

**W**elcome back. Hopefully everyone had a good Easter Break and has returned refreshed for the rigours of the Summer Term! I am compiling this Newsletter immediately following our return from the Easter residential visit. We have all returned on a "high" from an enjoyable week deemed by us all to have been one of the best ever. We hope to produce a "Shell Special" containing the children's views of their week so I will not pre-empt that, other than by congratulating our year four and five children on representing the school so well, for being such a superb group to be with and for being so willing to take part in everything in spite of some very "chilling" activities.

These residential visits are a highlight of our annual programme but are only possible due to the willingness of staff to give up their own time voluntarily to support the trips. I would accordingly express appreciation to Miss Church, Mr Dodd, Miss Kelsall, Mrs Lawless and Mrs Spinks for their support of this year's visit.

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#### **URGENT PLEA**

The Friends Association desperately needs helpers for a range of stalls at Sunday's Fete, particularly the tea and coffee stall. If you are able to offer to undertake say an hour's stint at some time between 11 am and 3 pm please would you either send a note to the school office or advise Stella Gumley directly.

I am confident parents appreciate the fact that the proceeds of the Fete go for the benefit of **all of your children**. Please help if you can.

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#### **TESCOS COMPUTER VOUCHERS**

This promotion is now closed for the year and we are soon to send off our order. However, we urgently need any remaining tokens you may have if we are to maximise the benefits of this scheme. Please search for and send to school any tokens you may still be holding. Thank you.

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#### **CROYDON DANCE FESTIVAL**

Well done to:

##### **Key Stage 1**

Cassi Berkeley-Agyepong  
Helen Brooker  
Michaela Byrne  
Monica Convill  
Lauren Da Silva  
Julia Darko-Adjei  
Alessandra Davoli  
Rachel Desa  
Kimberley D'Gama  
Kerry Gumley  
Jordan James  
Ciara Jones  
Sean Lopeman  
Arianna Lucia  
Raven Monfries  
Jessica Quagraine  
Kelly Spillane  
Danielle St Croix  
Ryan Sterling  
Caitlin Turner

##### **Key Stage 2**

Kanisha Abrams  
Sarah Clarke-McDermott  
Karen Crowe  
Marie Da Silva  
Stacey Da Silva  
Ciara Griffin  
Emma Johnson  
Ryan Lawlor  
Yasmin Lodrick  
Emily Marchant  
Manuela Marfo-Mensah  
Jessica McGowan  
Ciara McKeown  
Michael McNama  
Yolanda Newsome  
Suzanne Ohene-Djan  
Natalie Seymour  
Olivia Strevens  
Chinelo Uche  
Hannah Walsh  
Lauren Walsh  
Natalie Zeno  
April Zoil

who represented the school at the recent Dance Festival. Our Infant and Junior performances were highlights of the show. The children

worked very hard and for those of you who did not see their performances you will have an opportunity to do so when they dance at our Summer Fete. **Don't miss them.** Very grateful thanks to Mrs Berkeley-Agyepong, Mrs Dixon and Mrs Forward for all the work they undertook with the children to achieve such a high standard.

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#### **INTERNET USERS**

[www.friendsreunited.co.uk](http://www.friendsreunited.co.uk) is a site worth visiting if you are interested in finding out about, or renewing contacts, from your old Primary and Secondary Schools. If you are aware of past pupils from St James the Great please encourage them to add their names to the register of our school. This will be helpful for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. There is no charge to register unless you wish to add extended details in which case a nominal charge of £5 is requested by the site. Do give the site a visit.

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**ST JAMES THE GREAT SCHOOL  
25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS  
SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 2001  
ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

As this date gets closer it would seem appropriate to formulate a small committee to co-ordinate the celebrations. If you are able and willing to lend a hand with this one off event by joining an organising committee please complete the slip at the end of this Newsletter and return it to school by half term. You will then be contacted about an initial committee meeting to get the "ball rolling".

All past pupils held on our records and their families have now been sent a letter regarding the celebrations and the proposed Chapel project. Families currently in the school will receive the same information within the next 10 days. I apologise if you have had older children who have already left St James the Great and accordingly receive a second mail shot but it is much less time consuming to blanket mail rather than try to sort out possible duplications. It is also hopefully better to receive two rather than

no communications. Apologies nonetheless. Please let the office have details of any past pupils, staff or Governors with whom you may still have contact in case we may not yet have their details. Just drop the details down on a note and hand in at the school office. Our initial mail shot, whilst proving successful, has produced some returned letters from people who have moved away from the address we had on record. Attached to this Newsletter is a list of the family name and road to which we issued the communication. Please advise us if you have a newer address for these families in order that we can make sure they are not left out.

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#### **FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL**

Congratulations to team members: Daniel Arnao, Alex Baker, Damien Crowe, Martin Dalgado, Jake Hart, Paul Johnson and Tommy Kavanagh for their participation in the Croydon Five-a-Side Tournament at Monks Orchard on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April. They put up a spirited challenge but were lacking necessary goals on the day.

Well done to our girls: Jorden Berkeley, Sarah Cobb, Fionnuala Collins, Emily Cotzias, Sinead Flannery, Chloe Madigan, Emily Marchant and Morwenna O'Brien on reaching the quarter finals of the Croydon Girls Five-a-Side Tournament defeated in the end by a penalty shoot out.

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#### **CATHOLIC FOOTBALL AND NETBALL**

Good luck to our teams in the Catholic Football and Netball Tournaments on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2001 to be held at Margaret Roper School.

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#### **FETE UPDATE – "THE COMMITTEE NEED YOU"**

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May will soon be here. D-Day for our bi-annual Fete. Thank you for all your support to date for what we are optimistic will be one of the best Fetes ever. We urgently need more:-

#### **Bottles, Bric-a-Brac, unwanted gift sets**

Remember **NON-UNIFORM DAY** in support of the Fete on **FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY** when we ask each child coming to school out of uniform to bring in either bottles or groceries.

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**POETRY COMPETITION**

Well done to those junior pupils who have been advised that their poems have been chosen for an anthology of poems to be published in November. I will notify further details of this success at a later date.

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**WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH DAY**

As part of the Anniversary Celebrations we have commissioned a whole school photograph. This will be taken on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

Please endeavour to ensure your child is at school for this photograph. A 100% attendance on this day would be marvellous.

Please note that all Nursery children will be attending the morning session only on that day.

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**BT GLOBAL CHALLENGE**

30 lucky Year Six pupils will have an opportunity to visit the BT headquarters of this event on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May including a tour around Ocean Village, Southampton following the awarding of this visit as a prize to the school. More details later.

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**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION**

**(Holyday of Obligation) – Thursday 24 May**

Nursery, Reception and years 1 and 2 will have a non-eucharistic service in the school hall at 2 pm. Children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will attend Mass in the school hall at 2.30 pm on the day. Parents are welcome to attend either or both services.

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**YEAR 5 PARENTS**

I would ask Year 5 parents to note that immediately after half term pupils in this year group will be working on the first unit of the school's EPR programme dealing with sex education.

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**BABYSITTERS' LIST**

We are compiling a new Babysitters' list. Please would you forward to the school office the names and brief details of any 14+ year olds who would like to go on this list.

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**THANK YOU – BOX TOP PROMOTION**

Thank you for your support of this promotion. I have just received a cheque for the school to the value of £69.60 for the 696 tokens redeemed – double last year's figure. I have been advised this scheme will run again next year and it will be possible to redeem any outstanding tokens from this year. So if any remain on cereal packets in the cupboard please still send them in!

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**WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK – 21<sup>ST</sup>-25<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

During last year over 50 primary schools took part in the "Walk to School" week which ran in April. The week will be from 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May this year and we hope as many of you as possible will participate.

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**25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

Name: .....

I am interested in joining a committee to co-ordinate the celebrations.

Signed: .....

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Adu Poku – Norwich Road  
Attridge – Pathfield Road  
Bartels – Bensham Grove  
Bergin – Braemar Avenue  
Birch – Norbury Avenue  
Boyle – Lakehall Road  
Bowering – Bensham Manor Road  
Brady – Grange Road  
Brennan – Bridport Road  
Bullock – Dalmeny Avenue  
Burd – Cranbrook Road  
Byrne – Beulah Crescent  
Cadermanpulle – Grange Park Road  
Casey – Leander Road  
Cassidy – Zermatt Road  
Chick – Mersham Road  
Christopher – Florida Road  
Coles – Zion Road  
Collins – Melfort Road  
Crumpton – Kensington Avenue  
De Araujo – Roseberry Avenue  
De Silva – Parchmore Road  
Dixon – Beulah Road  
Elroy – Norbury Avenue  
Escalera – Crescent Way  
Evans – Carew Road  
Fernandes - Windsor Road  
Friel – Cranbrook Road  
Ganner – Greville Avenue  
Gavin – Wavertree Road  
Gormley – Turnpike Link  
Gormley – Woodville Road  
Harold – Biggin Way  
Henessy – Richmond Road  
Horace – Livingstone Road  
Jayasuria – Dalmeny Avenue  
Jones – Biggin Way  
Kincaid – Winterbourne Road  
Kinsella – Carew Road  
Kirby – Richmond Road  
Kissoon – Howberry Road  
Knight – Bulganak Road  
Kondziela – Braemar Avenue  
Lavocah – Beulah Road  
Lea – Florida Road  
Lowe – Isham Road  
Mahoney – Newlands Road  
Martin – Lucerne Road  
Marum – Beechwood Avenue

Maynard – Whitehall Road  
McCann – Knights Hill  
McCarron – Addington Road  
McConvey – Melfort Road  
McCormack – Richmond Road  
McGourty – Leander Road  
McGurn – Norbury Avenue  
McLaughlin – Richmond Road  
McNamara – Pitt Road  
Mellon – Penrith Road  
Mizzi – Queenswood Avenue  
Montero – Grange Road  
Mulandi Cerere – Langdale Road  
O’Brien – Bensham Lane  
Odukwe – Kitchener Road  
Ofusu-Asante – Fairlands Avenue  
O’Riley – St Paul’s Road  
O’Sullivan – Grange Park Road  
Palmer – Dalmeny Avenue  
Patten – Rothesay Road  
Pereira – Springfield Drive  
Petitti – Ashley Road  
Poggio – London Road  
Ray – Eileen Road  
Rodrigues – Windsor Road  
Rowan – Brook Road  
Sackey – Fairlands Avenue  
Saubolle – Silverleigh Road  
Saunders – Northborough Road  
Scannapieco – Norbury Crescent  
Shirley – Natal Road  
Shortland – Hamilton Road  
Shoulder – Spa Hill  
Stinson – Quadrant Road  
Stubbs – Langdale Road  
Synott – St Paul’s Road  
Thuita – Oakfield Road  
Torpey – Virginia Road  
Townsend – 125 Langdale Road  
Traynor – Cranbrook Road  
Tynan – Lyndhurst Road  
Vinluan – Livingstone Road  
Walsh – Isham Road  
Warren – Dumbarton Road  
Webster-Salter – Camden Gardens  
Weller – Lakehall Gardens  
Williams – Norbury Crescent  
Wilmott – Sandfield Road  
Yots – Strathbrook Road