



# St James the Great Newsletter

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### March

#### April

13<sup>th</sup> Easter Liturgy  
9.45

Break up for  
Holidays 2pm

#### May

2<sup>nd</sup> Return to school

8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> KS2 SATs

8<sup>th</sup> Friends  
Association Meeting  
7pm

#### June

**Reminder – the INSED initially planned for June 5<sup>th</sup> has been already used and so children should be in school on that date.**

7<sup>th</sup> New Reception  
Parents visits

8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> Sports Day

11<sup>th</sup> Car Boot Sale

12<sup>th</sup> Book Week

17<sup>th</sup> Y1 Phonics  
Screening Check

19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Croydon  
Schools Sports Days

A long Spring term has come to an end...and a much needed rest for the children and staff is here. I realise that these holiday dates have been difficult for many families, but it has long been the tradition that the school is in session for Holy Week, and the dates were set last year with this in mind, normally this isn't such an issue – only when Easter is especially early or late. The dates for next year have already been set and tie in as closely as possible with all the local secondary schools.

It has been a busy term with unplanned closures for power cuts (the remedial work is being done over Easter), with many sporting events and some great visitors into school, such as the learning dome, theatre groups and professional rugby and cricket players to supplement our curriculum, not to mention some great trips to the Globe and the Royal Opera House. We are aware that some classes have not had the same level of trips, but plans are in place for the summer term. Our outdoor areas are developing nicely thanks to Mrs Lawless, Mrs Tope and some wonderful parent volunteers. Above all, there has been some high level learning in the classrooms and the staff and children have worked incredibly hard.

The Easter Bonnet parade was a great success and we have plans to make next year even better! Thankfully, the weather remained beautiful and our plans worked out! Well done to everyone for such beautiful creations. The children have been enjoying Easter Egg Hunts and Nursery has a little visitor by the look of the picture overleaf!

Summer Uniform starts after the Easter holidays, I hope that the weather stays this lovely! There are some dates to note in terms of photographs. 18<sup>th</sup> May Year 6 photographs – some parents have suggested that they look smarter in their winter uniforms, please talk to me if you feel strongly about this. 23<sup>rd</sup> May, whole school photograph. I have reviewed the uniform policy and see no need for changes other than a slight easing on the rule regarding length of boys shaved hair as I am very aware that for some types of hair grade 3 or 4 can look messy. I will leave it to parents' discretion regarding the grading of shaved hair, but request that no designs or steps cut in that go from a 1 to what might be considered normal hair length.

Please keep collecting Sainsburys' vouchers when you are shopping and remember to send them into school to keep Miss Eaton happy.

John Cobb, a parishioner at St Andrew's, will be running the London Marathon on 23<sup>rd</sup> April to raise funds for St Mungo's, the charity for the homeless that provides a bed and support to more than 2,600 people every night. If you would like to donate to St Mungo's please go to [justgiving.com/fundraising/J-Cobb1](http://justgiving.com/fundraising/J-Cobb1)

Similarly, ex pupil Channaki DeZoysa is cycling from Glasgow to London (450miles) over Easter for Cancer Research, another very worthwhile cause. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/glasgowtolondonbybike>

24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Y5 to France

28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> CCS Sports

July

2<sup>nd</sup> Summer Fair

11<sup>th</sup> Y6 Concert 7pm

14<sup>th</sup> Y6 BBQ & Disco

Next term will see the introduction of us becoming a cashless school; we will be taking payments online increasingly, with a view to no cash payments from September. I will send out more information once we have all the systems in place and will run some drop in workshops for any parents who are unsure about how to make payments.

### Team Points

	Overall	Week
St George	4095	329
St Patrick	3529	308
St David	3206	286
St Andrew	2902	335

Thank you to all of the parents for your kind words, support and gifts to the staff, whilst not expected, they are greatly appreciated.

Finally, thank you to Year 3 for a beautiful and moving Easter Liturgy that was very thought provoking. As Catholics the Easter story is a powerful one and the pinnacle of our year. As Easter people, we are people of hope. Hope is our confidence that God will never abandon us, no matter what trials we face in this life. Hope is at the heart of our faith, and Easter marks the greatest hope for all humanity. Let the hopeful message of God's love embrace us. Easter is a day of joy, a day to celebrate. Christ is alive! Christ is risen! Alleluia!



Who's been Hopping around here?

