



# St. James The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC (VA) PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER



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**T**hank you Year 5, I was well and truly “gunged”. Whilst I had a suspicion you were up to something, I was oblivious to the ‘key signal’ that set you off. I really cannot mind after the work you and Year 4 put into this year’s concert production of Bugsy. You certainly rose to the occasion and even at church last weekend members of the audience were telling me how much they enjoyed your show. You did yourselves and our school proud, well done. As I said to Year 4 you will be a difficult act to follow!! Thank you also for your generosity, the charity collections over the two nights raised a total of £200 which will be split between the two nominated charities. A DVD of the production was made and this will be offered next term at £4 each or 3 for £10.

Just as I began to think the year had rounded off well we then saw Year 6 marking their departure with a great final assembly which reflected the very wide range of talents their secondary schools will be receiving. We will miss them all but they are clearly ready to move on and we wish them all well in their new schools. Why not take a look at the school’s website and view their leavers’ memory book? Clearly school trips play an important place in their memories of our school and thanks are due to our Friends Association who make much of this possible through their support of our school transport. A final thank you to Year 6 for also marking their departure in a lovely and reverent Leavers’ Mass at St Andrew’s on Monday, this also in a different way reflected on the strength of their spiritual development and I am sure the school motto of “Learning with God’s love” will go with them.

### FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The Association has had another excellent year that was rounded off with the traditional annual summer disco. Indoors rather than an outdoor event this time due to weather but nonetheless successful with 150 plus in attendance. It was good to see some new faces – although nothing wrong with old ones! – from incoming nursery and reception. Thank you for your support. A good evening was had by all and special thanks to Bridie Willis, the Association’s Chair, for all her hard work and support. I am sure the committee will enjoy their summer break – here’s to another good programme next year!

### CONGRATULATIONS MISS CHURCH

Thinking of good weather we wish Miss Sarah Church a fine day on Saturday for her marriage to Mr Simon Kelsall. We wish them both every happiness for the future and look forward to welcoming Miss Church back in September as Mrs Kelsall. She thinks the name change may take a little getting used to so apologies in advance if her initial responses to Mrs Kelsall are not immediate.

**PLEASE REMEMBER – “THE GIVING MACHINE”** at [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk). This is the site we ask you to consider making any online purchases through. It costs you nothing but the school receives a commission on all purchases made on the site and we have just received a commission cheque for £50. Thank you to those of you who have registered on the site and remembered the scheme when making purchases. Every little helps so please give the site a try next time you make an internet purchase. We receive no information regarding individual purchases made – just cash!!!



The school holds an Intermediate International Schools Award.

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## **SUMMER HOLIDAY TASKS**

Your children will have been provided by their new teacher a few summer holiday tasks to keep them ticking over. These are not overly arduous or time consuming and we would ask you to monitor these. They have also been reminded about school access to web opportunities to use Mathletics at your discretion. We would ask you to enable all children to send us a postcard during the summer either from a holiday destination home or abroad or just from a place they may visit during the break. Please ensure they address the card properly (trying not to do it for them!) with their new teacher's name and/or class, St James the Great School, Windsor Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey CR7 8HJ (and, if from abroad, United Kingdom). Cards received will be used for a central display and classroom displays and the children will enjoy sharing them with their class.

## **BOOK TRAIL**

This is a lovely summer holiday activity. The children were told about the scheme when Janice from Thornton Heath Library came and spoke to them at last Friday's assembly. We would like to maintain our recognised high participation in this scheme which really does help develop and widen children's reading. I remember the enjoyment my own children got from participation in the Book Trail. The scheme operates across all the Croydon Libraries and you can participate in any of them. Opening times are:-

**Thornton Heath:** Monday and Wednesday 9.30-12.30 and 2.00-5.30, Tuesday 2.00-5.30, Thursday closed all day, Friday 9.30-12.30 and 2.00-6.30, Saturday 9.30-12.30 and 2.00-4.30.

**Norbury:** Monday 9.30-12.30 and 2.00-6.30, Tuesday and Thursday 9.30-12.30 and 2.00-5.30, Wednesday closed all day, Friday 2.00-5.30 and Saturday 9.30-12.30 and 2.00-4.30.

and details of the other library times can be found on the Croydon website [www.croydon.gov.uk](http://www.croydon.gov.uk). It does not matter how few or how often during the break that children take part so please register your child at least once. Certificates received will be given out at an assembly in the new school year. Any Years 6's registering can register as a St James the Great pupil if they prefer and we will forward any certificates received either via siblings or by post.

## **SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

Don't forget at St James the Great we have:-

Football Kraze:	Craig	07956 241457
Holiday Art:	Heidi	07980 261439
Gym Club:	Gill	07725 743371

We have also linked with St Cyprian's School in Ingram Road, Thornton Heath to support a summer holiday play scheme based at St Cyprian's. Details have been issued offering a range of activities at very nominal costs. Contact Mrs Theophilou at St Cyprian's on 020 8771 5425.

## **ART DISPLAY**

Please take the time to look at the displays in the school's Reception area and outside the meeting room. These were produced by the after school Art Club and have already received much praise. Well done to all the budding artists and Miss Heidi Berry for all her work achieving such a great standard.

**SISTER JENNIE** has been working with a group of children this term. They have produced some fabric painting representatives of the patron saints of our four school teams. We intend to get them displayed soon. Many thanks to Sister Jennie and the children involved: Aidan Lopeman, Kamsi Egwim, Akwuago Egwim, Ashton Menezes D'Gama, Christian Fernandes, Ciara McGing, Zara Mezoughi, Sarah Menezes and Joseph Oyeyinka.

## CHARTERMARK – CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD

I am very pleased to report that following a recent interim assessment we were recredited with this award along with a compliance plus for using best practice. A lot of people were involved in this process but special thanks to Mrs Williams for spearheading on this and for achieving such a successful outcome.

**FAREWELL YEAR 6** - This year Year 6 will be moving on to the following schools:-

### Bishop Thomas Grant

Joshua Ajisafe  
Nathan Akpani  
Yvonne Appiah  
Lorna Behan  
Viktoria Bukaczewska  
Amanda Burrows  
Dean Burrows  
Elita Brunton  
Cristina Carnevale  
Sean Cobb  
Mario Coker-Russo  
Rhianne Creary  
Sophie Dowd  
Amara Egole  
Aidan Finnegan  
Liam Hutchinson-Gleeson  
Charlotte Jones  
Lorenzo Lobo  
Delisia Marfo-Mensah  
Sarah Menezes  
Immanuel Opong-Mills  
Frances Parry  
Rosie Savage  
Rory Taylor

### Coloma Convent

Chantella Ogwuke  
Olamide Olufemi Krakue

### Croydon High

Jodie Howard

### Harris Academy Merton

Michael Apicella

### Langley Park

Gael Mfula

### Old Palace

Emily Marulanda

### St Philomena's

Charlotte Allen  
Gemma Blundell-Doyle  
Rebecca Goulding  
Dervla McGrath  
Zara Mezoughi  
Siobhan Osagie  
Deandra Prince  
Humaira Prince  
Lauryn Thorpe  
Annie Vella  
Sarah Watts

### The John Fisher School

Joshua Berkeley-Agyepong  
Joseph De Zoysa  
Nile Dotting  
Eoin Doyle  
Sean Goswell  
Joshua Joseph  
Patrick Melody  
Antonio Modeste  
Onyebuchukwu Muoghalu  
Ethan Pentycross  
Karl Ramos

### The London Oratory

Charles Desa  
Joseph Oyeyinka

### Thomas More

Osa Ojo-Osagie  
Chloe Rudland

### Ursuline High School

Martha Reynolds

### Virgo Fidelis

Kiaramarie Reynolds

### Wallington Girls

Louise Fernandes

### Wilson's

Samuel Moody

**THE YEAR 6 PRIZE WINNERS WERE:-**

**Book prizes:** Lorna Behan, Patrick Melody, Immanuel Opong-Mills, Siobhan Osagie and Rory Taylor

**Sportmanship:** Viktoria Bukaczewska

**Music Award:** Charles Desa                      **Perseverance:** Sophie Dowd

**Headteacher's Award:** Eoin Doyle and Louise Fernandes

Congratulations to our outgoing Year 6 children on some excellent provisional SATs results which suggest:-

	Level 4	Level 5
English:	88.3%	60%
Maths:	91.7%	55%

If confirmed, these are very good results, particularly at Level 5. Well done to all the children concerned.

Thank you to all Year 6's who donated books to our school on leaving. Book plates marking their donations have been placed in the books that will serve as an ongoing mark of your time here. You may be surprised but book donations made by Miss Eaton and one by Miss McGrath when they left Year 6 can still be found in the library – albeit “well thumbed” by now.

**We also say farewell to Miss McGrath** and wish her well in her future endeavours. Whilst she has only been with us over two academic years she will be missed. We thank her for her contributions to the life of the school during her time with us. **Mr Allen** also retires at the end of term. We also wish him luck but are pleased to report that it is not a final goodbye as he has agreed to return next term one day a week to provide cover in the infants during staff release time so his musical talents will not be lost. We will look forward to this ongoing contact.

***N.B. AFTER SCHOOL CLUB** - Please note the number of the after school club (Mrs Shakespeare) is 07931 200097*

#### **SCHOOL UNIFORM NOTE**

We are proud of our uniform which often brings praise on the children. Please make sure your child returns to school in September properly attired and conforming to our complete requirements including haircuts etc. If you choose to have your children's hair cut very short please time this so on the return to school it has grown back sufficiently to meet school requirements of no less than a No. 3. Girls should have hair extensions etc. removed before their return.

**CURRENT YEAR 5** – please note you are still required even though it is your final year next year to meet the school dress code so please make sure you are equipped to comply for the full year. No relaxation to the code is given in the summer term.

Parents are requested to make sure uniform includes appropriate PE kit and that shoes are shoes and **NOT** trainers. Co-operation by the vast majority of parents in regard to uniform is much appreciated, for a minority it is time consuming to take up individual breaches of the code and it can result in an element of confrontation so please avoid this.

**HOLIDAY WORKS:** Some minor works will be taking place in the school over the break and I will report on these on our return.

**SUMMER FOOTBALL SCHOOL TEAM 2010/2011 SEASON REVIEW** – Arthur Green has kindly produced a very full end of season report which can be viewed by checking on the “Football Report Tab” on the school's website. Thank you again to

**Friends Association Day Trips:-** If you would still like to book places on one of the holiday day trips being organised by the Friends Association to:-

Littlehampton on 26<sup>th</sup> July, Hastings 28<sup>th</sup> July, Eastbourne 2<sup>nd</sup> August and Margate 30<sup>th</sup> August  
Please telephone Juliet Goulding on 07956 317428 for more information.



We hope we all experience some summer weather and at least we all come back with batteries recharged and good humour having enjoyed a little R&R.

School reopens on: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September Years 1 to 5 (N.B. Nursery and Reception have been advised re starting arrangements.)

*We wish all families a very happy holiday wherever it may be.*

*Have a good break.*