



St. James The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC (VA) PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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We have been pleased to see the children back and hear how much they enjoyed the visit they received from "Father Christmas". Clearly they have all been very good children over the year! To all families we extend our best wishes for a Happy New Year. Whilst the portents for 2009 may not be all good, we hope the year will go well for you all. As always we ask families to keep us advised of any significant changes in circumstances and we will support wherever we can.

FOR INFORMATION: Please find attached list of Class Masses, Prayer Services and Assemblies for this term by way of a reminder. We are very well supported by our Parishes and I am pleased to confirm that once again they have offered to celebrate an early morning Mass at 8.30 am on Tuesday's during Lent. All are welcome and we hope as many of you as possible will join us in the Music Room for these weekly celebrations starting Tuesday 3rd March.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS – VERY IMPORTANT (INCLUDING NURSERY)

You may be aware that the level of funding made available to the school by the Local Education Authority is affected by the numbers registered at the school as being entitled to free school meals. Please could I ask **all parents** entitled to free school meals including those already in receipt of this entitlement and anyone choosing not to access free meals to complete the slip at the end of the Newsletter to enable us to register entitlement. You will be entitled if either parent/guardian is in receipt of Income Support (IS), Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (IB JSA), Child Tax Credit (CTC) *provided you do not also receive Working Tax Credit and have an annual income as assessed by the Inland Revenue that does not exceed £15,575*, or a letter of support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1989.

WE ARE REQUIRED to obtain evidence of entitlement and accordingly you are asked to complete the details at the end of this Newsletter. This information is kept strictly confidential to myself and Mrs Marchant. Due to the impact of this information on school budgets I would ask you to return the slip below by Monday 12th January. Although Nursery pupils are not on site at lunchtime information about their entitlement applies in the same way and accordingly you are asked to provide this information. Thank you for your co-operation in regard to this matter.

ASH WEDNESDAY – WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

It is planned to arrange for a short service of reconciliation and distribution of Ashes to which all are welcome as follows:-

- 1.30 pm: Service in main hall for Years 3 – 6
- 2.30 pm: Service in main hall for Nursery pm, Reception and Years 1 and 2

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be given the opportunity for individual reconciliation during Lent.



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PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE

In spite of a number of children being hit by illness at the end of last term we are managing to maintain a good level of attendance and I thank parents for their efforts in this regard. Observations have also shown that the vast majority of children arrive to school on time, which is essential for a good start to their day. With luck we may avoid a flu pandemic and this good record will be maintained. Thank you again for your efforts in this regard. Likewise we are seeing fewer requests for leave of absence in term time which you are aware can only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

SCHOOL CD

Please note a number of you have not yet exchanged the faulty CD issued last term. Please send it into the office to obtain a replacement as soon as possible. There is a final opportunity to order a CD by completing the slip at the end of this Newsletter. CDs cost £8.50 each or two for £16 (any additional CDs £8 each).

FRIENDS ASSOCIATION – FETE YEAR

This year sees our biennial school Fete. Our Association has an uphill struggle to try and meet the target achieved two years ago but I know you will do what you can to “lend a hand”. Watch for separate information regarding this event.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES LIST

Please find the current list of information regarding these activities. We hope to add a Chess Club to this later in the term and will be looking to reinstate the Drama Club as soon as possible.

KEEP FIT OPPORTUNITY

Why not keep your New Year’s resolution to get fit by joining Lizzie’s Keep Fit Class starting again next Monday 12th January? This provides good exercise for beginners and the more experienced in a social atmosphere and is open to both ladies and gentlemen. It is inexpensive at £3.50 per session payable on the night. Why not put 7-8 pm on Mondays in your diary and join in?

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Free School Meal Entitlement

Child’s Name: Class:

I confirm that my child has an entitlement to free school meals as we are in receipt of:-

Income Support/Income Based Job Seekers Allowance/Child Tax Credit/Immigration Support. *Please circle as appropriate*

Ref No. for the above benefit:

Signed: (Parent/Guardian)

School CD

Child’s Name: Class:

I wish to order _____ CD(s) and enclose £_____ in full payment.

Signed: (Parent/Guardian)

Extra Curricular Activities 2008-09

Day	Time	Activity	Venue		
Monday	8.30-9.00 am	Yr 6 ICT (DS)	ICT Suite	<u>Spring Term</u>	
	12.30-1.00pm	Bible Study	Class 2.2		
	3.05 pm	School Council (MBA)	Class 6.2		
	3.30-4.30 pm	KS1 PE Club	Field (Summer)		
	3.30-4.30 pm	Reception and Year 1 Dance (NC)			
	3.40-7.40 pm	Keyboard	Music Room		
	4.30-6.30 pm	Gym	Hall		
Tuesday	8.30-9.00 am	Newspaper Club (EJ)	ICT Suite		Y5 Dance Infant Dance KS1 and KS2 Music Festival
	12.30-1.00 pm	Year 5 Recorder (JA)	Class 1.2		
	3.35-4.05 pm	Year 4 ICT (DS)	ICT Suite		
	3.45-4.45 pm	Football (CB) Yrs 3,4,5&6	Field		
	3.45-4.45 pm	French (LOB) – Yrs 5&6	Class R1		
	3.45-4.45 pm	Yr 5 Dance Festival (Spring Term)(MBA)	Hall		
		4.45-5.45 pm	Gym Club	Hall	
		4.40-7.40 pm	Keyboard	Music Room	
	6.30-8.30 pm	Irish Dancing	Hall		
Wednesday	8.30-9.00 am	KS1 Dance (Spring Term)	Hall	<u>Summer Term</u>	
	8.30-9.00 am	Yr 5 ICT (DS)	ICT Suite		
	4.40-7.40 pm	Keyboard	Music Room		
	3.30-8.00 pm	Gym	Hall		
Thursday	8.30-9.00 am	Yr 4 Recorder (SF)	Oratory		Athletics Art Club KS1 Drama and ICT to be advised
	8.30-9.00 am	Yr 3 ICT (DS)	ICT Suite		
	8.30-9.00 am	First Aid (DL)	Class 5.1		
	8.30-9.00 am	Yr 6 Tennis – Summer Term	Outside		
	3.45-4.30 pm	Spanish Club (TOC)	Class 5.2		
	3.35-4.45 pm	Tennis Club	Hall/Outside		
	7.00-8.30 pm	Cubs (DL)	Hall		
Friday	8.30-9.00 am	Junior Choir (RW/EJ)	Hall	Gifted and Talented	
	9.15-9.45 am	Chamber Choir (RW)	Hall		
	12.30-1.00 pm	Year 6 Recorder (JA)	Class 1.2		
	3.30-4.30 pm	Netball (MBA)	Hall		
	3.45-7.30 pm	Italian Club	Class 6.1		
	5.00-6.15 pm	Rainbows	Hall		
	6.30-8.00 pm	Brownies	Hall		
Saturday	9.30-12.00 pm Till 2 pm	Gym If noted in the diary	Hall		
	9.45-12 noon	Football	Field		

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Class Assembly, Prayer Service and Mass Schedule – Spring Term 2009

Class	Thursday Assembly – 3.05 pm	Prayer Service –Thursday at 9.45 am in The Oratory followed by refreshments in the Meeting Room	10 o'clock Parish Mass
R1		19 th March 2009	
R2		12 th March 2009	
1.1		2 nd April 2009	
1.2		12 th February 2009	
2.1	12 th February 2009	29 th January 2009	Monday 12 th January 2009 – St Andrew's
2.2	22 nd January 2009		Monday 12 th January 2009 – St Bartholomew's
3.1	12 th March 2009	26 th March 2009	
3.2	26 th March 2009		
4.1	19 th March 2009		
4.2	29 th January 2009		
5.1	15 th January 2009	26 th February 2009	Wednesday 28 th January 2009 – St Andrew's
5.2	5 th February 2009	5 th March 2009	Wednesday 28 th January 2009 – St Bartholomew's
6.1		22 nd January 2009	
6.2		15 th January 2009	

Please note classes will be attending the parish Masses listed above as part of the normal congregation, not in a lead capacity. All are welcome to the above celebrations. It may be necessary on occasions to change dates of attendance subject to parish commitments, e.g. requiem Masses.