



St James the Great Newsletter

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February

Thursday 9th School closes for Half Term

Friday 10th February
Catholic Schools In-Service Training Day
- School Closed

Monday 20th School re-opens

23rd Curriculum Evening for parents
Rec - Y2

Tuesday 28th
Pancake Races

27th Parents Evening

March

Weds 1st Ash
Wednesday

Thurs 2nd World Book Day

Mon 6th Penitential Week

6th Parents Evening

6th Friends Association 7pm

16th Finance and Resources Governor Meeting

20th Science Week

24th Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

28th Full Governors Meeting

Reminder – school is closed for INSET as we join together with our colleagues from other Catholic Schools in the Umbrella Trust.

Letters have gone out regarding the exciting fourth plinth art competition – please ensure your child's entry is submitted to your child's class teacher by 20th February.

Lost property – please can we ask that the name labels on the children's uniform are checked and if your child has accidentally brought home something belonging to another child; please can this be returned to school asap. On a different note – a Dr Seuss book "Fox in Socks" was left in the after school club by a child and has been taken home by another one...if you find it at home, could you send it in? Thank you!

I am looking at redeveloping the homework diaries for next year, so if anyone has a good example from elsewhere, please feel free to draw it to my attention.

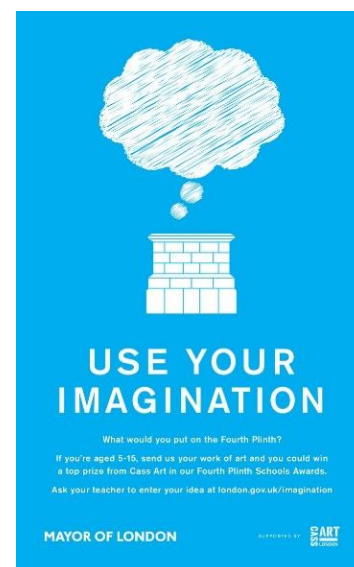
Clarification on school starting time: School is open for children from 5 past 9. The expectation is that children are in class and ready to start the day at 9.15, too frequently some children are arriving at 9.15 and then are delaying lessons starting until 9.30. Registration is at 9.15 and if the child is not in class sat ready then they are late. I am in discussions with governors regarding the school starting time and will be asking for parental views on this. I would like to consider starting at 9.00am in September, with classes being open from 8.50am for drop off. This would enable us to gain up to 2 and a half hours extra time in school each week which would help ease what is an overcrowded curriculum, help with timetabling and hopefully help working parents with commuting times.

We were visited by Chinese students from the LSU and treated to a fabulous assembly for Years 3-6. You can see some pictures and videos on twitter and below. Year 5 also had some dance workshops afterwards.

I have seen some fantastic work in school this week, I can really see the development of writing within the year groups and it is really positive!

The school also had a focus on esafety and internet awareness this week. Useful sites are ThinkUknow and <http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>

It is half term, which seems incredible! We have a long 8 week term until Easter, so use this week to recharge the children's batteries, rest and spend some time doing things as a family. There are some small building works taking place over Easter in school, there will be a new hatch in the entrance area with a view to developing the security of the school site.



April

13th Easter Liturgy
9.45

Stations of the Cross
TBC

Break up for Holidays

May

2nd Return to school

8th - 11th KS2 SATs

June*

*Please note that these dates are provisional, but I hope to have them confirmed within the next two weeks.

7th New Reception Parents visits

8th / 9th Sports Day

11th Car Boot Sale

12th Book Week

19th - 21st Croydon Schools Sports Days

28th & 29th CCS Sports

July

2nd Summer Fair

7th Reports to Parents

11th Y6 Concert

World Book Day will be upon us shortly after returning from half term, so please start thinking about your costumes...I have a plan for mine!

Team Points

	Overall	Week
St George	1506	372
St Patrick	1786	592
St David	1485	372
St Andrew	1380	321



Love

Silence
Somerset's eyes filled the air, then and unrecognizable
Allegiance of happiness torn out of the network,
Have to be replaced again.
Somerset and guide-filled elements clad the dominant air
The road, about that's covered by them, bring their previous
Heaven.

Depression
A friend, a companion, a sister,
Love to the really messy up the sea,
Conscience, like all love emotions.
An unconscious blue night.
Trapping a life, a friendship,
Caught in a distance state,
For himself, the surface.

Peace
Light blossoms from heavy clouds, pushing the horizon open, those
Shed them.
Tears broken, tears of sadness showed the something within.
Night here for its purpose,
What it does and what?
A once happy, joyful heart,
Broken, dying, destroyed.

Disorder
It's not as black as the calamity of the day,
Easier, emotion rained out of it by a vacuum of despair
In this reality? A dream? A nightmare?
All that was once valuable, common,
Humankind's had the air of a
by home

Sad, cold, heavy
Like a gigantic eye with a purpose
The bear was an odd, heavy with mixed emotions
Leaving himself more examples and engaged
THAN EVER...

The boy turned around to face the bear,
Looking like a huge, heavy, damp
sponge.

The boy was a guilty broken soul,
A sponge, like a boy, giving freedom.

The waves bounced up and down, on an emotion,
SPLASH, SPLASH, SPLASH!

The waves were a big mean of sally waves,
Crashing on the surface, like a bear
Was, damp, dead.

It was just a sea of waves, that led the bear
into collapse.

The waves were massive, but they
but only a sea of waves,
like a long sea, trapped in the depths of the sea
The waves did seem to melt,
But were still by heavy rain
and destruction.

The waves were angry, the bear, was given with grief,
like a sea of waves, that led the bear
The waves were still, but still angry.

The waves were still, but still angry,
Guilt, angry, angering out
It was green, but now oceans of green.