

ST GEORGE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a smashing half-term break. It has been lovely hearing from the children about their adventures. We are entering a busy and exciting time of the year. I have included a calendar of events for the remainder of this term at the bottom of this newsletter.

Mr Coombs

Mr Coombs announced in July that he would be retiring from his role as caretaker at the school. Mike has given over thirty years of outstanding service to the school and has been such a committed member of staff. Mike will not be finishing completely at the school as he has agreed to stay on to manage the swimming pool. We all would like to thank Mike for his hard work and commitment over the years and we are all thrilled that he is still going to be staying on in some capacity. Mr Phil Davies will be taking over from Mike. Phil will be out on the playground every morning and outside the school every afternoon to monitor traffic and parking around the school. Please take the time to say hello to him. He is absolutely delighted to be the new caretaker at the school.

New Parking Signs

Many of you will have noticed the new signs around the school to remind drivers of appropriate driving and parking. Please be mindful that we have a 10mph speed restriction when on the school premises. When dropping off in the morning please make sure that the central drive through area on the KS1 playground is kept free. If dropping off please can parents/carers stay in cars. This can cause unnecessary hold ups. We also ask that parents waiting to pick up children after school stay in cars until there is space on the KS1 playground. Our new caretaker will be outside the premises before and after school and we would appreciate your continued support with this.

All Saints Day Mass

Just a reminder that the school will be attending Mass at St George's Church on Wednesday 1st November for the All Saints Day Mass. All are welcome to join us for the service.

Mrs Godfrey

Mrs Godfrey will be absent from school from Monday 6th November for three weeks due to her baby daughter having an operation. Mrs Rolf will teach Class One on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Martin will teach the rest of the week. Mrs Godfrey and her family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Celebrity Reader Competition

Thank you to all who entered the Celebrity Reader Competition. Well done to Mollie Thompson who won a £20 book voucher, Lucy Browne who won a £10 book voucher and Jessica Clancy who won a £5 book voucher. A kind member of St George's Church donated the prize money. The school raised over £100. Many thanks again.

Cold Weather

The cold weather caught me by surprise on Monday! Can I ask that all children come to school wearing a suitable coat to ensure they are warm during breaktimes.

Poppies

Poppies will be on sale from tomorrow at the school. We ask children to bring a donation for a poppy. The Royal British Legion has also supplied us with additional items for sale with a suggested donation. We have wristbands or a reflector with a suggested donation of 50p and have friendship bracelets and snap bands with a suggested donation of £1.

First Holy Communion

If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like them to make their First Holy Communion in June next year then application forms are now available at the back of St George's Church.

Newsletters

It is our intention to gradually phase out paper copies of newsletters. We will be putting them on our website and an email copy will be sent to all parents and carers. Please can all parents and carers check our website regularly for our updated newsletters.

Kind regards,

Mark Braund

Calendar Dates

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Wednesday 1st Nov – All Saints Day, Mass in Church 9.30 am

Friday 10th November – School photographs

Monday 13th – Friday 17th Nov – Judaism Week

Friday 24th Nov – Chaplains Commissioning Service

Friday 24th November – Mufti day

Wednesday 29th November – KS2 Penitential Service in Church 9.30 am (Yr 4, 5, 6)

Friday Dec 1st – Christmas Bazaar, 2.30 pm onwards

Tuesday 5th Dec – Nativity Play (matinee performance)

Wednesday Dec 6th & Thursday 7th – Nativity Play (6pm performance)

Wednesday 20th Dec – Carol Concert, 9.15am.

Thursday 21st Dec – End of Term Mass in School

Friday 22nd Dec – Sunday 7th Jan – SCHOOL CLOSED (Christmas holidays)