

**W**ith two terms of the academic year completed we look forward to our usual programme of Summer Term events with the added wish that they may be blessed with some fine weather. In wishing you all a Happy Easter we hope that we will see some sunny weather over the holiday period not least for our Year 4 and 5 children and staff travelling to Westward Ho! for the week after Easter Sunday. Our two Stations of the Cross Services at St Andrew's and St Bartholomew's provided fitting reflections on the spirituality of the Easter Season and I would thank the children, parents and staff for supporting these in such good numbers.

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#### **CROSS COUNTRY**

Congratulations to:-

#### **Year 3**

Lauren Byrne	Phillippa James
Conor Clarke	Becky McGowan
Hannah Cobb	Thomas McKeown
Jason Crowe	Liam Melody
James Diffley	Michaela Newsome

#### **Year 4**

Diarmuid Collins	Alexander Love
Steven Dodd	Liam McCready
Ony Egole	Ross O'Brien
Sam Elliott	Robert Pollock
Grace Humphreys	Christian Redmond
Megan Humphreys	Sean Rooney
Jordan Liard	Rhian Steadman
Adrian Lemince	Ego Uche

#### **Year 5**

Sarah Clarke McDermott	Michael McNama
Roxcy Clotley	Yolanda Newsome

Mathew Edgerton	Chinelo Uche
Osi Egole	Joseph Wentworth
Carl Goppy	
Manuela Marfo-Mensah	

#### **Year 6**

Adwoa Ababio	Patrick Griffin
Daniel Arnao	Chloe Humphreys
Alex Baker	Paul Johnson
Gemma Barry	Tommy Kavanagh
Gemma Brennan	Karis Martin
Joseph Campbell	Morwenna O'Brien
Fionnuala Collins	Matthew Payen
Martin Dalgado	Maria Sweeney
Ulderic D'Gama	

for their participation in the Croydon Catholic Schools Cross Country Competition. For the first time ever they brought home to St James the Great the Winners' Trophy. We will hold it with pride and attempt to retain it next year. Special thanks to Mrs Berkeley Agyepong for all her work with the team.

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#### **FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**

I never cease to be amazed at the successes achieved by this very hard working committee. Last weekend's Race Night was the most successful ever. Well supported by yourselves with in excess of 130 in attendance. The atmosphere was superb, enhanced by some very enthusiastic children who were present. A good night appeared to be had by all in addition to raising in excess of £1,100. Well done to all concerned.

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#### **PREMISES ISSUES**

Thanks are due to Reg Dodd, our Premises Manager, who is undertaking a range of tasks

at present. Most noticeable would have been seen on Race Night when the new bar area facility was used mid-way through fitting out. In addition alterations are underway in the ICT Room to accommodate a new interactive screen. We are also having work undertaken on the boot to our new coach in readiness for the residential visit after Easter. Reg is indeed a busy man and I would record the thanks of all for his efforts.

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#### **TOKEN COLLECTIONS**

Please keep them rolling in. Please save up these tokens over Easter to ensure the arrival of a bumper bundle after the break. Please enlist the help of friends and relatives in the collection – the more the merrier.

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#### **GIFT AID FORMS**

Please could we encourage parents who still have to return Gift Aid Forms to us to do so as soon as possible. Should you require a replacement form please advise the school office accordingly.

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#### **HAIR**

The school's policy regarding hairstyles is made very clear to parents at the interview of prospective parents and in the school regulations. I would remind parents that *"Hair must be of a straightforward style of even length, tidy, clear of the face and shirt collar. Peculiar, ostentatious or bizarre styles are unacceptable. Examples of unacceptable styles would include closely cropped hair, highlighted hair and lines or patterns cut into the hair. Gel and similar substances are not permitted*

*Girls, likewise, are not permitted styles that include hair extensions, beaded hair or brightly colour hair braids, scrunchies etc."*

Recently there have been cases where bad faith has been shown in this matter.

Much effort is made to ensure parents are made fully aware of the commitment they make when accepting a place at the school and it is very disappointing when our time is

wasted and the good reputation of the school is undermined by a lack of co-operation and goodwill in this matter. I would be grateful if parents would take a firm line with their children and ensure that they do not come to school with unacceptable hairstyles and thereby avoid not being allowed to remain in school and the risk of disciplinary action including possible exclusion.

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