



St James the Great Newsletter

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9th July 2018

July

9th Yr 6

Battersea Park

10th Y2 Rookery

12th Netball
Team to BTG

Yr 6 Production

13th Yr 6 Disco

16th Reception –
Habitats in Hall

Yr 6 Leavers’
BBQ

18th Yr 6 Mass
here at 5.30 pm

20th School
finishes at 2 pm

September

5th Frist day
back for pupils

As we head towards the end of term, I always give a wry smile when people ask if we are “winding down!” The answer in short is, not remotely, school seems busier than ever.

Our Diocesan Inspection went well. I am hopeful that we will have our report in time for the end of year, but there are set time frames for these things that are out of my control. Thank you to everyone who returned their questionnaires and took time to speak with the inspectors.

The Croydon Catholic Sports Events have happened, we came 3rd in swimming, second in the junior athletics, 3rd in the infant athletics, and 2nd in the Kwik Cricket – a creditable achievement. Thank you to all the staff and parents who supported at these events and to the Friend’s Association who provided refreshments.

Our new Nursery and Reception parents and children have been in school, they all look very eager!

Year 5 had a visit from some rainforest creatures...stick insects, spiders, snakes...and more. R1 went to Mass at St Andrew’s, Year 1 and Year 6 have had trips to the Rookery.

Last week 45 children from Year 5 went to Northern France and Belgium to supplement their English and History lessons. They went to a range of museums, trenches and war cemeteries, including finding the headstones or names of relatives. We also went to the Menin Gate ceremony and laid a wreath on behalf of the school. One particular cemetery was very interesting for our children as it held soldiers from the Commonwealth, or Empire as it was then. Seeing graves of those from India, Burma, the West Indies, Canada, and countries closer home gave the children a different perspective.

We have had visits from Head teachers and school improvement advisors over the last two weeks to see what we are doing at St James the Great and they all commented on the behaviour of the children, the standard of their work and their ability to articulate their learning.

Reports will be out early next week – as will the information regarding who will be your child’s teacher next year.

The Festival of Football is taking place on the 14th at the school, which hopefully will be another fantastic day – make sure that you get your entry forms in to the office as soon as possible

It is that time of year when we say goodbye to staff. Mrs Pullan left the finance department this week, Mrs Stock, our admissions officer for 24 years will be retiring over the summer, Miss Ryzop is leaving to work at the West London Free School, After 7 years, Mr Hughes is heading off to Dulwich Prep school and last but not least Mrs Lawless is retiring after being connected with the school for over 30 years. Thank you to all of you for your commitment to the children and families of the school.

We also get to say welcome to new people. In the current case, Mrs Harries has taken over Mrs Pullans’ role as Finance Assistant, we hope to appoint a new school business manager next Friday and are currently recruiting for a secretary with responsibility for admissions and for a class teacher.

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