

ST GEORGE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Where did September go? What a busy but enjoyable few weeks at this wonderful school. It has been super getting to know the children and so many families. I feel very lucky to be the headteacher of St George's.

Harvest Mass

I just wanted to thank all who attended the Harvest Mass at St George's Church on Sunday. The choir sang beautifully, the readers read so clearly and confidently and the children that took the donations and offertory up to the altar were an absolute delight.

Harvest Festival

Just a reminder that it is the School Harvest Festival on Friday 6th October at 9:30am at the School. All parents and carers are invited to attend. Donations of fruit and vegetables would be gratefully received. These will be sold later in aid of CAFOD. Any donations of tinned food will be taken to the 'Open Door' charity to provide hot meals for the homeless in Taunton. Please give generously and stay for a cup of tea or coffee afterwards.

Finbarr O'Mahony spoke at Mass on Sunday about CAFOD Harvest Fast Day on Friday 6th October. This Harvest Fast Day, we are standing with Edelmira, a farmer in El Salvador, as she works to sustain her family with good crops and harvests. With your help, CAFOD is giving her fruit trees, training and strong seeds. Envelopes have been circulated at Mass and some will be available at school to donate to such a worthwhile charity.

School Parking

Many thanks for all your support with the parking around the school. We are in the process of having some additional signs designed and put up so we can continue to increase awareness of our one way system. Can I please remind all parents and carers to stay in your cars whilst waiting to collect your child at the end of the day. Leaving cars unsupervised can create unnecessary back logs. It is crucial that exits are left clear in the mornings so that other transport can leave the premises safely.

Library Visit

Class 5 visited Taunton Library on Wednesday and had a brilliant time. It was wonderful to receive such brilliant feedback from the library below:

I believe it was Mrs McDonnell who brought 33 children to our Big Read Launch of the 'Cat Burglar' and I would be grateful if you would pass on our thanks to her, the helpers and especially the children for attending.

The children were brilliant, well behaved (yay I hear you saying) and they engaged wonderfully with Tamsin Cooke the author.

You probably hear this all the time because of the good reputation your school has but the children are a credit to themselves, their parents and your school. They really are lovely!

I don't know how all the teachers at the school are so motivated but whatever the magic ingredient is, it works.

We love inviting the children of St George's to our events and we are always honoured when you accept.

So once again may I say a big thank you to the children and all the teachers for allowing the children to come and make the event a success?

Val
Val Denslow
Library Supervisor
Somerset Library Services

Key Dates Reminder

Friday 6th Oct – Harvest Festival Service in School, 9.30 am

Monday 16th Oct – Parent's Evening 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm

Tuesday 17th Oct – Parent's Evening 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm

Friday 20th Oct – School INSET day

Friday 20th – Sunday 29th October – SCHOOL CLOSED (Half term)

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Monday 30th Oct – SCHOOL OPEN (Autumn Term 2)

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

Friday 10th November – School photographs

Yours sincerely

Mark Braund

Headteacher