



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

St George's School & Parish Christmas Fayre



Last Saturday, the school and parish community came together for the Christmas Fayre. The event was a fantastic success due to the generous donations, people who organised it, the stall holders and of course, to all of the children, family and friends who came on the day to spend their money.

An amazing £3,236.73 was raised!

This will be split between the school and parish. On behalf of St George's, I would like to thank EVERYONE who was involved, but my special thanks must go to Mrs Stapely, Mrs Halvey and Mrs Antonie for giving up so much of their time to ensure its success.

December

Thu 7th	Year 6 Class trip Brentwood Christmas Concert 7pm @ Brentwood Cathedral
Sat 9 th /10 th	TOY MASS @ St George's Church
Mon 11 th	Year 1 & 2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 2pm
Tue 12 th	Year R NATIVITY 9.30am Year 1 & 2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 7pm ~ No younger siblings or siblings from the school
Wed 13 th	Year R NATIVITY 9.30am Years 3 - 6 CHRISTMAS SERVICE ~ 7pm at St George's Church
Fri 15 th	PTA CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE
Mon 18 th	NON UNIFORM DAY for winning House Team
Tue 19 th	CHRISTMAS LUNCH & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
Wed 20 th	Last Day of Term ~ WHOLE SCHOOL MASS in the school hall at 2pm

Goodbye and Good Luck!

Today we said goodbye to Jack (St Anthony) as he and his family begin a brand new adventure in Scotland. We will miss you but wish you every success and happiness.

Operation Christmas Child

We have been overwhelmed by the support from our families for this year's Shoebox appeal. On Monday, our school councillors took the boxes to the Rayleigh warehouse, not only to safely deliver them, but also to experience what the packing depot was like. They had a fantastic afternoon accompanied by Mr Lish and Mrs Lewis. We collected an amazing **197** boxes.

On behalf of the Samaritans Purse Charity, thank you.

Christmas Lunch

On Tuesday 19th December we are having our School Christmas Lunch when all the children can come in with their own special packed lunch that day. If you still prefer the Relish Infant lunch you must still order on-line as normal. We will automatically cancel all Relish lunches unless you return the slip attached. If we **do not** receive a slip from you we will assume that you will be providing your child's lunch that day. Please do not give your child a Christmas cracker or products containing nuts.

Gift Sale

The PTA will be holding a Christmas gift sale in school on Friday 15th December. Gifts are £1.50 each, maximum of 2 per child.

Toy Mass

The parish are holding our annual toy collection at Mass on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December, for the local children in need who otherwise may not receive a gift this Christmas. We are looking for only new toys, gifts, or vouchers for children and young teenagers up to 16 years. These can be left in the boxes at both Churches or bring them to any Mass during this weekend. Please leave gifts unwrapped. Thank you for your support.

'Wear a Woolly and Save Lives'

We will be supporting Christmas Jumper on Tuesday 19th December. If your child is coming to school in their Christmas outfit, they do not have to wear uniform trousers or skirts. We are asking for a donation for taking part and hope to raise a good amount to send off to the charity.

Year 3 Class Celebration

St Bernadette's class had a wonderful time on Tuesday afternoon when Fr Brett came in to lead the class in collective worship. They were celebrating their topic 'Visitors around Advent' with their friends and family. A big thank you to Mrs Walls and Mrs Heal for supporting the children.

Year 4 Class Assembly

It was lovely to see so many friends and family attend St Joseph's class Assembly on Thursday. The children explained the season of Advent very clearly and helped us to look forward to, and prepare for, Jesus birthday at Christmas. The children performed a wonderful rendition of 'The 12 days of Christmas', which left all of us smiling! Thanks to Mrs Howell and Mrs Gillett for organising, preparing and inspiring the children.

Birthdays

Congratulations to **Amelie** (St Joseph) & **Adam** (St Anthony) who celebrated their birthday this week.

Mercy Awards

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

Georgina (St Therese) for being a good friend and making others feel valued

Thomas (St Therese) for being a good friend and taking the time to listen and help others

Head Teacher Awards

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

Tawana ~ (St Francis) ~ for excellent work in phonics

Daniel ~ (St Therese) ~ for an enthusiastic approach to his learning and trying his best at all times. Keep up the good work!

Ocean ~ (St Elizabeth) ~for writing an excellent story with independence about our Christmas nativity

Ella ~ (St Bernadette) ~ for showing enthusiasm in her homework and taking her interest one step further

Isabelle ~ (St Joseph) ~ for continuing to show her best efforts in everything she does. Your confidence is shining brightly Isabelle, keep it up!

Riley ~ (St Anthony) ~ for great progress in maths and showing her artistic side in mask decorating

Jack ~ (St Anthony) ~ for all his successes at St George's during the last six years

Holly ~ (St Peter) ~ for always working conscientiously and taking pride in her work. Well done!

Reading Awards

Well done to the following children who gained their bronze award this week:

Kieran, Lanai & Samuel (St Francis)

Jacob S., Kundai, Tymon & Joshua (St Therese)

Charlie, Lilah , Edie & Natasha (St Elizabeth)

Richard & Nadia (St Joseph)

Oliver By. (St Anthony)

Artist of the Month

Congratulations to **Gabriel** (St Bernadette) who has been named as November's Artist of the Month. You can see his picture displayed in the office area.

After school clubs

This week was the last Steps Ahead session for this term. Next week is the final week for all other clubs.

Parental/Family Contacts

It is really important that we have up to date local contact details for your child. When a child is unwell and we feel they need to go home it is crucial that we have a local contact who can collect your child immediately.

Christmas Card Design for the Parish

Congratulations to **Kieran** (St Francis), **Julia** (St Elizabeth) and **Olivia** (St Peter) whose winning designs have been selected for the official Parish Christmas cards. Well done to the runners up who received their participation certificates in this week's Celebration assembly.

Ava-Joy (St Therese), **Henry** (St Bernadette), **Lexi-Rose** (St Joseph) and **Ewan** (St Anthony)

Happy Lunchtimes!

From next week we will be restructuring the lunchtime so that all the children are able to enjoy lunchtime. We will have two lunch sittings, an infant and junior, which will mean that the children have a much larger play area during their time outside. This will also enable the midday staff to offer more resources for the children to use, interact with classes and help support the children in their play and social time. We will post pictures of the new lunchtime arrangements on the website and Facebook during the next fortnight.

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

Child's name	Year
I <u>will</u> be sending my child in with a special Christmas packed lunch on Tuesday 19 th	<i>please tick</i>
My child <u>will</u> be having their normal Relish lunch	<i>please tick</i>
Parent's signature	