



St. James The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC (VA) PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER



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With the first week under our belts, it is pleasing to note how quickly the children have got back into the swing of things. It has been interesting to see the postcards from near and far that the children have sent to their classes over the summer – some of which are still arriving daily. All seem to have enjoyed the summer break and have got much from sharing their cards in class. We plan to display them in due course and hopefully you will take the opportunity to view them.

Last Friday's assembly saw us issue to all Year 6 pupils a complimentary school tie, a variation on the current design, but in keeping with our school uniform. We expect them to wear this with pride in their final year, in the knowledge that the right to wear it can be withdrawn as a sanction if appropriate. We hope to establish this presentation as an annual tradition.

Our Reception children started their full time attendance on Monday and were very impressive taking school lunches for the first time. They ate very well and appeared to enjoy being "so special". I must commend Mrs Williams and her team for all their hard work in providing such excellent lunches. Our school catering service is second to none and I very much hope the children will support it as much as possible to secure its continuance at such a good standard. A copy of the current Menu is attached for your information. Please note that, as previously advised, the current cost of a school meal is £1.60.

I would also like to thank Les Parry and his cleaning team for all their work over the summer break that has seen us return to a "spic and span" school. I must also thank all parents for ensuring children returned fully equipped and uniformed. They all look very smart and ready for the year's work ahead. We would ask you to ensure all uniform is clearly labelled so that children can identify their own clothing. I am confident that with our very strong staff team the prospects for an excellent year are very promising.

DRESS CODE – HAIRCUTS

I would ask parents to always ensure that haircuts are monitored to make sure they comply with length, plain cuts etc. in order to avoid any conflict with the school on this issue. For the vast majority of parents this never presents a problem so breaches of the code will be taken very seriously.

CAN YOU HELP

- 1. READING HELPERS:** If you can offer one or two hours a week to help support children with their reading please let Miss Hass know directly or via the school office. We can never have too much help of this kind so please consider putting your name forward.
- 2. GARDENING CLUB:** This Club has to some extent been a victim of its own success. You will have noted, no doubt, the cultivation being undertaken in the area behind the kitchen. This has reached a point where Mrs Minards would greatly appreciate some offers of help of labour and support – green fingers not necessary!! Contact Mrs Minards if interested without obligation.



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CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Please find attached to this newsletter a copy of a recent pastoral letter from the Bishop's Conference on Catholic Schools for your information.

This can be accessed on the web at <http://www.catholic-ew.org.uk/cn/07/070903a.htm>

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH THE ROSARY AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

I would draw your attention to this day of prayer and reflection at St Andrew's Church this Saturday 15th September 2007. All are invited to drop in for short or longer periods between 10 am and 4.30 pm.

ANNUAL SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please find attached the school calendar for the year. We will make every endeavour to stick to the published dates barring any exceptional circumstances. We will be issuing the calendar of class liturgies, Masses and assemblies with the next Newsletter.

PLEASE NOTE on the attached date list the addition of the final in-service training day for the 07/08 academic year which will take place on Friday 19th October 2007. School will be closed to pupils on this day. I would also draw your attention to the Mass for staff working in Catholic schools and Catholic staff in non-Catholic schools on Wednesday 3rd October 2007 at 4.30 pm.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR MASS

Fr Francis Moran from St Andrew's has kindly agreed to celebrate our start of school year Mass in the school hall on Friday 14th September at 2.15 pm. All are welcome.

TRIP MONIES

I am sure parents appreciate that with 480 children in the school payments are regularly received on a daily basis in the school office. Reconciling payments is dependent upon monies coming into the office in envelopes clearly marked with the child's name, class and purpose of the payment. Please avoid sending loose money into the office via children. It would be very much appreciated if the correct amount of money is placed in the envelope, as providing change is administratively burdensome. Should a payment require change this will be retained in an envelope in the school office for collection.

BOOK SHOP – CALLING ALL MUMS AND DADS

We could really do with more help running the bookshop. It runs every Monday afternoon from 1.30-3.30 pm on a rota basis (1:5 at the moment – less if we have more help). If you can help then please give your name and contact details into the office and I will contact you as soon as possible. Thank you. Natalie Parry.

26TH CROYDON SCOUT GROUP – CAR BOOT SALE

26th Croydon (St Andrew's) Scouts are holding a Car Boot Sale on Sunday 23rd September 2007 at St James the Great School. 10 am-1 pm. Cars £5.00, Vans and MPVs £7.00 if booked in advance. Ring 020 8653 1702 to book your space or come along to grab a few bargains. Refreshments will be available.

SCHOOL FETE

Many thanks to the family who recently arranged a £500 donation of sponsorship as part of matched funding for a fete stall. This has raised the final figure to £14,500 – a really excellent result.

FRIENDS ASSOCIATION FAMILY BARN DANCE – SATURDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

A family Barn Dance will be held on Saturday 29th September in the school hall. Traditional English folk music provided by Folkal Point. A caller will guide you through the dances including special dances for the children. During the break a display of traditional Irish step dancing will be provided by the Conor Academy. Ticket prices £5 per adult and £3 per child including a Ploughman's Supper.

NOTE FROM ST ANDREW'S CHURCH SOCIAL CLUB

You are cordially invited to a Barn Dance at St Andrew's Church Hall, Quadrant Road, Thornton Heath on Saturday 15th September 2007 from 7.30 pm to 11.00 pm. Tickets at the door are £6 per adult and £3 per child. A bar is available and food is on sale. All proceeds to the parish.

THANK YOU: Many thanks to those of you who were able to donate uniform items for children in Ghana. These were very much appreciated.

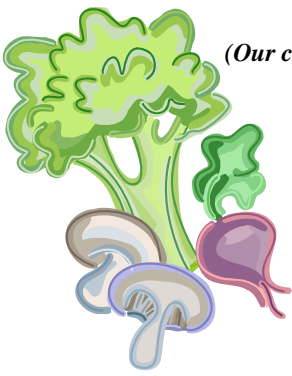
Date List 2007/2008

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday 3 rd September		<i>In-Service Training Day – School Closed</i>
Tuesday 4 th September		School Re-opens
Friday 14 th September	2.15 pm	Whole School Mass
Wednesday 3 rd October	4.30 pm	Catholic Schools' Staff Mass – Coloma
Monday 8 th October		Open Evening Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2 only)
Thursday 11 th October		Year 3 CAFOD Harvest Lunch
Monday 15 th October		Open Evening Key Stage 2
Thursday 18 th October	2.45 pm	Harvest Assembly
	7.30 pm	School closes for Half Term Year 4&5 Residential Visit Meeting for Parents & children (Music Room)
Friday 19 th October		<i>In-Service Training Day – School Closed</i>
Monday 29 th October		School re-opens Closing date for receipt of Reception applications 2008/09
Thursday 1 st November	10:00 am 2:45 pm.	Feast Of All Saints - Mass St Andrew's Yrs 2 to 6 Non-Eucharistic Service for N to Y1
Friday 2 nd November	7 for 8 pm	Friends Association Grand Firework Display
Thursday 8 th November	10-11 am	Quiz Club area heat
Monday 26 th November		Open Evening – Reception
W/B 3 rd December		Book Fair
TBA	12-4 pm	Friends Association Christmas Craft Fayre
Monday 10 th December	2 pm	Christmas Concert – All Infants
Tuesday 11 th December	7.00 pm	Christmas Concert – All Infants
Wednesday 12 th December	7.00 pm	Christmas Concert – All Infants (Guest Night)
Friday 14 th December	am	Nursery Concert
Monday 17 th December	7:30 pm	Carol Service at St Andrew's – All Juniors
Tuesday 18 th December		Christmas Dinner Day – Nursery
Wednesday 19 th December		Christmas Dinner Day – Whole School
Thursday 20 th December		Class Christmas Party Day Nursery closes for Christmas Break
Friday 21 st December	2 pm	School closes for Christmas Break Closing date for Nursery applications 2008/09
4 th January		<i>In-Service Training Day – School Closed</i>
Monday 7 th January	9.15 am	School re-opens
Tuesday 5 th February		Open Evening – Nursery to Year 6
Thursday 7 th February		Open Evening – Nursery to Year 6
Wednesday 13 th February	7.00 pm	Yr6 UKSA Resid. Visit mting for parents&children (Music Room)
Friday 15 th February		School closes for Half Term.
Monday 25 th February		School re-opens
W/b 25 th February	a.m.	Catholic Schools' Cross Country
3 rd -7 th March		Penitential Week – Years 4, 5 and 6
Friday 7 th March	7.00 pm	Year 6 to lead Stations of the Cross – St Bartholomew's

DATE	TIME	EVENT
17-21 st March		Easter Residential Visit – Years 4 and 5
Wednesday 19 th March		Nursery closes for Easter Break
Thursday 20 th March	9.45 am 2:00 pm	All Croydon Primary Schools September 2008 admission offers. School-based Easter Liturgy led by Year 3 School closes for Easter Break
Monday 7 th April	9.15 am	School re-opens
Friday 2 nd May	1 pm	Croydon Catholic Schools Football and Netball Tournaments at Margaret Roper School
Monday 5 th May		School closed – May Day Bank Holiday
W/B 12 th May		Year 6 – SATs
19 th -23 rd May		UKSA – Year 6 Residential Visit
Friday 23 rd May		School closes for half term Break
Monday 2 nd June		<i>In-Service Day – School Closed</i>
Tuesday 3 rd June	9.15 am	School re-opens
Friday 6 th June		Catholic Schools’ Swimming Gala
Thursday 12 th June	p.m.	School Sports – field events
Saturday 14 th June		Festival of Football
Monday 16 th June	All day	Sports Day – track events
Wednesday 18 th June	a.m.	Croydon Catholic Schools’ Sports Day at St James the Great New Reception Visits
Monday 23 rd June	7.30 pm	New Nursery Parents’ Meeting
Wednesday 25 th June	7.30 pm	New Reception Visits (am and pm) Reception Parents’ Meeting
Thursday 26 th June		Open Evening – Nursery to Year 5
Thursday 3 rd July		Open Evening – Nursery to Year 5
Monday 7 th July	2 pm	School Concert
Tuesday 8 th July	7.30 pm	School Concert
Wednesday 9 th July	7.30 pm	School Concert (Guest Night)
Thursday 10 th July		Open Evening – Year 6
Saturday 12 th July (provisional)		Friends Association Family Disco
Monday 14 th July	7.30 pm	Leavers’ Mass – St Andrew’s
Tuesday 15 th July	4:00 pm	Leavers’ Barbecue
Wednesday 16 th July	1.45 pm	Children to new classes – incl. new children until 2:30 pm
Thursday 17 th July	10 am	Leavers’ Assembly Nursery closes for Summer Break
Friday 19 th July	10 am 2 pm	Final Assembly School closes for Summer Break
Monday 21 st July		<i>In-Service Day – School Closed</i>
Monday 1 st September		<i>In-Service Training Day – School Closed</i>
Tuesday 2 nd September		School re-opens

**ST JAMES THE GREAT RC (VA) PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL
MENU**

(Our comprehensive Menu has been designed to meet nutritional guidelines for school meals)



WEEK ONE					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Dishes	Chicken Curry Cod Fillet Fish Fingers Vegetable Pasta (V)	BBQ Chicken Vegetable Stir Fry(V)	Beef Bolognaise Steamed Salmon Fillets Vegetable Goulash(V)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza(V) Meat Lasagne	Locally produced Pork Sausage with Roll Fish Fillet Salad Rolls (V) Jacket Potatoes with either beans, cheese or sweetcorn Steak Chips
Starchy Dishes	New Potatoes Basmati Rice	New Potatoes Tortilla Wrap	Spaghetti Jacket Potato	Mash Potato Vegetable Rice	
Daily Selection Salad Bar Options and Fresh Baked Bread					
Vegetables	Selection of Mixed Vegetables	Sweetcorn Broccoli Florets	Peas Baby Carrots	French Beans Sweetcorn	
Daily Selection of Fresh Fruits, Yoghurts and Cheeses					
Fruit and Desserts	Fruit Salad	Apple & Plum Crumble Custard	Fruit Jelly	Ice Cream with a Hot Chocolate Sauce	Fruit Muffin Cookie Fruit Kebabs Smoothie
WEEK TWO					
Main Dishes	Pork Meatballs in Gravy Wholewheat Pasta and Tuna Salad Cauliflower Gratin(V)	Chilli Con Carne Vegetable Pizza (V)	Roast Turkey, Beef or Lamb Hot Herb & Tomato Wholewheat Pasta (V)	Chicken Kebabs Vegetable Curry (V) Selection of cold meats	Locally produced Beef Burger in Bap Seafood Pasta Salad Rolls Jacket Potatoes with either beans, cheese or sweetcorn Steak Chips
Starchy Dishes	New Potatoes Basmati Rice	Rice Jacket Potatoes	Roast Potatoes Tortilla	Wholemeal Pitta Couscous	
Daily Selection of Breads, Salad Bar Options and Fresh Baked Bread					
Vegetables	Country Vegetables Peas	Baked Beans Coleslaw	Cabbage Julienne Carrots	Mixed Salad Sweetcorn	
Daily Selection of Fresh Fruits, Yoghurts and Cheeses					
Fruit and Desserts	Peach Slices in Juice	Pineapple & Apple Sponge Cake with Custard	Rice Pudding with Dried Fruits	Mandarins & Ice Cream	Fruit Cake Shortbread Fruit Kebabs Smoothie
WEEK THREE					
Main Dishes	Ham & Pineapple Pizza Vegetable Chilli (V)	Chicken Drumsticks Mackerel Pasta Salad/ Vegetable Lasagne (V)	Shepherd's Pie Vegetable & Cheese Quicke (V) Chicken Fillets	Cod Fillet Fish Fingers Chicken or Vegetable (V) Sweet & Sour	Sausage Roll/ Cornish Pasty Cheese or Vegetable Lattice Salad Rolls Jacket Potatoes with either beans, cheese or sweetcorn Steak Chips
Starchy Dishes	Couscous Jacket Potatoes	New Potatoes Tortilla Wrap	Mash Potato Pasta	Noodles Rice	
Daily Selection of Breads, Salad Bar Options and Fresh Baked Bread					
Vegetables	Coleslaw Sweetcorn	Peas Farmhouse Vegetables	Sliced Carrots Green Beans	Sweetcorn Roast Vegetables	
Daily Selection of Fresh Fruits, Yoghurts and Cheeses					
Fruit and Desserts	Greek Yoghurt and Pears	Chocolate Sponge and Chocolate Sauce	Orange Jelly	Apple Cake and Custard	Ice Cream Brick Oat Cookies Fruit Kebabs Smoothie

N.B. Special Diets will always be catered for.

June 2007

* Seasonal produce and products will be incorporated into the Menu when available.

* On occasions hot chocolate and soup will be available at mid morning break along with fruit sales and milk.

Salad Bar Selections

(Available to all children daily are a selection of breads including freshly baked on premises.)

Tomatoes

Cucumber

Lettuce

Beetroot

Pickled Cabbage

Gherkins

Olives

Cold Pasta

Brown Rice

Couscous

Mixed Bean Salads

Dried Fruit and Seeds

Coleslaw

Eggs

Carrots

Onions

Croutons