



St. James The Great



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NEWSLETTER



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Hopefully notification that in order to get information to parents as quickly as possible in future any urgent messages will be placed at the top of the first page of our website on www.stjamesthegreat.org. This will prove useful in the event of any future bouts of inclement weather. We will endeavour to get telephones manned or at least a message available as soon as possible but where available the website is recommended as the first port of call. We hope you will find this helpful although we do appreciate not everyone has access to the internet.

INFORMATION LETTER TO PARENTS: We would ask you to check with your children whether any letters have been sent home. We are receiving an increasing number of requests from parents for copies of correspondence sent home. Whilst this may seem a small matter it creates a number of issues, not least administrative time and copying costs. There is now an issue for the school in managing photocopying costs which have risen considerably over the year to an unsustainable level. Please help us by keeping such requests to an absolute minimum. Some schools have taken the view that they will levy charges for such duplicate copies. Our school charging policy is kept under review and it would be a shame if this became a formal necessity.

SCHOOL COACH: I am pleased to report

DATE CHANGE – CATHOLIC SCHOOLS’ CROSS COUNTRY: This event is held at the John Fisher playing fields and unfortunately the original date scheduled fell on their Founders Day. The event will, therefore, now take place on 22nd March, please amend your date list accordingly. Apologies for any inconvenience but this is outside of our control.

FRIENDS ASSOCIATION: Thanks for the hard work undertaken by committee members who were able to turn out last Sunday morning to sort the Association’s storage garage. This mundane, hard, but necessary, task will help as regards future events. Well done to the team.

NEXT EVENT:

CHARITY ITEMS: I am pleased to confirm that a cheque has been forwarded to Afrikids in the sum of £300 representing collections taken at the end of our Christmas concerts last term. Thank you, this money goes direct so will all have a direct impact on the children of Africa. A further cheque has been forwarded to the Royal London Hospital Air Ambulance Service in the sum of £200 following the collection at the end of the Carol Service.



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As you come through to the Reception area you will note a number of certificates on the internal window to Mrs Spinks' office. Do take a look if you get a chance as these reflect your continued generosity to but a few of the charity causes you have supported over recent years. I counted a total of £1,995, in addition there have been other charities we have supported who are not represented.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY – LENTEN COLLECTION: We have registered our disappointment at the substitution of the smaller house shaped boxes for the current larger green box you will now have received for the annual collection. If you are willing for your children to support this year's collection please return the box nearer the end of term filled to whatever level you feel appropriate. Thank you for any support you can give.

Mobile Numbers

Money in envelopes please.