

# St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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What's the difference?.....We were!

## Parish Mass

Thank you to everyone who came along to last Sunday's 10 o'clock Mass. It was a wonderful celebration ; Year 6 read beautifully and the children from Reception received their new gifts with grace. Try and make sure you 'keep the faith' and get to Mass each Sunday.

## Parents' Evening

Next Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Please make sure you have booked your appointment.

## Photographs

Deadline for orders is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

## Parents information meetings KS1

There was an excellent turn out on Wednesday for our information session, so a big thank you to our parents and carers for coming along. Thanks also to the staff who presented the information. We know that everyone could not make the meeting and so the resources made

available will be sent home so that everyone is kept up to speed.

One parent commented she would 'Plan to use the strategies to improve my daughters reading and understanding' - Brilliant! 90% of parents who attended responded with 'strongly recommend' to the statement 'would they recommend this workshop to others?'

## School Places 2017-18

Final date for applications are:

**Secondary School: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016**

**Reception Class: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

## Help with school applications

If you require help with completing the on line applications, help is at hand.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Secondary school

These sessions will be facilitated by staff from Southwark Admissions and will take place in our computer suite from 9:30 onwards.

## Financial Education

'Southwark Smart Savers.'

If you are in Year 6 you should have received a voucher for £20 from Southwark Council. To access this money it must be used to open up a bank account at our local London Mutual Credit Union: 4 Heaton Road, SE15 3NL

## Peckham Library visit and the Summer Reading Challenge

On Monday the certificates arrived and once again what a fabulous effort our children put into their reading this summer. We had more than seventy pupils reading the six books required and they all received a certificate for their efforts. Well done.

## Friday Rosary

Every Friday throughout October at 8:45am!

## School skirts

These can be purchased from 3:00pm next Thursday at the school office

## Pupils of Achievement

The Achievement theme this week is for great work in relation to 'Editing for improvement' and the Behaviour focus is for 'Great behaviour going to and from school'.

For Editing : Year 6 Rosemary & Mary; Year 5 Laura & Junior ; Year 4, Niamh & Ugochi; Year 3, Chi Chi & Giovanni; Year 2, Princess & Will; and Year 1 Ashley & Iwinosa.

And for 'Behaviour to and from school': Samanta, Hannah, Daniel, Ayomide, Michal & Jethro.

**Well Done Everyone!**

Parental Services available at school: Parents' Drop In Service. Every Tuesday and Thursday with Nancy DuBois. Appointments pm Tuesday, am Thursday. If you wish to book an appointment call the school office, 0207 703 5870, or directly on 07939 465600. Parish website: [www.stjamespeckham.org](http://www.stjamespeckham.org)