

ST GEORGE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to you all! I hope you all had a wonderful summer with family and friends. I have heard lots of exciting stories from the children about their holidays throughout the day. It promises to be another busy and enjoyable year at St George's Catholic School. I am really pleased to welcome our new Reception Class to St George's and new children throughout the school. We wish the new children 7 wonderful years at the school and lots of memories to make and treasure!

Premises Improvements

It has been another busy summer at the school with Classes 3 and 4 being refurbished, three new intervention rooms on the stage and the removal of storage units in every class to increase the floor area. I am delighted with the work carried out from the LCVAP funding we received and will be pushing to bid for more to have the remaining 5 classrooms fully refurbished in the future. The work took all summer and I want to thank the St George's team for their efforts in making the school ready for the new school year.

Contact Details for Parents and Carers

We are going to hand out updated contact detail forms for all parents to complete in the next few days. It is vital that these forms are updated and handed back to the School Office.

Swimming

Please can I politely remind parents and carers that we now ask for a £10 per term voluntary contribution per child for swimming at St Georges. The cost of running the pool does impact on the school budget and the contributions help greatly.

New School Year Meeting

Just a reminder that I will be meeting with parents and carers on Monday 9th September at 3pm. Please do try and attend. Class teachers will be meeting with parents and carers at 3:35pm.

New School Year Mass

We will be celebrating the start of the New School Year with a Mass at St George's on Friday 6th September at 9:30. Parents and Carers are welcome to join us. Reception Class will not attend this Mass.

School Uniform

Walking around St George's always fills me with immense pride. The children are an absolute delight and very happy. They look so smart in their uniform. Please remember to refer to our School Uniform Policy (on our website) when purchasing clothing. Uniform can now be ordered online @ www.michaelhope.co.uk. We do have a limited amount of uniform still in stock which can be purchased from the school office.

Starting School Applications

For the first time last year the Local Authority did not send out letters to children due to start school or children due to transfer school giving them information about how to apply for a school place.

Parents can apply on line at <http://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-learning-and-schools/choosing-a-school/> or phone Somerset Direct for a paper copy of the application 0300 123 2224.

Parent information is now available on the School Admissions Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Somersetschooladmissions/>

Parking

Please can all parents and carers continue to be mindful and considerate when dropping off and collecting. We have a one way system and this needs to be followed. It is vital that when dropping off in the morning that the central part of the KS1 playground is kept clear to keep the flow of traffic moving.

At the end of the school day please make sure that all spaces in the KS1 playground are utilised to allow all cars to have a space. We ask parents and carers to stay in their cars when waiting to park on the playground as staff will stay with all children until cars are safely parked.

There has been a huge improvement with the parking before and after school and we ask for your ongoing kindness and consideration.

Calendar Dates

AUTUMN 1

Tuesday 3rd September – Start of the New School Year

Friday 6th September – School Mass at St George's Church.

Monday 9th September – 'Meet the Parents' – 3pm with Mr Braund and with Class Teachers after.

Tuesday 1st October – Friday 4th October - Year 6 trip to Pinkery Outdoor Education Centre

Friday 11th October – Harvest Festival Service in School, 9.30 am

Sunday 13th October – Harvest Mass at Church, 9.30 am

Friday 18th October – School photographs

Monday 21st October – Parents’ Evening 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm

Tuesday 22nd October – Parents’ Evening 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm

Friday 25th October – School INSET Day

Saturday 26th October – Sunday 3rd November – SCHOOL CLOSED (Half term)

AUTUMN 2

Monday 4th November – SCHOOL OPEN (Autumn Term 2)

Wednesday 6th November – All Saints Day

Friday 22nd November – Mufti day

Friday 29th November – Christmas Bazaar, 2.30 pm onwards

Tuesday 10th December – KS2 Penitential Service in Church 10.15 am (Years 4, 5, 6)

Tuesday 10th December – Nativity Play (matinee performance)

Wednesday December 11th & Thursday 12th – Nativity Play (6pm performance)

Tuesday 17th December – Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 18th December – Carol Concert, 9.15 am at St George’s Church

Friday 20th December – End of Term Mass in School