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There have been a number of high points in the term and it is good to be able to round off the term with another. Our school has just been re-accredited for three years as a Healthy School. My thanks to Benjamin Abreo and Danita Mooney for representing our school at the award ceremony last week and special thanks to Miss Berry for all her hard work in bringing our application to a successful conclusion. As part of this process we had a full nutritional analysis of our school menu and I would thank Sheila Williams, our Catering Manageress, and her Deputy, Linda Tomlinson, for all their efforts in gaining a very good report. Their hard work sees our children well “served” and with menu adjustments will see us meet the new tougher requirements well ahead of schedule.

I am also very pleased to confirm that following recent interviews the Governors appointed Mr Les Parry to the post of Premises Manager at St James the Great. As a parent of children at the school he will be well known to many of you, not least through his persistence as our Friends Association 200 Club organiser. He takes up his post on 30th April and we look forward to welcoming him to the staff of the school for what we hope will be a long and happy association.

SCHOOL MEALS: As mentioned above I believe our school catering service is second to none. Croydon have just increased their daily meal cost to £1.75 making our £1.50 charge exceptional value not least because of the quality and variety of provision. We anticipate holding this price until September when a modest rise to £1.60 is planned. This would make a weekly cost of £8 which we hope you will continue to see as good value. We have a high level of take up which is a major factor in the level of provision we are able to make. Please continue to support this service as much as you can.

FRIENDS ASSOCIATION ICE CREAM SALES: A number of parents have asked when it is planned to recommence these sales. The Friends are keen to get underway again after Easter. However, the request for help with this in order to form a viable rota only generated 3 offers of help. Please consider offering your help which hopefully would only be a commitment for say 45 minutes at the end of the school day once a fortnight/month. Drop a note to Bridie Willis care of the school office or see her directly if you can help.

SUMMER FETE – SUNDAY 20TH MAY 2007: Our biennial Fete day rapidly approaches. The Friends Association have sent out information separately. In order to make this a success please lend whatever support you can to this event. They have set themselves a very challenging target which is only possible if everyone makes a contribution. They would still welcome books, videos, games, toys, china and glass and bric-a-brac. A real drive will start after Easter so please “gear up”.



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EASTER LITURGY: The school is gathering for an Easter Liturgy led by Year 3 tomorrow morning at 9.45 am. All are welcome. This will be reserved in the main for the Liturgy as the final certificate assembly for this term took place today.

IRISH DANCING: Children had taster sessions on eve of St Patrick's Day which they appeared to enjoy. The Conor Academy holds classes at school on Tuesday evening and at other local venues and if your child is interested please contact Bridie Willis on 020 8764 7668 for more information.

LENTEN MASS – MONDAY MORNINGS: We would record our thanks to Frs. Francis, Raj and Ignatius for celebrating these 8.15 am Masses throughout Lent. They provided a thoughtful and reflective start to each week. Some parents have indicated that an 8.30 am start would have provided a better opportunity for some families to join the celebrations. We will review this in the future.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: I must commend Year 6 for their recent leading of the Stations of the Cross at St Andrew's Church. Several parishioners commented to me afterwards on how much they had enjoyed the service. Your support was appreciated both in attending and ensuring your children arrived on time. Without doubt the real meaning of Easter came across in this service.

SPANISH CLUB: Please note that the wrong dates and times have been notified to you; the correct dates are 24/25 April to 17/18 July and the times are 8.30-9.00 am.

YEAR 4 AND 5 RESIDENTIAL VISIT 2007: This year we took the largest party ever on the Easter residential visit. We had great weather, accommodation and good food. The children clearly enjoyed themselves participating in a broad range of activities and learning to live together in their own chalets. In the main they represented their school exceptionally well and the instructors commended them at the end of the week for being good sports and participating fully in the events provided. I would like to thank the staff: Miss Berry, Mrs Faik, Mrs Grabiec, Mrs Lawless, Mrs Marchant, Mrs McGuire, Jonah Beck and Joe Anoff who made this trip both possible and enjoyable for all concerned. Well done too to all the children.

YEAR 4 AND 5 RESIDENTIAL VISIT 2008: Children in Years 3 and 4 have received information in regard to next year's residential visit. All that is required at this stage is a non-binding registration to enable us to gauge numbers and register a booking accordingly. Payments made will be refundable until the scheduled meeting in the Autumn Term.

END OF TERM: Please note school closes at 2 pm tomorrow and you are asked to ensure the prompt collection of your children. The last day of term for Nursery pupils is today.

School re-opens on Thursday 19th April and children should return in full Summer uniform.

We extend all our good wishes to everyone for a happy and holy Easter

