



St James the Great Newsletter @STJGreat

22nd September
2017

October

9th to 13th Y6
Residential Trip

12th Y1 Science
Museum

18th Harvest
Lunch and
CAFOD Assembly

19th Harvest
Assembly

20th Insed

30th Faith Week

November

3rd Firework Display
7th Parent Evenings
9th Cross Country ST
John Fisher
4.1 Cinema
10th 4.2 Cinema

12th Anti Bullying
Week
13th Cinema 4.3
17th ESafety Assembly
and workshops for
parents

24th Diving Talent
Testing
30th 4.3 Aladdin

December

5th Y2 Nativity 10 am/
5pm
14th Year 1 Carol
Concert
Break up 20th

Ethos for Excellence

Faith

Love

Respect

Self Belief

Determination and Resilience

Today, we held a special assembly. After 24 years Mrs Williams is leaving the school to enjoy her retirement with her husband who is also retiring...she has been a wonderful servant to the school and has been completely dedicated to feeding the children of St James the Great. She is held in great affection by the school community and will be sorely missed. I'm sure that you will join me in wishing her well and a long and happy retirement and thanking her for her commitment and care over the last 24 years.

A letter will be being issued by the Friend's Association shortly, but in the interim I have a brief message from them: After much discussion, we have decided to reopen the snack shack after half term. We have reviewed what we will be serving and you will be pleased to know that bacon sandwiches will be on the menu, alongside a new "healthy" option. A decision has been made to use the money raised to provide more activities to promote healthy living. The school will forfeit their healthy school status as a result of bacon sandwiches and ice creams being sold, but would rather adopt a common sense approach to teaching the children about healthy choices and eating some things in moderation alongside daily exercise. This has taken time to organise by those involved so please, if there any future suggestions, please approach the school.

Year 6 attended some workshops at the Natural History Museum - they had a wonderful time exploring about evolution. We are determined as a school that we will not narrow the curriculum to English and Maths in order to simply raise SATs scores - yes, they are important to the school- as are high standards, but we must offer a broad, balanced and rigorous curriculum that challenges children and helps them develop in many ways.

The Performing Arts Centre - name to be decided yet - is coming on well and we achieved practical completion today, which means that we can begin using it...but the grand opening has been held off until we have all of our plans in place, all parents will be invited for a walk around and see what we have planned for it...

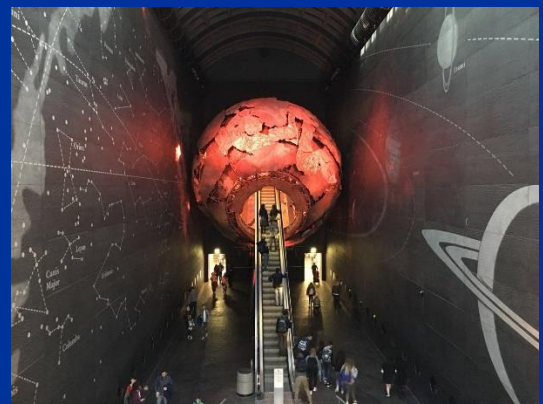
Congratulations to the Boy's Football team...last Saturday they took part in the Croydon School's Tournament, they won the event completely unbeaten...and apparently, they thought that I'd be impressed because they kept 3 clean sheets. (They're right! I have a bit of a thing about this being a Man City fan...) This means that they will represent Croydon in the London Youth Games. Well done to the boys and to the coaches. Thank you to all of

the parents who supported. I'm hoping this sets a precedent for sporting success this year - at least that's what we're planning.

School Fund: If you are not currently contributing to our school fund scheme, please consider doing so if at all possible as any amount you are able to contribute greatly helps the school. The suggested amount at the moment is £50 per family but any amount that you are able to afford would be greatly appreciated. This can be paid yearly, quarterly or monthly and if you require a Standing Order form please contact Mrs Marchant in the school office.

We have some brilliant volunteers, who spend their Saturdays coaching football to children from the school - I greatly appreciate their efforts, but they need help and they need members – come along because they really know what they are about and there are real opportunities to develop. The different age groups have been entered into county competitions. More information will be forthcoming. But the key thing is to get as many children down to the training sessions as possible and to have some more volunteers... There is also an opportunity for us to enter an U11 Girls team for the first time ever – if you are in Year 5 or 6 and want to try this out, please come along to the training session tomorrow – don't worry about boots if you don't have them, we can work around this.

The school day has changed...we start at 9am. Anyone arriving after 9am is late - please get your children into school in time.



Winners are grinners... Well done boys, not just for winning, but how you won and your sportsmanship. We are very proud of you.



Y5 having Hobgoblin Theatre workshop exploring their history topic of Ancient Egypt



THANK YOU MRS WILLIAMS Over 2 million meals cooked at St James the Great!