



# 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,

Today marks the end of another year at St George's. Every day we have celebrated the achievements of our amazing children and the weekly newsletter enables us to reflect on the great things that they accomplish: spiritually, academically and personally. As ever, we have enjoyed sporting success, musical excellence and the children continuing to be outstanding representatives of the school. I am always very proud when I hear compliments about their attitude and behaviour. Our BRES inspection recognised that the pupils of St George's contribute to and benefit from its **OUTSTANDING** Catholic life. The staff work tirelessly in order that the children in our care realise their full potential, in addition to enjoying their time here.

It is such a pleasure being Head Teacher of this wonderful school. I have always said that it is a privilege to serve the school community, in challenging and celebratory times. I have so many people to thank: my fantastic staff, the governors and Father Brett. I also thank you, the parents and families, for your support throughout this year.

*My final thanks go to the children, the heart of our school; we are blessed to know, teach and spend our days with you. I look forward to the next academic year with all the triumphs and surprises it will bring. I wish all of you a very happy and restful summer holiday.*

## Farewell...

Today, we say goodbye to our remarkable Year 6.

**Emily, Finley, Jabez, Emma, Jack, Charlotte, Hannah, Truly-Rose, Aimee, William, Jessica, Elliot, Joshua, Adele, Grace, Finlay, Ntando, Marco, Harrison, Emily, Anna, Elliott, Isabella, Harrison, Mina, Victoria, Poppy, Francesca & Oliver**

We wish them every success in their new adventures in September and look forward to hearing about their future achievements.



We celebrated Mass together on Monday night which gave children, parents and staff the opportunity to reminisce on their successful years spent at the school. It was a very special evening and I thank everyone who played a part in the organisation of this.

We also say goodbye to the following families of children in Year 6 who have had long connections with our school. It is the end of an era and we thank you all for the support you have given to St. George's over many years.

We say goodbye to:

**the Allen family, the Ayers family, the Bourke family, the Cole family, the Davison family, the Dye family, the Edwards family, the Gahan family, the Galley family, the Kimble family, the Kerr-Allen family, the Magee family, the Marsh family, the McCarthy family, the Simmonds family, the Sweeney family, the Tame family and the Wisbey family.**

On behalf of the school and Friends of St George's, we especially thank **Mrs McCarthy** who over the last few years has sourced and organised the Mother's Day, Father's Day and Christmas gift sales for all of the children at the school.



It's also 'Good Luck' and 'See you soon' to Mrs Sayer and Mrs Lawrence as they leave to have their babies. Thank you ladies for all your hard work over the last year, we will miss you but look forward to seeing you in September with your brand new family additions!

### Friends of St George's Summer Fayre

A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported our Summer Fayre last Friday. It was a fantastic afternoon. There was a great atmosphere and a wonderful sense of community. We raised an amazing **£1200** for the school.

Thank you to ALL the people who were involved in helping on the day, whether it be a stallholder or helper in any way, and the members of our PTA who spent weeks organising the afternoon. Some parents not only donated their time, but also their resources.

*I would like to especially thank Annette, Amanda & Lucy who worked tirelessly leading up to, and during the event.*

### Summer Performance

Year 5 & 6 'brought the house down' with their fantastic performance of 'Porridge' this week. I can honestly say it was one of the most technical, most demanding and **most hilarious** plays I have seen in a long time! Like the audience, I was amazed at the calibre of the children; their singing was amazing and their acting was fabulous. Every parent that I spoke to after the performance was full of praise and compliments. Thank you for your generous donations after the play, a total amount of £205.11 was raised for the NSPCC and CAFOD. Well done to all the children and to Mr Sims, Mrs Harris, Miss Rusz and Mrs Williams for a memorable show.



## Reading Awards

Congratulations to **Joseph** (St Bernadette) who was awarded his certificate and bookmark for 250 reads making him a Super Reader and **Daniel V.** (St Francis) for his diamond certificate, marking 200 reads.

## Mercy Awards

Congratulations to the final recipients of this award

**Daniel V.** (St Francis) for sharing his prize with a friend

**Henry F.** (St Anthony) for ensuring that a friend was included in a game

**Emma, Aimee, Anna, Jabez, Marco & Finlay** ~ The Liturgy Team ~ for their outstanding effort and hard work during this year supporting the Catholic life of the school

## Attendance Awards

I gave out many badges today celebrating 100% attendance during the summer term.

### Bronze Award ~ 100% attendance for this term

St Francis ~ **Jamie, Corey, Joseph, Declan, Ellie, Jacob S., Roman & Alex**

St Therese ~ **Chloe, Edie, Ocean, Logan, Ernie, Samuel, Hannah & Joseph**

St Elizabeth ~ **Charlotte, Leandro, Keavy, Henry, Sophia, Stanley & Ella**

St Bernadette ~ **Jacob, Lyric & Isabelle**

St Joseph ~ **Samuel, Murphy & Oliver S.**

St Anthony ~ **Ben H-C., Brian & Jessica**

St Peter ~ **Jessica & Oliver**

### Silver Award ~ 100% attendance for two terms

St Francis ~ **Aubrey, Theodore, Florence R-F., Kundai & Jacob R.**

St Therese ~ **Cillian, Nate, Harley & Jasmine**

St Elizabeth ~ **Daisy, Alvin, Jason, William, Kyrea & Florance V.**

St Bernadette ~ **Morten, Eliana, James, Alex & Xavier**

St Joseph ~ **Henry & Maddy**

St Anthony ~ **Henry B., Markus, Isabel, Lily, Andrew, Daisy, Grace M-C, Olivia, Alex, Oliver & India**

St Peter ~ **Emily, Jabez, Charlotte, Hannah, William, Adele, Marco, Elliott, Poppy & Francesca**

I also had the great pleasure of awarding the GOLD AWARD to children with 100% attendance for the WHOLE YEAR to:



St Francis ~ **Eva**

St Therese ~ **Charles, Isla & Isis**

St Elizabeth ~ **Edward & Loui**

St Bernadette ~ **Lucy, Amelie, Lexi-Rose, Joseph & Monty**

St Joseph ~ **Oliver Ba. Aidan, Catherine & Chantelle**

St Anthony ~ **Maisie, Christian, Holly, George, Callum & Rose**

St Peter ~ **Truly-Rose, Aimee, Emily M. & Anna**

This is a fantastic achievement ~ well done

## Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated a birthday this week.

Morten (St Bernadette)

Jack & Oliver B. (St Joseph)

Jessica (St Anthony)

Charlotte & Adele (St Peter)



And to everyone who celebrates their birthday during the summer holiday.

Joshua, Ellie, Tymon, Natalia, Ava-Joy (St Francis)

Hannah & Isabelle (St Therese)

Finley, Florance V. & Fred (St Elizabeth)

Eden & Jacob (St Bernadette)

Riley & Alice (St Joseph)

Markus, Andrew & Olivia (St Anthony)

Victoria, Aimee, Ntando & Truly -Rose (St Peter)

And to Georgina T. who celebrates her birthday in September, just before we come back.

Our first birthday of the new school year!

## Success beyond St George's

Well done to:

Aubrey (St Francis) for receiving his orange belt in Karate

Orla (St Joseph) for being awarded Outstanding pupil of the year in ballet

Andrew (St Anthony) who passed his Initial Piano exam with a Merit

Maddie (St Anthony) for grading in Kung Fu and receiving her white sash

## September Uniform

Just a note to remind Year 1 – 6 parents when we return this September, 2017, summer or winter uniform may be worn until the usual change over to winter after October half term.

From September we are making a few changes to the way we sell school uniform. Please place all orders on Wisepay (if you need a reminder of your login details please contact the office).

Orders will then be collated and sent home with your child on Mondays & Fridays only.

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear any jewellery in our school. If your child wishes to have his/her ear(s) pierced, we ask that this be carried out at the beginning of the summer holiday, so that the healing process is complete by the time school starts again in September and the ear stud can be removed. We do not permit children to have extreme haircuts or colouring that could serve as a distraction to other children. Short hair should be uniform in length, across the head, with no parts left significantly longer than others. Children should not wear any fixatives, hair gel/spray etc in their hair. This is in line with our uniform policy. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Rucksacks

From September we will be introducing St George's rucksacks, with the option to have your child's name embroidered on them. So if you are thinking of replacing your child's bag during the summer holidays you may want to wait until September to see the new rucksacks.

## Relish Lunches

All existing lunch orders will be deleted at the end of this term. Lunches for September can be ordered from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August but **MUST** be ordered by 12 noon Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August. Please note there will be some changes to the dessert choices.

## Breakfast Club ~ Autumn Term 2017

Bookings for Autumn Term can now be made on WisePay. We ask that if you wish to secure a place for the first week back that you book by 3pm Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017.

## Learn to ride sessions with Cycle Southend

Suitable for all ages. Book a 1:1 45 minute session with one of our accredited instructors. Haven't got a bike? Borrow one of ours! Sessions available on 31 July, 1 August, 2 August & 3 August 2017 at 09:00 10:00 & 11:00.

Cost: £25 with own bike & £30 with a hire bike.

Venue: Leigh North Street Primary School

## Level 1 Bikeability

This Level 1 Bikeability course teaches all the basics needed to be safe on a bike as well as how to check that a bike is in good working order. There will be a chance to practice all of these skills in fun challenges and games. If you haven't got a bike you can hire one of ours! Suitable for 7 – 10 year olds.

Cost: £20 with own bike & £25 with a hire bike.

Courses on 31 July 2017 12:30 – 15:30 OR 1 August 2017 12:30 – 15:30

Venue: Leigh North Street Primary School

## Level 2 Bikeability

Can you ride a bike but want to develop your skills? This training is delivered on local roads giving you a real cycling experience that equips you with the skills to deal with traffic on short journeys such as cycling to school or for leisure. Suitable for 9 – 14 years of age.

Cost: £25

Course takes place over two mornings: 14 & 15 August 2017, 09:00 – 13:00. Both days must be attended to complete course.

Venue: Chalkwell Park

## Level 3 Bikeability

If you have completed Level 2 Bikeability and wish to learn the skills to travel on busier roads and plan routes for safe cycling to senior school or for leisure then this is the course for you! Suitable for 10 – 14 years of age.

Cost: £20

Courses on 2 August from 12:30 – 15:30 AND 3 August 2017 12:30 – 15:30.

Venue: Leigh North Street Primary School

To book a place on any of these courses please go to [www.cyclesouthend.co.uk](http://www.cyclesouthend.co.uk) or call 01702 215595.

Have a wonderful summer holiday, see you all on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

God Bless,

*Mrs Delgado*

**SUMMER HOLIDAY FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JULY – THURSDAY 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2017**

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
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Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	First Day of Autumn Term 2017
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**HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> – FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
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**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER – TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2018**

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	First Day of Spring Term 2018
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**HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> – FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

**EASTER HOLIDAY FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH – FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018**

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2018**

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
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Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
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**LAST DAY OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-18 IS FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018**