



St. James The Great



ROMAN CATHOLIC (VA) PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER



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With only a little over two weeks to go until the end of term, the Christmas spirit really starts to appear. The Christmas tree is now in place and decorated and I must offer many thanks to the team of staff who gave up last Friday evening to get the school's Christmas decorations up as December started. The look on the children's faces as they reached their classrooms makes it all worthwhile. Thank you to those of you who have responded to the circular we issued asking you to register with the giving machine website on www.thegivingmachine.co.uk. If you are likely to make any online purchases please take the time to register. You will see that there are over 200 stores currently listed with many well known national stores. Having registered, if you enter these sites via the giving machine website then at no cost to you the school will receive a percentage donation of what you spend. Even small amounts soon add up if enough people support us – friends, relatives, etc. Amazon, for example, currently gives us 3.5% on purchases.

Whilst you are logged on please also look at the www.croydon.gov.uk/yourparks site and cast your vote for the park you would support to receive funding for improvements. As a school we are supporting Thornton Heath Recreation Ground which, as our local park, we feel really deserves development for the benefit of all of us. Please cast your vote and hopefully for the Recreation Ground.

DO NOT FORGET – PLEASE ALSO SUPPORT THIS COMING SUNDAY'S FRIENDS ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS FAYRE – 12-4 PM. This is a good afternoon with a range of food being available should you wish to take the opportunity to have lunch whilst visiting the Fayre. Thank you to all parents who supported our non-uniform allocated day for bottles last week. This Friday we are doing the same but this time for cakes and chocolate bars. Whilst there are nominated days we will accept donations at anytime via the school office. Please give whatever support you can – and be there Sunday.

BOOK FAIR – THIS WEEK

Our Christmas Book Fair is well underway. Please note that whilst children have had a look at the Fair and indicated books they would like to purchase there is no obligation to do so. The commission we receive from the Fair will support the provision of additional book resources throughout the school – so do support the Fair if you are able. Why not browse the excellent book selection between 3 and 4 pm today, 9 and 9.30 am or 3 to 4 pm tomorrow – the last day for orders.

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE

Due to organisational arrangements it has become necessary to switch round the Nursery and main School Christmas dinner days. These will now be as follows:-

TUESDAY 15th DECEMBER:

Whole school Christmas dinner day – non-uniform day

WEDNESDAY 16th DECEMBER:

Nursery Christmas dinner day



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FRIENDS ASSOCIATION FIREWORKS NIGHT

The feedback from this event has been very positive and was clearly a great spectacle (see the school website: www.stjamesthegreat.org to view photographs of the event). Whilst the weather was not great the tremendous support you gave made the evening a great success. There was a slight delay in getting the display started but plans are already underway for next year and a new ignition system will hopefully alleviate any delays. Well done to all involved. The event raised in excess of £750.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Quiz Club Teams:-

Team A: Henry Barrington, Louise Fernandes, Joseph Rinson and Rahul Rodrigues
Team B: Samuel Dinssa, Elliott Fernandes, Mark McAulay and Saskia Poulter

Both teams did us proud against six other teams and demonstrated a lot of general knowledge. It was a close run thing with Team B being narrowly pipped into 2nd place by just 4 points. We will enter again next year and look forward to the Science Quiz later in the year. Thanks to Sheila Williams and her team for once again providing excellent refreshments for the event.

Please note the remaining end of term dates as follows:-

Monday 7th December: Christmas Concert – 2 pm (open)
Tuesday 8th December: Christmas Concert – 7 pm (ticketed event only)
Wednesday 9th December: Christmas Concert – 7 pm (ticketed event only)
Friday 11th December: Nursery Concert – 10 am (open)
Monday 14th December: Carol Service at St Andrew's – 7.30 pm
Thursday 17th December: Class Christmas Party Day
Nursery closes for Christmas Break
Friday 18th December: Final Assembly – 9.45 am (open)
School closes for Christmas Break at 2 pm

CLASS 5.1 ASSEMBLY DATE CHANGE

Please note it has been necessary to change the above Assembly from the scheduled date of 11th February. It will now take place on 25th February.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, BROOK ROAD, THORNTON HEATH

Next Sunday, 13th December, will be St Andrew's annual gift service day. Children are asked to donate a new toy or book (unwrapped). A representative of the Cabrini Society will be at the 9.30 am Mass to collect gifts. These go to children who are not fortunate enough to spend Christmas with their families.

DO YOU KNOW A LINOLEUM FITTER?

The school has received a donation of some high quality lino and are now looking for a fitter who will be willing to quote to lift some existing flooring and replace with the new linoleum. Please advise the school office if you know anyone who carries out this type of work.

