



# ST JAMES THE GREAT

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Our House Captains have launched the first of their latest initiatives, an art competition. Please encourage your children to take part.

Thank you to all of the parents who visited our exhibition of work based on our Multi Faith week. There was some excellent work on display and, hopefully, the children have a greater understanding of the world around them and their own Faith as a result as we compared elements during their learning.

Music! We have some vacancies for individual or group lessons for several instruments including flute, saxophone and violin. Please see Mrs Mowbray for more information. We also have a new piano teacher, welcome to Mikhael.

Reception paid a visit to Dulwich Picture Gallery this week as part of their learning. Their guide told them stories based around specific paintings within the gallery. Unfortunately we have no photographs as the gallery does not allow them.

Our Hockey team went to Old Palace for the Croydon Hockey Tournament and played well, but unfortunately did not progress to the next round.

Miss Cassayre ran an assembly on Times Tables Rockstars for the juniors. Some of them are lightning quick and I have agreed to take them on in a challenge in assembly on 25th February. I feel that I may need to speed up my recall before then!

Thank you to the parents from Year 5 who attended the short workshop on supporting your children's learning. A brief plea to all parents, even if your child is a fluent reader, spend a short while reading with them, check whether they really understand the book or article, discuss character motives and reading between the lines of the plot and actions. It is critical that our children are reading 20 minutes every day. See page two for a simple illustration of this that was taken from research in 1987—although it was an American study, I'm sure that the same premise holds true. More recent studies have demonstrated that conversations about interests and current affairs within households have a significant increase in success in school, as does attendance and punctuality.

Our Homework policy has been redrafted following the parent questionnaire—it is currently with staff and then will be reviewed by Governors at an upcoming meeting. I am hoping that this will be ready to be implemented by half term.

We have had some unwelcome visitors in school—head lice. Please can you check your child's hair and treat them if required! Please also ensure that girls have their hair tied back.

Dates

January

February

4th Careers Week

**5th Coffee morning with Governors for parents. 9-9.30am in the hall—All are welcome to come and have a chat.**

**INSED 15th February**

Half Term 15th—24th

March

12th and 13th Parent

Evenings

18th Values Week

29th Mothers' Day

Afternoon Tea.

April

**5th Break up 2pm**

**If you wish us to administer medicine to your child at any point, please call into the office and complete one of the forms. Thank you.**

