

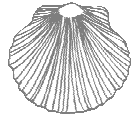
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12<sup>th</sup> March 2009

### NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

Many thanks to all parents who bought books on the [www.schoolink.co.uk](http://www.schoolink.co.uk) – you have purchased a whopping £447 worth of books. We got a voucher for 10% of that amount which Mrs. Thomas will happily spend on the library. Thank you.

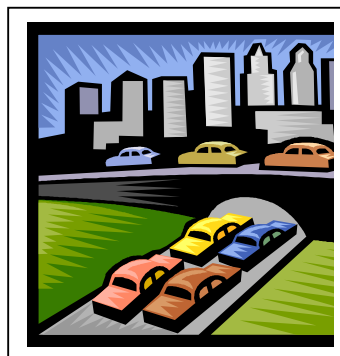
Curry & Quiz – Many, many thanks to all the PFA for a thoroughly enjoyable evening. The curry was delicious and congratulations to the SEN Department table who won the quiz!

" National Schoolwear Centres at 94 High Street Whitton have Yellow Checked Summer dresses now in stock , please buy early to avoid disappointment. Contact them on T: 028 898 4881 E: [Shop@Schooldaysllp.co.uk](mailto:Shop@Schooldaysllp.co.uk)"

It is so lovely to see the children in their school uniform – they always look so smart. Please name all clothes and belongings.

We have unearthed more bags of lost property which was gathered up after the fire. Could you please check to see if anything belongs to you? – Lots of PE kit. Anything left on Monday will be disposed of. Any un-named items can be bought for 50p. There are books and all sorts of things. Please come and pick through – take what you want.

If the weather stays nice, please walk to school and try not to come to school in your cars. The congestion is a real hazard on Stanley Road. Please remember to respect our neighbours and to show consideration when parking your car. Following complaints from our neighbours, the police will be patrolling the area. Please ensure also that Children do not arrive at school before 8.30 as there are no staff available to supervise.



## Calling all budding artists!

As part of the restoration of Terrace and Buccleuch Gardens we have been asked to submit a

### deckchair design

for an exhibition

The theme of the design is "Park Life" and could encompass wildlife, sport, nature or just fun and laughter; please take a look at a similar project that was run by the Royal Parks Foundation and is on display in Regent's Park, [www.deckchairdreams.org](http://www.deckchairdreams.org).

Designs should be done on the competition template available from Miss Hughes in 1H. Remember that the design, the artist's name, age and your school's name (you may wish to use the St James's shell as well) need to reflect the actual size of a standard deckchair, so use all the space provided on the template.

Designs should be submitted to Miss Hughes or Miss Robinson (3WM) by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. A winner will be chosen and this design should be on display in the Gardens from mid July.



### Richmond in Bloom Competition

Design a poster competition. Paint a picture of a flower and win a multi tray wormery for our school garden... plus lots art materials as prizes. Leaflets in the school office.

#### LBRuT Director of Education's Art Awards 2009

Calling all budding artists. There are six awards and St. James's can enter one group and three individual pieces of art work. If you are interested, please see Miss Hughes 1H for further details. Entries must be submitted by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

### Shooting Star Hospice - Something Special for Mother's Day

In the run up to Mother's Day, Budgen's in Hampton Hill will have a photographer in store. You can get a portrait photograph taken to give to your mum on Mother's Day. There is no charge for this. All that is asked is that you make a donation to Shooting Star Hospice. Photographers are in store between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

#### POND NEWS

If you have any large plastic pots, (the type you get trees delivered in), or very tiny pots, or any good quality pots, please could Mrs. Green have these. If they could be washed and popped into the allotment that would be great. If you have any trowels or small gardening tools, any donations of these too would be gratefully received.



**LENT SERVICE** – The school Easter Liturgy will be held at St. Francis de Sales at 11.00 a.m. on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April for KS2

**Two Masses were celebrated on Tuesday for Mr. Heffernan, one in school and one at St. Francis de Sales. They were both very special. Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers.**

## **Drama Production:**

**The Nightingale –**  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 4 p.m. and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale from Mrs. Shortland at £1.00. It should be a fantastic production.

## **Admissions for September 2009**

Reception class parents are notified of the outcome of their application, by the LEA, on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Packs for our Nursery have been sent out and should be returned by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

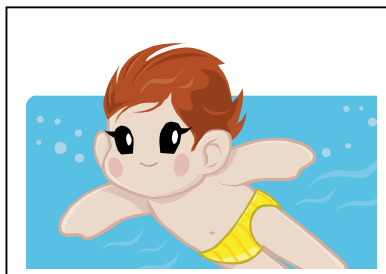
### **Spring Concert – 12<sup>th</sup> March**

This has been postponed – new date to follow. Sorry if this caused any inconvenience.

### **SPORTS NEWS**

#### **Swimming Gala:**

Last Thursday saw the heats of the Richmond Borough Swimming Gala. Congratulations to all our swimming squad for some excellent performances in some very close races. The squadron relay team qualified for the finals on Thursday and after an exciting race, swam into 2<sup>nd</sup> position overall. Well Done to: Persia Bantin, Kezia Clarke, Tobias Clarke, Adrian Demetrescu, Sophie Johnston, George Kearney and Juliet Stevens.



The following children have all qualified for the final to be held next Wednesday:

Ella Didiot Cook – 4<sup>th</sup> overall freestyle  
Alex Fernandez Buckley – 1<sup>st</sup> overall  
Saffi Martineau – 3<sup>rd</sup> back crawl  
Alex Demetrescu – 1<sup>st</sup> back crawl 1<sup>st</sup> fly  
Megan Bartlett – 1<sup>st</sup> breast stroke  
Dennis Houston – 4<sup>th</sup> breaststroke/2<sup>nd</sup> freestyle  
Jessica Webb – 4<sup>th</sup> freestyle  
Emma Grant – 4<sup>th</sup> Fly – 2<sup>nd</sup> freestyle

Both boys and girls relay and medley teams have also qualified in 1<sup>st</sup> position. Unfortunately both Sophie Johnston and Aidan Kerrigan narrowly missed out on qualification.

We are very much looking forward to next Wednesday and wish our squad every success. HUGE congratulations to all competitors for their hard work and great achievement.

Congratulations also to the girls football team who drew 5 – 5 with St. Mary's & St. Peter's. It was a very tense game with lots of exciting play and great goals. We await news as to whether the girls have qualified for the league finals.

Remember we are busy collecting vouchers from Sainsbury's. Your help is much appreciated. Please bring to class teachers or office.

### **Sports for Schools**

Next week the Olympic Diver Blake Aldridge partner of Tom Daley in Beijing Olympics will come into school and speak to the children about his experiences. Please think of questions to ask him.

## **THANK YOU**

A big **THANK YOU** to our lovely Year 5 parents who supported our Pancake Café and especially to those who helped on the day. Also thank you to all our customers. We raised over £500 for charity.

I am delighted to announce that Crane Valley Park is one of the winners of the Mayor's Priority Parks Programme. St. James's are delighted as this is a wonderful resource for us - thank you for helping

## **RE INSET DAY Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

### **Spring Term 2009**

**Half Term:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
**Term ends:** **Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April**  
(Easter Good Friday is 10<sup>th</sup> April)

### **Summer Term 2009**

**Staff INSET:** *Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May*  
**Term begins:** **Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April**  
**May Day:** Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May  
**Half term:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May  
**Term ends:** **Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

### **Autumn Term 2009**

**Staff INSET:** *Tue 1<sup>st</sup> Sept, Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct & Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov*  
**Term begins:** **Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> September**  
**Half Term:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Term ends:** **Fri 18<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Spring Term 2010**

**Staff INSET:** *Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Feb + 1 RE Day to be arranged*  
**Term begins:** **Wed 6<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Half term:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
**Term ends:** **Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> April**

### **Summer Term 2010**

**Term begins:** **Mon 19<sup>th</sup> April**  
**May Day:** Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
**Half term:** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
**Term ends:** **Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

## **Dates for your diaries**

17<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Reconciliation Mass 9.30 a.m. All parents and carers welcome

Year 1 trip to Polka Theatre – 18<sup>th</sup> March

Best Wishes,

Mrs Heffernan,  
Headteacher