited on Monday by Toby Evans who advertised the challenge before the summer. The children had already received a medal and Toby handed out the certificates and presented the trophy to the children. 35% of the children at the school completed the Big Friendly Read by reading at least 6 books during the summer holiday. Congratulations to all the children who took part.

Parent Consultations

Next week are parents consultations. Below is a list identifying where each teacher will be. Your child's work will be accessible on the day, either before or after the meeting. Parents are also warmly invited into class, Monday to Thursday, 3.15pm – 4.30pm, if they wish to look at the books in greater detail or look at the work on the walls.

Your child's teacher will be based in:

Mrs Wallen ~ Mrs Delgado's Office

Mrs Lawrence ~ ICT suite

Mrs Cracknell ~ Library

Mrs Sayer ~ Community suite

Mrs Arnold & Mrs Gillett ~ Front office (next to the hall)

Mrs Howell ~ Parent's room (opposite office) Miss Ruzs ~ Staff room

Mr Sims ~ Front office (inside the entrance)

Please be aware that because of parent consultations all clubs are cancelled next week, with the exceptions of Creative Writing and Steps Ahead

11+ Results

This week our Year 6 children received their 11+ scores. Some children gained very high results enabling them to apply for a selective place at secondary school, which is a fantastic achievement. I know how hard all the children worked for the test and am proud of each and every one. Well done!

E-Safety

We all know that the digital world keeps changing and provides a challenge for parents to keep their children safe. Today your child will bring home a magazine called Digital Computing which discusses some of the current issues and how to help keep our children safe. We hope you take the time to look through it.

Thank you

It was wonderful to see the children looking so smart in their winter uniform. We consider uniform to be important as it makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and promotes a sense of pride in the school and a feeling of belonging. Due to the changeable weather, please make sure your child brings their coat, preferably waterproof and with a hood, every day to school.

Family Mass

This Sunday is Family Mass at St George's, 10.45am. Everyone is welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Volunteers Session

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Volunteer session on Wednesday morning. Unfortunately, due to low numbers, I postponed the evening session to MONDAY 17th at 7.30pm, just before the PTA meeting at 8pm. It would be wonderful to see you there.

Class Assembly

Well done to St Elizabeth's class for their wonderful assembly on Thursday morning. They celebrated 'Harvest', the time to celebrate and share the food we are blessed to have. My thanks go to Mrs Sayer and Mrs Cracknell for organising, preparing and inspiring the children

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated this week:

Julia (St Therese)

Lily-Grace (St Bernadette)

Mrs Gillett

Head Teacher Awards

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

Roman ~ (St Francis) ~ for focus and perseverance in all areas

Joseph ~ (St Therese) ~ for showing enthusiasm towards everything he does

Florance V. ~ (St Elizabeth) ~ for persevering with her reading and making great progress

Lily-Grace ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for her imaginative diary entry based on Mary Anning the fossil hunter

Jack ~ (St Joseph) ~ for his fantastic focus and enthusiasm in our Maths work this week, modelling good learning behaviour

Callum ~ (St Anthony) ~ for always working well during collaborative tasks and supporting others. He has really shone this week for his hard work.

Joshua ~ (St Peter) ~ for setting an outstanding example of how to be an amazing role model

Sports Award

The winners of this week's sports awards are:

Most Improved ~ **Adam** (St Joseph) Performer of the week ~ **Oliver** (St Therese)



Mercy Awards

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

N'tando (St Peter) ~ for showing **exceptional** kindness, sensitivity and support to his classmates

Grace & Hannah (St Peter) ~ for being very helpful to the office staff

Todd, Alex and Maisie (St Anthony) ~ for supporting a classmate when he was upset with words of kindness and encouragement

Oliver B (St Joseph) ~ for being a great support and thoughtful to others on the Gym Trail

Joseph (St Bernadette) ~ for being a great support to others during computing lessons

Congratulations

Well done to Jack (St Peter) who came third in a local cross country competition. He will now progress to the regional finals. Also congratulations to Mina, whose writing has been selected for publication in the Young Writer' anthology.

Head Lice

Head lice is a very common problem in the UK, especially among school children and should be seen as nothing more than an unpleasant inconvenience that can be treated. Parents will be informed by a generic text if there has been a case in their child's class. **It is vital that you check your child's hair and treat it if necessary.**

Open mornings for Reception 2017

We will be holding information sessions for parents who are thinking of applying for a place for their child in September 2017. 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 2nd November

Tuesday 8th November

Thursday 17th November

Year R Admissions ~ September 2017

Applications can be submitted to the Local Authority from 14th September 2016 to 15th January 2017. The form can be downloaded from the council website at:

<http://www.southend.gov.uk/admissions/>. Please note that a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) must be completed, which is available from the school. If you are a practicing Catholic, please contact the church to make an appointment to see Father Brett to obtain your Certificate of Practice to support your application.

The Supplementary Information Form is to be returned to the school and the priest will return the certificate of practice. Both of these must be submitted by 22nd January 2017

Year 7 Admissions for Catholic Secondary School September 2017

Please contact the church to make an appointment to see Father Brett to obtain your Certificate of Practice to support your application.

Musical Monday

A fun day of music making for children and young people aged 7+. All standards and abilities are welcome, from beginners to advanced players. Players can bring any instruments – strings, woodwind, percussion, brass, recorders, keyboards, guitars etc and enjoy making music together. There is an informal concert at the end of the day for family and friends to attend. The day takes place at St Mary's C of E Primary School, Southend, and costs just £9 per child. Book online at musicalmonday.eventbrite.co.uk

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