

**N**ewsletter No. 6 was rather a “bumper edition” although feedback suggests its more “newsy” content was appreciated. This is a difficult balance between regular issues and sufficient content. Your views on school parent communication are very much welcomed so keep your views coming either verbally or in writing.

We have reached the final Newsletter of the academic year which is, as always, typed with high and low feelings. The highs of looking forward to the summer break and on into the new academic year in addition to welcoming new staff, parents and pupils. On the low side we say farewell to staff who are moving on and to a much valued group of year six pupils, a majority of whom have been with us since Nursery for some 8 years and who now move on to 15 different secondary schools (a record number?). We say sincere thanks to all of them for their numerous contributions to the life of our school. It is very much “au revoir”, however, as we look forward to them popping in, writing or just hearing about how they are doing. We wish them all well. Year six are moving on to the following secondary schools:-

**Archbishop Tennison**

Gerard Robertson

**BTG**

Kristopher Fox

April Zoil

**Coloma Convent**

Sarah Clarke-McDermott

Marie Da Silva

Shani Fernando

Ciara Griffin

Hannah-Jayne Holmes

Jessica McGowan

Chinelo Uche

Hannah Walsh

**Croydon High School**

Olivia Strevens

**Hayes**

Natalie Walker

**Richard Challoner**

Adam Hunt

Daniel Hunt

**St Joseph's College**

Matthew Baichu

Thomas Byrne

Myles Cromwell

Adam D'Souza

Anthony Fernandes

Carl Goppy

Aaron McDonagh

Errol Quagraine

Stuart Rose

Justin Sonny

**St Philomena's**

Kanasha Abrams

Laura Boyle

Karen Crowe

Emily Marchant

Yolanda Newsome

**Tiffins (Boys)**

Stephan Li Tai Leong

**The John Fisher School**

Kiran Andradi

Rene Bangura

Gavin Da Silva

Mathew Edgerton

Thomas Ivens

Aaron King

Michael McNama

Joseph Wentworth

**The London Oratory**

Ryan Lawlor

James Stewart

Matthew Turner

**Thomas More**

Stephen Britto

Roxcy Clotney

Stacey Da Silva

Yasmin Lodrick-Osborne

Bernadette Ryan

**Trinity**  
Kiefer Fox

**Moving Away**  
Natalie Seymour

**Virgo Fidelis**

Teresa Bukaczewska  
Osinachi Egole  
Christina Grech  
Emma Johnson  
Manuela Marfo-Mensah  
Suzanne Ohene-Djan  
Lauren Walsh  
Natalie Zenao

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**BOOK TRAIL**

Croydon Libraries are again running their summer holiday Book Trail scheme (22<sup>nd</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August) which enables children to collect badges, bookmarks etc. whilst honing their reading skills during the break. St James the Great School has an excellent record of participation in Book Trail and I would ask you to encourage your child to register for Book Trail. If they read only one book they will receive a minimum of a participation certificate next term.

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**MRS CLAIRE MURPHY**

Congratulations to Mrs Murphy following her external assessment yesterday for Advanced Skills Teacher Status (AST). Mrs Murphy is the second member of our teaching staff to be awarded this accolade. This serves to confirm the excellence of the whole staff team.

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**END OF TERM HIGHLIGHTS**

The summer term is the most “active” of the year, in some respects as a result of hoped for “summery” weather. I do not think this year we can describe much of our climate in this way! However, in the main events have gone ahead and I would like to acknowledge some of the highlights.

**YEARS 4 AND 5 SUMMER CONCERTS**

These Old Time Music Evenings (with a little artistic licence) proved to be evenings of true entertainment. The children rose to the occasion with aplomb and I would congratulate them all. They appear to have enjoyed performing and I am sure got much fun doing so. Their singing and performances did us proud as did their costumes, with staff costumes running them a very close second! Parents seemed to appreciate the seating arrangements for these evenings with over 330 attending over both nights. Thanks to your generosity the charity collections at the end of these evenings raised a total of £237.30 with <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> going to Mayday Hospital’s Rupert Bear Ward and <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> going to the Confraternity of St James. Thank you again for your support. Finally, thanks to all the staff in putting the Music Hall programme together in a very restricted time period.

**JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

My faux pas in inviting parents on the second concert evening to come to school in PE kit did not result in parents taking me up on the invitation! I am pleased, however, that the children did as planned. Many commented on the staff’s jubilee T-shirts and seemed to appreciate receiving one for themselves, which I feel sure will be worn by some and provide souvenirs for others. All in all the reorganisation of the planned one day event into two as a result of the weather made for an even greater celebration. The combination of activities provided a fitting memorable celebration. The absence of bouncy castle etc. again due to weather, whilst disappointing, in no way diminished the event. My thanks to parents who joined us at the end of the day, which did not go quite as hoped – we clearly need to hone our sing-along skills or perhaps we had exhausted these talents at the Old Time Music Hall the previous evening!!

### CROYDON SPORTS

We are still waiting the detailed result of this event so apologies publication of this information will have to be held over until the new school year.

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### CATHOLIC SPORTS

Congratulations to our athletics team who held on to the Catholic Sports Trophy for the eighth year running. It was a close run thing but their determination saw them through. My thanks to Mrs Berkeley-Agyepong for her coaching expertise and, as hosts for this event, for her organisation of the morning. Thanks are also due to the parents who helped with the refreshments etc on the day.

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### SCHOOL SPORTS

Well done to the Blue Team who held on to the school trophy for the fourth successive year. The results were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> :	Blue Team:	860 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Yellow Team:	738 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Green Team:	664 points
4 <sup>th</sup> :	Red Team:	564 points

The general consensus was that this was an excellent Sports Day, greatly helped, of course, by the good weather. There was a feeling that a Monday was not a bad day to hold this event. Thanks again for the tremendous amount of parental support we received, which helped the day to run so well and also to the staff and in particular Mrs Berkeley-Agyepong who undertakes the lion's share of organisation.

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### TEAM POINT RESULTS

Well done to Blue Team (St Andrew's) this year's team points winners with 3940 points, second Yellow (St David's) with 3817, 3<sup>rd</sup> Green (St Patrick's) 3435 and 4<sup>th</sup> Red (St George's) 3310.

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### LEAVERS' MASS AND ASSEMBLY

Again our Year 6 pupils led two very fitting celebrations of their time at St James the Great and marked their departure in style. We wish them well in their secondary schools.

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### CYCLING PROFICIENCY

Congratulations to the following Year 6 pupils who recently passed their Cycling Proficiency Course (Stage 1):

Kanesha Abrams	Stephan Li Tai Leong
Matthew Baichu	Emily Marchant
Laura Boyle	Jessica McGowan
Stephen Britto	Michael McNama
Adam D'Souza	Yolanda Newsome
Gavin Da Silva	Suzanne Ohene Djan
Marie Da Silva	Gerard Robertson
Osinachi Egole	Stuart Rose
Kristopher Fox	Olivia Strevens
Carl Goppy	Natalie Walker
Adam Hunt	Hannah Walsh
Aaron King	Joseph Wentworth
Ryan Lawlor	Natalie Zenao

Congratulations to Sarah Clarke-McDermott and Karen Crowe who received test results that merited a Mayor's Certificate.

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### **NEW MENU AND HOLIDAY DATE LIST ATTACHED**

The new Menu will start on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September on week one.

In conclusion I would thank the whole staff team: teaching, classroom support, administration, catering and cleaning for all their work over the year. Likewise, thanks to the governors, parents, children, our chaplaincy teams and the two parish communities. Together we make St James the Great the thriving, vibrant and successful community it is. Well done to everyone. Enjoy a well earned break.

I and the staff would wish to record our appreciation for the many gifts and thank you cards received at the end of the year. If we have not been able to thank you personally please accept this acknowledgement of our thanks.

School closes for the summer break at 2 pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July. School re-opens for the new school year on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September for Years 1 to 6 and on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September for Reception. Nursery will have been advised separately of their start dates.

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

WEEK ONE				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pizza Cornish Pasty Tomato & Herb Pasta	Norfolk Turkey Grill Fish Sea Stars Vegetable Curry	Spaghetti Bolognaise Vegetable Savoury Roll Tuna Pasta	Fish Fingers Meat or Vegetable Lasagne Turkey Twizzler	<i>Fun Day</i>
Potato Wedges Sweetcorn Peas	Potato Waffles Baked Beans Rice	Creamed Potatoes Sweetcorn Mixed Green Salad & Coleslaw	Croquette Potatoes Spaghetti Hoops Mixed Vegetables	
Strawberry Dessert	Jelly & Ice Cream	Fruit Pie or Crumble & Custard	Iced Sponge	
WEEK TWO				
Turkey Footballers Egg & Cheese Salad Salmon Fish Cake	Shepherd's Pie Sausage Rolls Pasta Salad	Pork Sausages Sliced Cold Meat Fish Fingers	Chicken Curry Pizza Vegetable Nuggets	<i>Fun Day</i>
Sauté Potatoes Carrots Spaghetti Rings	Potato Smiles Peas Sweetcorn	Mashed Potato Baked Beans Green Beans	Chips Rice Sweetcorn	
Peaches & Cream	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce	Gypsy Tart & Cream	Vanilla Sponge with Custard	
WEEK THREE				
Savoury Meat Balls Cheese & Onion Pasty Seafood Pasta	Pizza Sea Star Vegetable Bake	Chicken Pie Lamb Grills Cheese/Tuna Ploughmans	Chilli Con Carne Fish Fingers Sausage Roll	<i>Fun Day</i>
New or Mashed Potatoes Sweetcorn Cauliflower	Smiles Baked Beans Carrots	Sauté Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Spaghetti Rings	Rice Potato Waffles Peas Sweetcorn	
Ice Cream & Hot Chocolate Sauce	Iced Sponge	Fruit & Jelly with Cream	Jam Tart & Custard	
WEEK FOUR				
Turkey Dinosaurs Vegetable Nuggets Fish Cakes	Quiche Sausages Tuna Pasta	Roast Lamb/Pork Cheese & Vegetable Bake Ravioli	Pizza Pasta Salad Cold Meat	<i>Fun Day</i>
Potato Smiles Baked Beans Sweetcorn	Chips Carrots Peas	Roast Potatoes Cabbage Sweetcorn	Waffles Spaghetti Hoops	
Fruit Salad & Ice Cream	Rice Pudding & Chocolate	Apple Crumble & Custard	Chocolate Chip Sponge with Custard or Cream	

*ALSO AVAILABLE DAILY:*

Jacket Potatoes  
Filled Pitta Bread/Sandwiches  
Fresh Mixed Salad  
Coleslaw

Cheese & Biscuits  
Fresh Fruit  
Yoghurts

Our Lasagnes, Curries, Pastas, Pies, Tarts  
Cakes and Cookies etc. are all homemade

*FUN DAY LUNCH:*

Burger in a Bun  
Hotdog in a Roll  
Fish in a Bun  
Filled Cheese/Ham Salad Rolls  
Pizza

Chips

Ice Pops  
Assorted Cakes  
Fresh Fruit  
Homemade Cookies

**(OUR MENU IS COMPLETELY BEEF AND NUT FREE!)**

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**ST JAMES THE GREAT SCHOOL, WINDSOR ROAD, THORNTON HEATH**  
**HOLIDAY DATES**

**AUTUMN TERM 2002**

OPEN: Wednesday 4 September  
OPEN: Monday 28 October

CLOSE: Monday 2 September (OCCASIONAL HOLIDAY)  
***CLOSED: Tuesday 3 September (Staff In-Service Day)***  
CLOSE: Friday 18 October (HALF TERM)  
***CLOSED: Friday 1 November (Staff In-Service Day)***  
CLOSE: Friday 20 December (CHRISTMAS)

**SPRING TERM 2003**

OPEN: Tuesday 7 January  
OPEN: Tuesday 25 February

***CLOSED: Monday 6 January (Staff In-Service Day)***  
CLOSE: Friday 14 February (HALF TERM)  
***CLOSED: Monday 24 February (Staff In-Service Day)***  
CLOSE: Thursday 17 April (EASTER)

**SUMMER TERM 2003**

OPEN: Thursday 1 May  
OPEN: Monday 2 June

***CLOSED: Monday 5 May (OCCASIONAL HOLIDAY)***  
CLOSE: Thursday 22 May (HALF TERM)  
***CLOSED: Friday 23 May (Staff In-Service Day)***  
CLOSE: Friday 18 July  
***CLOSED: Monday 21 July (Staff In-Service Day)***

**AUTUMN TERM 2003**

OPEN: Thursday 4 September  
OPEN: Monday 3 November

***CLOSED: Wednesday 3 September (Staff In-Service Day)***  
CLOSE: Friday 24 October (HALF TERM)  
CLOSE: Friday 19 December (CHRISTMAS)

**SPRING TERM 2004**

OPEN: Wednesday 7 January  
OPEN: Monday 23 February

***CLOSED: Tuesday 6 January (Staff In-Service Day)***  
CLOSE: Thursday 12 February  
***CLOSED: Friday 13 February (Staff In-Service Day)***  
CLOSE: Thursday 9 April (EASTER)

**SUMMER TERM 2004**

OPEN: Monday 26 April  
OPEN: Monday 7 June

***CLOSED: Friday 23 April (Staff In-Service Day)***  
***CLOSED: Monday 3 May (OCCASIONAL HOLIDAY)***  
CLOSE: Thursday 27 May (HALF TERM)  
***CLOSED: Friday 28 May (Staff In-Service Day)***  
CLOSE: Thursday 22 July

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**For your information:**

	<b><u>2002</u></b>	<b><u>2003</u></b>	<b><u>2004</u></b>
Good Friday	29 March	18 April	9 April
Easter Sunday	31 March	20 April	11 April
Christmas Day	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday

***FIVE STAFF IN-SERVICE DAYS PER ACADEMIC YEAR HAVE TO BE FIXED  
YOU WILL BE ADVISED OF THOSE NOT INCLUDED ABOVE AS THEY ARE AGREED***

(July 2002)