

# St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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Year 6 2016-17

## Leaving

Today we said farewell to our Year 6 pupils who will continue their education in secondary school.

We also bid farewell to three members of staff: Miss Victoria, Mrs McGuinness and Mrs Church.

We are reminded that although our assembly today marked the end of their time at our school it also signifies the beginning of a new part of their journey, a journey that we are all on.



Scallop symbol of the pilgrim

We wish them all the very best in their futures and hope that their time at St James the Great has been a wholesome and memorable one.

**School reopens Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

## Parent survey

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our questionnaire this week, there were one hundred and eighteen papers returned, which is great.

The overwhelming majority of comments were 'strongly agree' or 'agree' and 100% of returns signalled that the person would recommend our school to others.

There were twenty seven individual comments added and nearly all were messages of support and thanks. They are most appreciated, as were the small number of 'even better if' suggestions which included: more parental representation in decision making (one comment), comments regarding homework type suggestions (two comments), regarding playtimes (one comment) and regarding subject information for parents (one comment). All feedback is really useful and we will respond to these in the new academic year.

## Holiday, haircuts and uniforms

A few holiday notes for the new term. In September all children will be expected to be in full uniform.

Please make sure you have bought your blazer (Y3-6), skirt, tie from the school. White shirt, navy blue trousers, PE kits black shorts and white tops are available in the high street shops.

**Haircuts.....**, please remember that school rules mean that hair should be even in length with no patterns or designs. Girls should not have excessive braiding or decoration.

## Uniform sale

Blazers, skirts and ties will be available for sale from the school office on:

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September

between 10am and 12 noon.

This is the last Friday before the children return to school

## Staying safe

Remember to stay safe at home; when you are out (always let your adult know where you are) ;

When online (only play with people you know in the 'real world')

## A Prayer for our journey

Dear Lord,  
Be for us our companion on the walk,  
Our guide at the crossroads,  
Our breath in our weariness,  
Our protection in danger,  
Our shelter on the Road,  
Our shade in the heat,  
Our light in the darkness,  
Our consolation in our discouragements,  
And our strength in our intentions.  
So that with your guidance we may arrive safe and sound at the end of the Road and enriched with grace and virtue we return safely to our homes filled with joy.

Pilgrim's prayer to Santiago de Compostela (St James the Great) Spain.

**Have a great holiday everyone!**