



# St James the Great Newsletter

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23<sup>rd</sup> March  
2018

March

27<sup>th</sup> Easter  
Bonnet  
parade  
2.45pm

28<sup>th</sup> 5.1 Prayer  
Service,  
4.1 Assembly

29<sup>th</sup> Break up at  
2 pm

16<sup>th</sup> April  
School reopens

12<sup>th</sup> May  
Catholic  
Schools'  
Football and  
Netball  
Tournament

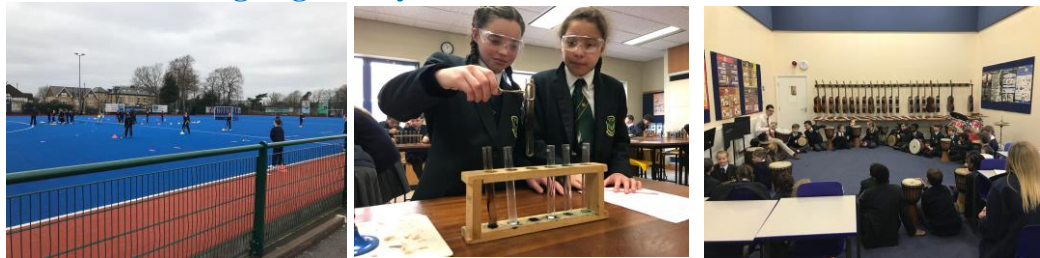
6<sup>th</sup> June Infant  
field events  
7<sup>th</sup> Junior  
events  
8<sup>th</sup> Track Sports  
Day

15<sup>th</sup> June  
Fathers' Day  
Breakfast

Catholic schools  
Sports day 27<sup>th</sup>  
June

28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> June  
Year 5 French  
Trip

This week Class 5.2 went to Whitgift School and undertook their Primary Challenge week. They experienced a wide range of curriculum subjects and had a fantastic time. Thank you to all involved in the organisation and delivery of this. Class 5.1 will be going in May.



The Lenten Masses on Fridays continued today and we have been preparing for the Easter Liturgy next Thursday. The Diocesan Director for Standards will be visiting the school on that day and has indicated that she would love to stay with us for the Liturgy.

The Governors on the Curriculum Committee met on Monday evening and discussed a range of items including: standards and progress of year groups, school dinners, staff CPD, trips and a review of homework. You can expect a questionnaire on homework after the Easter holidays.

Our sports teams have been in action again. This time they were at the London Youth Games...effectively the best 32 teams in London competing against each other. Numerous athletes and sporting stars started off their careers performing at this prestigious event. I was extremely proud of how both the netball and football teams conducted themselves on the days. Winning is great, but the manner in how you conduct yourself is even more important. The netball team has been coached by Miss Eaton & Miss Falconer – a huge thank you to both of them for their passion and enthusiasm has clearly rubbed off on the children. They performed really well and made it to the quarter finals only to be knocked out by the eventual winners after extra time. It is worth noting that they won comfortably in their semi and final, not requiring extra time in those games. The football team had a few scares in the early group games, but got into their stride and ended up as gold medallists! They only conceded 3 goals in the tournament. Well done to all of you and a massive thank you to our coach Anthony who has prepared them so well.



Thank you to Mr Cox and Mrs Lara for their help today. Year 6 have been planted a “fedge” around our forest school circle. This will grow into a wonderful living fence/hedge. Within a year we will be able to harvest new growth and use it for weaving into structures or plant new hedging or willow structures. Please can we ask that before and after school, children are kept away until it is well established!



A few parents and staff have made me aware of a website that children are playing on called Roblox. Please be aware that this can result in your child being exposed to unsavoury content or language from other online users. It will be worth you checking their site history and what has been accessed.

Despite my reminder last week, a minority of parents are being selfish and acting in a manner that reflects badly on our school community. This potentially puts our children and others at risk of harm whilst driving and parking nearby. I have had to deal with several complaints from local residents, including one who had been laughed at and verbally abused by a parent. This is entirely unacceptable and the individuals concerned will be spoken to. I have advised residents to take pictures of cars blocking driveways with a visible number plate to pass it onto the police for fines to be issued. They have my full support. Should you witness any parent acting in this manner, please notify me.

**last  
minute  
plans?**

If you are looking for a babysitter contact  
Miss Falconer at:  
[louisafalconer4@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:louisafalconer4@hotmail.co.uk)

- Has a DBS and is Pediatric first aid trained
- £10ph / £12ph after midnight

# Autumn Term 2018

**First Day for staff:** Monday 3rd September 2018

**First day for pupils**

Wednesday 5th September 2018

**Half Term:**

Monday 22nd October - Friday 26th October 2018 (inclusive)

**Last Day:** Friday 21st December 2018

**INSET Day 1:** Monday 3rd September 2018,

**INSET Day 2:** Tuesday 4th September 2018.

# Spring Term 2019

**First day for staff and students:** Monday 7th January 2019

**Half Term:**

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February 2019 (inclusive)

**Last Day:** Friday 5th April 2019

**INSET Day 3:** Friday 15th February 2019

**Good Friday:** Friday 19th April 2019

**Easter Monday:** Monday 22nd April 2019

# Summer Term 2019

**First day for staff and students:** Tuesday 23rd April 2019

**Half Term:**

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2019 (inclusive)

**Last Day for Students:** Friday 19th July 2019

**Last Day for Staff:** Tuesday 23rd July 2019

**INSET Day 4:** Monday 22nd July 2019

**INSET Day 5:** Tuesday 23rd July 2019

**Bank Holiday:** Monday 6th May 2019