



St. James The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC (VA) PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

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As we progress through the summer term the news continues to be very good. We were reassessed for the ICT Mark we hold and it was confirmed that we again met the standards for reaccreditation. Thanks are due to Mrs Cefai for her work on preparing us for the assessment. Our success was also well supported by the many of you who returned the ICT questionnaire sent out recently and through meetings held by the assessor with governors, staff, parents and pupils all of whom impressed him greatly. Thanks, therefore, to everyone for such a great team effort. This was followed by a visit from the Education Welfare Officer undertaking a register check. Again we were complimented on the management of this area and I would record appreciation to Mrs Stock for her work in maintaining attendance and punctuality records to such a high standard. The EWO was particularly impressed with our punctuality statistics and made comment on the fact that as a school we saw this as an expectation rather than something achieved through incentives. Over the past week I have been taking particular note of pupil arrival times and it has been good to see the vast majority of children on the playground in time for the morning whistle. I am sure this is down to the considerable efforts parents make to get their children to school on time and I would thank you all for your continued efforts in this regard. Hopefully the 9.15 am start time helps a little!

MORE GOOD NEWS ITEMS

FOOTBALL AND NETBALL

The Catholic Schools' Football and Netball Tournament went off as planned. Our teams performed very well with the footballers reaching the Semi Finals. I have also just received two football trophies:-

1. Primary School League Winners.
2. Five-a-side runners up (Girls).

Well done to all members of these teams.

We also took part in the recent Kwik Cricket Tournament at Whitgift School thanks to Mrs Berkeley-Agyepong's continued drive to provide our children with as many sporting opportunities as possible.

QUIZ CLUB

Well done to Michael Dolan, Sharon Anand Rajmohan, Hugo Pludowski and special thanks to our late substitute due to the illness of the original team member, Louise Fernandes. Our team were impressive runners up in this regional heat. We have been advised that as the highest scoring runners up we are through to the next round on Saturday 28th June. Good luck to the team.



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SCHOOL REUNION CLASS OF 2001

A group of past pupils from 2001/2002 Year 6 classes are holding a reunion at St James the Great School between 4 and 8 pm on Sunday 25th May. At present about 50 are planning to attend but if you know anyone who was in these classes at St James the Great School at this time please let them know they would be very welcome to attend.

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL VISIT UKSA –NEXT WEEK

We wish the 58 children on this visit a fabulous week. We hope the weather will be kind to them. Thanks to the following staff who are accompanying the children: Mrs Murphy, Mrs Berkeley-Agyepong, Mr Kenny, Mr Stapleton, Mrs Marchant, Miss Sweeney and Mrs Barrington – no doubt they will be ready for their half term break!

HALF TERM BREAK

Please note school closes at normal time, 3.30 pm, on Friday 23rd May.

Monday 2nd June is an In-service Training Day so school will be closed. We will re-open, therefore, on:

TUESDAY 3RD JUNE 2008

ALLERGIES AND DIETARY NEEDS

Please let the kitchen staff know if your child suffers from any allergies or has any special dietary needs and introduce your child to them. If your child has grown out of any allergies previously notified to us please let the office staff know.

FRIENDS ASSOCIATION VISIT TO TUTANKHAMEN EXHIBITION – MONDAY 2ND JUNE 2008

This is fully booked and we hope everyone has an enjoyable day.

26TH CROYDON SCOUT GROUP 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

If you are a past member of the 26th Croydon Scout Group and would like to attend our celebration on 5th July, please ring Travis on 020 8653 3852.

INTERNET SAFETY

I am sure parents are aware of national concerns that exist in regard to children and safe use of the internet. We would draw your attention to some guidelines that have been formulated for children of all age groups which can be accessed via the link on our school website or directly at www.thinkuknow.co.uk.

BOBBY MOORE FUND

One of our Year 5 pupils, Michael Page, is taking part in a 5k run in aid of the Bobby Moore Fund (for research into bowel cancer) on 13th July. If you would like to sponsor Michael for this run the website address is www.runformooresponsorme.org/MichaelPage3. Thank you for your help.

SAFETY ISSUE

We would request parents to ensure that at the start and end of the school day that children and adults do not ride bicycles or scooters in the school grounds. Riders should dismount outside the main gates and likewise not ride their vehicles when leaving the premises until they are outside the school gates. Thank you for your co-operation in regard to this matter.

A St James the Great family are looking for before and after school childcare for 2 boys (Year 1) and (Year 3). Term-time only. Enquiries: 07933 172241.