

St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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'We Three Kings from Orient..'

Welcome back....and it's still Happy Christmas!

Today is traditionally the feast of the Epiphany when we celebrate the arrival of the Wise Men, or Kings, who visit Jesus and 'worship' him. Something amazing had been revealed to these mysterious travellers and that was their epiphany, their amazing realisation.

The children marked the day and their return to school for the Spring Term by attending 10:00 Mass in our parish church.

Also, this week all the children from Year 1 to Year 6 visited the cinema to watch 'Moana'. This was part of the return to school theme and work on 'journeys' and also served as a little reminder that we are still celebrating!

Choir

Well done to our choir who sang, and were accompanied, beautifully for Mass today. Also a little reminder for them that they are expected at this Sunday's 10:00 Mass. Please take that as a reminder for everyone ... go to Mass on Sundays.

Holidays and time off school

The new year is an important time for planning ahead and this includes planning family holidays for later in the year. Please remember that the school has a very strict policy with regard to children taking time off during term time. To put it simply....

It is not acceptable!

The children should attend school for 190 day each . By law.

Katie Hatcher

We welcome back Miss Katie Hatcher who has taken on the substantive role of class teacher in Year 4.

Our success recognised

The summer of 2016 saw the pupils in Year 6 sit the new style national tests that followed the introduction of a new curriculum in 2014. These new tests were more challenging and more rigorous. At our school we were pleased with our pupils performance, however it wasn't until just before the Christmas break that we had a clear indication of just how well our pupils had done.

Across the country, 53% of eleven year old children reached the expected standard in the combined elements of Reading, Writing and Maths.

At St James the Great this figure was 79%.

We were in the top 10%. Seventh of the seventy six schools in Southwark .

Pupils of Achievement

There was no Achievement Assembly today, as we were in Church, but the school has returned and once again there is a happy and purposeful atmosphere at St James the Great so...

Well done everyone and just in case we haven't seen you in the playground yet....

