



# St. James The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER



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Hopefully the half term break was a relaxing break in spite of the very wet weather. We now move into the final segment of the academic year with opportunities to make use of the outside space we are so fortunate to have. The break provided an opportunity for the builders to undertake some extensive ‘snagging’ issues with our new building and we are looking forward to utilising the new resources provided. We are all very appreciative of the efforts our school Governors make to ensure the school environment is maintained to the highest possible level within limited budgets. This is in part only made possible by the generosity of parents in making their regular school fund contributions. This is greatly appreciated and not taken for granted by any of us. Thank you.

It was great news to hear how successful Luke McDowall in Class 4.1 has been in the BBC’s 500 word writing competition. 118,000 entries were received and Luke’s reached the top 50. An outstanding result Luke – well done.

### SPORTS DAY 2014

Congratulations to the Red Team, St George’s, on pipping the Green Team, St Patrick’s, to snatch a win this year by 3 points. This is their first win since 2009. Commiseration nonetheless to Green Team members who helped make it the closest result for many years. All four teams contributed to make this such a great day and well done to them all. The final results were:

1 <sup>st</sup> :	Red Team	806 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Green Team	803 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Yellow Team	723 points
4 <sup>th</sup> :	Blue Team	677 points

We were blessed with a lovely day weather-wise and a good turnout of parents gave a great feel to the whole event. Thank you for your support. I must also thank the staff for all their work which behind the scenes began some weeks ago. Well done to Miss Eaton, our PE leader, on a successful event. I must extend a special vote of thanks to our Friends Association who manned refreshments all day. I know they were kept busy. Likewise to Sheila Williams, our Catering Manageress, and her team whose picnic style lunches went down a treat. Finally, many thanks to the great group of parents, including many Dads who came to help set up before school started. It is this support that makes it all possible.



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## **SUMMER HAIRCUTS**

Please note there is no change in policy for the summer term. There are a few children who are 'sailing close to the wind' with much shorter haircuts than normal. Please maintain the length at no less than a level 3 please.

**ATTENDANCE:** Please remember to call the school office on the first day of your child's absence in order to avoid a text message being sent to you. If you are unable to phone please ensure you provide an absence note on your child's return to school. We still have some unexplained absences on record which affects your child's attendance record.

**Dentist appointments should not in a normal course of events be made during school time and parents should ensure such visits are programmed after school or during holiday periods.**

## **ST PHILOMENA'S AND JOHN FISHER OPEN EVENING FOR SEPTEMBER 2015 ENTRY**

We have been advised by St Philomena's that their Open Evening for students wishing to enter Year 7 in September 2015 will be on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 commencing at 3.30 pm and ending at approximately 8 pm. The Headteacher will address visitors at 4.30 pm, 5.30 pm and 6.30 pm and, if there is a demand, at 7.30 pm. Tours of the school will be available during the evening. Please note that access to the school is via Shorts Road entrance only and that limited parking is available on site.

Year 5 parents are invited to visit John Fisher on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July between 9 am and 10 am. You will be able to tour the school, meet with staff and students. Places are limited and as such they will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you would like to book a place please email [eenglefield@suttonlea.org](mailto:eenglefield@suttonlea.org).

## **SCHOOL MILK**

We have continued to offer the daily third of a pint of milk to children due to the good take up of this provision. This is only charged at cost but I am sure you are aware that due to price rises it is necessary to raise the cost of milk to meet the costs faced by the school. From September if your child wishes to have milk from Reception to Year 6 the cost will be £48 per year per child which can be paid in one lump sum or in four payments of £12. This can be done by cash, cheque or our preferred method of Standing Order. I regret this price rise has been necessary but this is clearly outside of our control. **FOR PARENTS ALREADY PAYING BY STANDING ORDER YOU WILL NEED TO CANCEL YOUR CURRENT ORDER WITH YOUR BANK AND COMPLETE A NEW FORM, WHICH WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE MILK ORDER FORM.**

**TREAT SHOP:** Many thanks to all of you who have made use of our weekly Treat Shop. This has raised £600 so far which, through the School Council, is being used to provide additional small play equipment for lunchtimes. Purchases so far have been made for Key Stage 2 and next term they will be concentrating on Key Stage 1.

**SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS:** This promotion has now come to an end so please forward any vouchers you may still have at home as soon as possible in order for us to include them in our order.

**READING GLASSES:** We have a collection of children's glasses in the office, if your child has lost their glasses recently you may like to check.

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**JOSEPH TUTORS:** Many of you will remember Genevieve Pillay, who was a staff member here. As a qualified teacher she is working with another teacher relative offering Literacy and Numeracy tuition on Saturday mornings from 10 – 11 am (Literacy) and 11.15 – 12 15 (Numeracy) for Year 2 aged pupils only. They charge £20 per session or both sessions for £35 with a maximum group size of 10 pupils.

This information is provided with no endorsement but if interested please contact Genevieve or Tinya directly by email on [joseph tutors1@gmail.com](mailto:joseph tutors1@gmail.com).