



St. James The Great



ROMAN CATHOLIC (VA) PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER



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It does not seem possible that we are about to reach the end of the first half term of this school year. It has been a good start to the year with much going on; too much, in fact, to fully report on but some highlights have included:-

CAFOD HARVEST LUNCH: Well done to Year 3 on an excellent lunch that raised £400 for CAFOD – our best sum ever. Thanks also to all staff, parents and helpers for their time and generosity. We also look forward to the Harvest Assembly which is once again supporting Nightwatch, thanks for your support. Our participation in National Film week saw a large number of classes get to the cinema, which they appeared to both enjoy and learn from. We have taken delivery of our new minibus thanks to our Friends Association's work. Our school coach has just returned from its annual service and PSV test. I am pleased to report that it also passed the Euro 4 low emission standard, which is required for use in London from January 2012. This covers us at least until 2016.

HARVEST ASSEMBLY: A big thank you also to the donation of groceries received for Harvest Assembly this week. Years 3 and 2 did a wonderful job and it was very pleasing to see so many parents there. The donations were very gratefully received by Nightwatch, a local charity supporting the homeless through the provision of food and by getting them set up in accommodation. They were especially grateful for our contributions as overall donations were down this year. This is a very worthy cause and we have agreed to consider lending some more support to them later in the school year.

PLEA TO JUNIOR PARENTS: Now the children are lining up in the morning prior to the start of the school day we would ask parents to move away from the outside doors to the classrooms back to at least the waiting circle. The congestion to this area is slowing down the children's entry into school. It is also making it difficult for parents of infant children who have dropped their children to get back round the building. Staff have been asked to request parents to move back to the waiting circle if necessary. Your co-operation will be appreciated.

FUN LUNCH – MOVE TO MONDAYS: Following the decision by the Church to reintroduce Friday abstinence from meat, consideration of this issue, which does not directly apply to children under 14, was made by the Governors in consultation with our Parish Priests. This was an issue that over recent years has only applied in Lent. For this period it was decided that the children would be guided with a view to making an informed choice. The feeling now, however, is that under the new directive the majority of our Catholic families will follow the directive and accordingly to have meat on the menu would lead to waste. We have decided, therefore, that after half term Friday's menu will be meat free and fun lunch will move to Mondays. If the school is not in on a Monday, e.g. Bank Holidays, fun lunch will move to the Tuesday. Attached is our latest Menu for your information covering this change and some other variations. Our school meal at £1.70 a day represents very good value. Please support the service as much as you can as this will help to preserve the lower price as long as possible. We would also welcome requests for specific foods to be included on future menus. Please drop a note to Mrs Williams in the kitchen if you have any suggestions – these will be most welcome.



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SCHOOL UNIFORM: We have seen several shoes with ‘flashing lights’ recently particularly in the early years. If you have these shoes, which may comply in all other respects, any flashing lights will need to be disabled. We would remind parents that girls’ tights need to be either grey or navy.

My thanks to Jacqui Baker who is currently managing school uniform sales etc. during Mrs Mowbray’s absence. She is hoping to return soon after the half term break.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr and Mrs Scott Cree on the birth of their baby boy, Luke, who was born on Saturday 1st October weighing in at 9lb 6oz.

RECEPTION AND NURSERY APPLICATIONS 2012

These are once again very high in number. If you know people planning to make an application please remind them to watch closing dates to prevent them giving in a “late application”. Please note the correct closing date for applications for Reception is Friday 16th December 2011.

REMINDER – SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS: These will take place on Monday 14th November 2011 and further details will be issued separately.

COMPUTER CLUB: I regret to advise you that this club is currently fully subscribed. Please note that children in the club are working through a designated programme and will be given priority places until they have completed the programme. Children will be advised as places become available.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BRIDIE WILLIS: As our Friends Association Chair, Bridie was nominated in the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations (NCPTA) PTA volunteer of the year awards. It was a great pleasure to hand Bridie her certificate of commendation and a goody bag at this week’s Harvest Assembly. Well done Bridie and many thanks for all your hard work.

FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL PICTURES – CROYDON ADVERTISER: We have been advised that our Reception pupils will feature in this week’s (21st October 2011) edition of the paper. Copies of the photograph can be purchased directly from the Advertiser if desired.

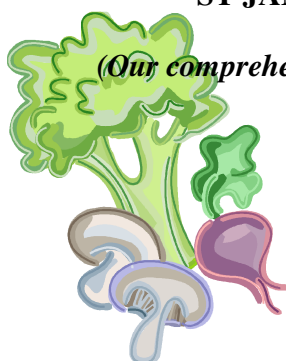
ACADEMY STATUS CONSULTATION: Thank you to the 40+ parents who attended the meeting this week and all those who submitted questions. The presentation and Q&A will be available on our website towards the end of next week along with an opportunity to submit additional questions. Further information will be issued next half term.

DATES NEXT HALF TERM

Monday 31 st October		School re-opens
Tuesday 1 st November	10 am	Feast of All Saints – St Andrew’s
Friday 4 th November	7 for 8 pm	Friends Association Grand Firework Display
Monday 7 th and Tuesday 8 th November		FS Open Evening – Nursery and Reception
Wednesday 30 th November		Closing Date for Nursery Supplementary Forms
Friday 2 nd December	10 am	Christmas Concert – Whole School performance
Sunday 4 th December	12-3 pm	Friends Association Christmas Craft Fayre
5 th -9 th December		Book Fair
Monday 5 th December	2 pm	Christmas Concert – All Infants
Tuesday 6 th December	7.00 pm	Christmas Concert – All Infants
Wednesday 7 th December	7.00 pm	Christmas Concert – All Infants (Guest Night)
Friday 9 th December	am	Nursery Concert
Monday 12 th December	7:30 pm	Carol Service at St Andrew’s – All Juniors
Tuesday 13 th December		Christmas Dinner Day – Nursery
Wednesday 14 th December		Christmas Dinner Day – Whole School
Thursday 15 th December		Class Christmas Party Day Nursery closes for Christmas Break
Friday 16 th December	9.45 am 2 pm	Final Assembly School closes for Christmas Break Closing date for receipt of Reception applications 2012/13

**ST JAMES THE GREAT RC (VA) PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL
MENU**

(Our comprehensive Menu has been designed to meet nutritional guidelines for school meals)



WEEK ONE				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Locally Produced Beef Burger, Pork Sausage or Cod Fish fillet Salad Rolls (V) Steak Chips Selection of Cookies Cup Cakes Fruit	Meatballs in Gravy Tuna Pasta Salad Cauliflower Cheese (V)	Beef or Vegetable Bolognaise (V) Steamed Salmon Fillet	BBQ Chicken Meat Lasagne Vegetable Lasagne (V)	Fish Cakes Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) Vegetable Kebabs
	Rice Jacket Potatoes	Spaghetti Jacket Potatoes	New Potatoes Jacket Potatoes	Potato Wedges
	<i>Seasonal Fresh Vegetables, Salad Bar and Fresh Breads</i>			
	Peaches and Cream	Vanilla Sponge and Custard	Ice Cream with Hot Chocolate Sauce	Chocolate Mousse with Fruit Kebab
	<i>Fresh Fruit Selection and Yoghurts</i>			
WEEK TWO				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Locally Produced Beef Burger, Pork Sausage or Cod Fish fillet Salad Rolls (V) Steak Chips Selection of Cookies Muffins Fruit	Chicken Casserole Hot Tomato & Herb Pasta (V) Fillet of Fish	Roast Turkey, Pork Beef or Lamb Vegetable Korma(V)	Chilli Con Carne Chicken & Vegetable Pie	Fish Fingers Pasta Carbonara (V) Vegetable Pizza
	Mashed Potato	Roast Potatoes Rice	Jacket Potatoes Rice	Couscous Jacket Potatoes
	<i>Seasonal Fresh Vegetables, Salad Bar and Fresh Breads</i>			
	Rice Pudding with topping	Fruit Crumble and Custard	Jelly and Ice Cream	Iced Vanilla Sponge
	<i>Fresh Fruit Selection and Yoghurts</i>			
WEEK THREE				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Locally Produced Beef Burger, Pork Sausage or Cod Fish fillet Salad Rolls (V) Steak Chips Selection of Cookies Rice Krispie Cakes Fruit	Chicken Curry Vegetable Biryani (V) Salmon Fish Cakes	Cheese & Vegetable Quiche (V) Spicy Chicken Cold Pasta Salad	Shepherd's Pie Vegetable Lasagne (V) Sweet and Sour Meatballs	Fish Fillets Pizza Vegetable Chilli (V)
	Rice Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes New Potatoes	Noodles	Potato Wedges
	<i>Seasonal Fresh Vegetables, Salad Bar and Fresh Breads</i>			
	Ice Cream With Fruit Coulis	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Fruit Salad & Jelly	Fruit Sponge
	<i>Fresh Fruit Selection and Yoghurts</i>			

N.B. Special diets will always be catered for

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