



St. James The Great



ROMAN CATHOLIC (VA) PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

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It was a great pleasure to see our school host the Wedding Reception of one of our past pupils, Lucy Jackson, and we take this opportunity to wish her and her husband, Paul, every happiness for the future. It never ceases to amaze me how many ongoing links remain between past pupils and members of our school community and between each other. May these links continue to develop and mark the true community element of our school.

FRIENDS ASSOCIATION ITEMS

The cancellation of the recently planned Michaelmas Ball was a considerable blow to the morale of the Association. This event arose from a number of requests for a repeat of the same event held some four years ago. Numbers booking, whilst good, did not reach a number that would have made the viability of the event atmosphere-wise possible. Whilst there were a number of people who said after the cancellation that they had planned to come, this served only to highlight the need for application deadlines to be met. Fortunately, due to arrangements with the suppliers involved, cancellation costs have been kept very low. We may, on the suggestion of the caterer, look to run a much scaled-down dinner dance event in the future – watch this space!!

NEXT EVENT – PLEASE SUPPORT

FIREWORKS – FRIDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2010

This now established annual event has proved very successful and has been well-supported. We understand that there will be no Streatham Common display this year so hope our event will prove even more popular. Further details will be issued separately but please put the date in your diary and demonstrate support for the work of our Friends Association by coming along.

OTHER PLANNED EVENTS

Christmas Craft Fayre: Saturday 4th December 2010
Barn Dance: Friday 18th February 2011
Grand Summer Fete: Sunday 22nd May 2011

OPENING TIMES – SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Please note this term's Uniform Shop opening times are:-

Mondays: 9.15 am (closing time will be determined by demand)
Wednesdays: 2.00 pm-3.30 pm

Uniform orders may also be placed by using the order forms from the carousel in the reception area. Please give completed forms into the office with payment. Orders will then be sent home via your child.



The school holds an Intermediate International Schools Award.

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HARVEST

Our Harvest assembly is scheduled for Thursday 21st October at 2.45 pm and we will be asking for donations of tinned and packet foodstuff which will be collected at the assembly by 'Nightwatch'. All are welcome to the assembly.

CAFOD LUNCH

Likewise all are invited to this event on Thursday 14th October which is run by the children in Year 3 from 12 – 1.30 pm.

ATTACHMENTS FOR REFERENCE

Please find attached to this Newsletter our annual Calendar of Events, a list of Assembly, Prayer Service and Mass dates and our current list of Clubs available to the children. We will make every endeavour to see the dates advised as 'tablets of stone'. If due to circumstances outside of our control changes do become necessary we will give as much notice as possible.

CYCLING PROFICIENCY TRAINING – YEARS 5 & 6 – 2ND-5TH NOVEMBER

We have 14 places available on an Autumn Term Training Course and children interested have been asked to collect an application form from the school office. Participants enrolled for this course are required to bring their bicycle for checking on Thursday 21st October. Failure to do so will preclude them from participating in the training.

ABSENCE NOTES

We appreciate parents' promptness in regard to telephone notification when children are unwell. Whilst these calls are logged we do require written confirmation of absence when the child returns to school. Please will you make sure that you send a note into school on the day of the child's return confirming the reason and duration of the absence. Alternatively you may make use of the absence forms available from the drawer unit in the Reception area.

BOOK SHOP

Our school Book Shop is back in operation and is open every Monday afternoon between 1.30 and

3.15 pm. All children other than Nursery children may purchase saving stamps towards the purchase of a book. The shop has a good range of books to choose from and we would encourage the children to make use of this facility.

BOOK TRAIL

Once again thanks to all of you who took part in the summer holiday Book Trail. Library staff presented a huge batch of certificates at a recent Assembly confirming once again that we had the highest Croydon school participation rate. Well done to all the children and parents as well, of course.

Attachments:-

1. Date List (Calendar of Events)
2. Class Assembly, Prayer Service and Mass Schedule
3. Extra Curricular Activity List



Date List 2010/2011

DATE 2010	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday 1 st September		In-Service Training Day – School Closed
Thursday 2 nd September		School Re-opens
Friday 10 th September	2.15 pm	Whole School Mass
Monday 20 th September		Open Evening Key Stage 2
Wednesday 22 nd September		Open Evening Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2 only)
Tuesday 28 th September	4.30 pm	Catholic Schools' Staff Mass – St Chad's
Wednesday 6 th October	7.30 pm	Easter Residential Visit meeting parents and children (Class 4.1)
Thursday 14 th October		Year 3 CAFOD Harvest Lunch
Monday 18 th October	7.30 pm	Year 6 Residential Visit meeting parents and children (Year 6)
Thursday 21 st October	2.45 pm	Harvest Assembly School closes for Half Term
Friday 22 nd October		<i>In-Service Training Day – School Closed</i>
Friday 29 th October		Closing date for receipt of Reception applications 2011/12
2011		
Monday 1 st November		School re-opens
Friday 5 th November	7 for 8 pm	Friends Association Grand Firework Display
Monday 8 th and Tuesday 9 th November		FS Open Evening – Nursery and Reception
Tuesday 23 rd November	9.30-3.00	KS2 Workshop
W/B 29 th November		Book Fair
Wednesday 1 st December	10-11 am	Quiz Club area heat
Saturday 4 th December	12-3 pm	Friends Association Christmas Craft Fayre
Monday 6 th December	2 pm	Christmas Concert – All Infants
Tuesday 7 th December	7.00 pm	Christmas Concert – All Infants
Wednesday 8 th December	7.00 pm	Christmas Concert – All Infants (Guest Night)
Friday 10 th December	am	Nursery Concert
Saturday 11 th December	Evening	Football Fundraiser
Monday 13 th December	7:30 pm	Carol Service at St Bartholomew's – All Juniors
Tuesday 14 th December		Christmas Dinner Day – Nursery
Wednesday 15 th December		Christmas Dinner Day – Whole School
Thursday 16 th December		Class Christmas Party Day Nursery closes for Christmas Break
Friday 17 th December	9.45 am 2 pm	Final Assembly School closes for Christmas Break Closing date for Nursery applications 2011/12
2011		
Wednesday 5 th January	9.15 am	School re-opens
Friday 14 th January		Closing date for Admissions Supplementary Forms
Thursday 3 rd February		Open Evening – Nursery to Year 6
Tuesday 8 th February		Open Evening – Nursery to Year 6
15 th /17 th February		Catholic Schools Cross Country – John Fisher Playing Fields
Thursday 17 th February		School closes for Half Term
Friday 18 th February		<i>In-Service Training Day – School Closed</i> Friends Association Barn Dance

DATE 2011	TIME	EVENT
Monday 28 th February		School re-opens
Monday 21 st March		In-Service Training Day – School Closed
Monday 4 th April		Nursery and Reception Offer Date
Friday 8 th April	7.00 pm	Year 6 to lead Stations of the Cross – St Bartholomew’s
11 th -15 th April		Penitential Week – Years 4, 5 and 6
18 th -22 nd April		Easter Residential Visit – Years 4 and 5
Wednesday 20 th April		Nursery closes for Easter Break
Thursday 21 st April	9.45 am 2:00 pm	School-based Easter Liturgy led by Year 3 School closes for Easter Break
Monday 9 th May	9.15 am	School re-opens
W/B 9 th May (provisional)		Year 6 – SATs
Saturday 21 st May	9.30 am	Croydon Catholic Schools Football and Netball Tournaments at Margaret Roper School
Sunday 22 nd May		Friends Association Grand Summer Fete
Friday 27 th May		School closes for half term Break
Monday 6 th June		<i>In-Service Day – School Closed</i>
6 th -10 th June		Year 6 Residential Visit
Tuesday 7 th June	9.15 am	School re-opens
Thursday 9 th June	pm	School Sports – field events
Saturday 11 th June	All day	Festival of Football
Monday 13 th June		Sports Day – Track Events
TBA	am	Catholic Schools’ Swimming Gala
Monday 20 th June	7.30 pm	New Nursery Parents’ Meeting
Wednesday 22 nd June	a.m.	New Reception Visits
Thursday 23 rd June		Croydon Catholic Schools’ Sports Day at St James the Great
Wednesday 29 th June	7.30 pm	New Reception Visits (am and pm) Reception Parents’ Meeting
Thursday 30 th June		Open Evening – Nursery and Years 1 to 5
Tuesday 5 th July		Open Evening – Nursery and Years 1 to 5
Friday 8 th July	10:00	Concert performance for the school
Monday 11 th July	2 pm	School Concert
Tuesday 12 th July	7.30 pm	School Concert
Wednesday 13 th July	7.30 pm	School Concert (Guest Night)
Thursday 14 th July		Open Evening – Reception and Year 6
Monday 18 th July	7.30 pm	Leavers’ Mass – St Andrew’s
Tuesday 19 th July	10 am 1.45 pm 4:00 pm	Leavers’ Assembly Children to new classes – incl. new children until 2:30 pm Leavers’ Barbecue
Wednesday 20 th July		Nursery closes for Summer Break
Thursday 21 st July	10 am 2 pm	Final Assembly School closes for Summer Break
Friday 22 nd July		<i>In-Service Training Day – School Closed</i>
Thursday 1 st and Friday 2 nd September		<i>In-Service Training Days – School Closed</i>
Monday 5 th September		School re-opens

Extra Curricular Activities 2010-2011

Day	Time	Activity	Venue		
Monday	8.30-9.00 am	Yr 6 ICT (DS)	ICT Suite	<u>Spring Term</u>	
Alternate weeks	3.05 pm	School Council (TSC)	Class 2.2		
		Environment Council (DL)	Class 5.2		
	3.45-4.45 pm	Einstein's Entertainers	5.1 and 5.2		
	3.45-4.45 pm	Football (CB) Yrs 3,4,5&6	Field		
	3.45-4.30 pm	Netball Yrs 5&6 (SC and TSC)	Outside/Hall		
	3.45-4.45 pm	Art Club (HB)	Class 4.1		
	3.40-7.40 pm	Keyboard	Music Room		
Tuesday	8.30-9.00 am	Year 4 ICT (DS)	ICT Suite		Y5 Dance
	3.30-4.30 pm	Film Club (KB)	Hall		Infant Dance
	3.45-4.45 pm	Cookery Club (NH)	R1	KS1 and KS2	
	3.45-4.30 pm	Newspaper Club (EJ)	ICT Suite	Music Festival	
	3.45-4.45 pm	Yr 5 Dance Festival (Spring Term)(CS)	Hall	<u>Summer Term</u>	
	4.30-6.20 pm	Gym Club	Hall	Athletics	
	5.40-7.40 pm	Keyboard	Music Room		
	6.30-8.30 pm	Irish Dancing	Hall	First Aid	
Wednesday	8.30-9.00 am	KS1 Dance (Spring Term) (DS)	Hall		
	8.30-9.00 am	Yr 5 ICT (DS)	ICT Suite		
	12.30-1.00 pm	Gardening Club KS2 (DL)	Garden		
	5.40-6.40 pm	Keyboard	Music Room		
	3.45-7.30 pm	Gym Club	Hall		
Thursday	8.30-9.00 am	Yr 3 ICT (DS)	ICT Suite		
	8.30-9.00 am	Homework Club Years 5&6 (OR)	Class 6.1		
	3.30-4.30 pm	Drama KS1 (MMc)	Music Room		
	3.30-4.30 pm	Drama KS2 (KB)	Hall		
	7.00-8.30 pm	Cubs (SG)	Hall		
Friday	8.30-9.00 am	Junior Choir (JG/EJ)	Hall		
	9.15-9.45 am	Chamber Choir (JG)	Hall		
	3.45-4.30 pm	Yr 5&6 Dance (CS) to commence after October half term	Hall		
	3.45-7.30 pm	Italian Club	Class 3.2		
	5.00-6.15 pm	Rainbows	Hall		
	6.30-8.00 pm	Brownies	Hall		
Saturday	10.00-12.00 pm	Gym Club (on occasional Sats)	Hall		
	Till 2 pm	If noted in the diary			
	9.45-12 noon	Football	Field		

(September 2010)

Class Assembly, Prayer Service and Mass Schedule

Class	Thursday Assembly 3.05 pm	Prayer Service 9.45 am – Oratory	10 o'clock Parish Mass
R1	14 th April 2011	10 th February 2011	27 th January 2011 – St Andrew's
R2	31 st March 2011	20 th January 2011	13 th January 2011 – St Bartholomew's
1.1	30 th June 2011	31 st March 2011	7 th July 2011 – St Andrew's
1.2	26 th May 2011	17 th March 2011	16 th June 2011 – St Bartholomew's
2.1	27 th January 2011	16 th June 2011	19 th May 2011 – St Andrew's
2.2	19 th May 2011	9 th June 2011	19 th May – St Bartholomew's
3.1	24 th March 2011	27 th January 2011	11 th November 2010 – St Andrew's
3.2	17 th March 2011	2 nd December 2010	18 th November 2010 – St Bartholomew's
4.1	17 th February 2011	7 th October 2010	4 th November 2010 – St Andrew's
4.2	10 th February 2011	30 th September 2010	4 th November 2010 – St Bartholomew's
5.1	3 rd February 2011	10 th March 2011	31 st March 2011 – St Andrew's
5.2	20 th January 2011	3 rd March 2011	27 th January 2011 – St Bartholomew's
6.1	-	18 th November 2010	30 th September 2010 – St Andrew's
6.2	-	11 th November 2010	30 th September 2010 – St Bartholomew's

Please note classes will be attending the Parish Masses listed above as part of the normal congregation, not in a lead capacity. The dates are subject to change if there is a funeral Mass scheduled to take place. All are welcome to the above celebrations.