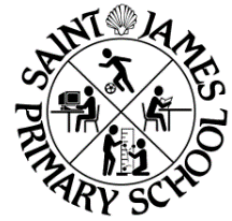


St James Church of England Primary School

Wednesday News – 18.9.2019



THIS WEEK

A fabulous week for all in school! We have been super busy with visitors, trips and an exciting science afternoon in year 6. It is a pleasure to walk around school in the first few weeks of term – children are buzzing with energy and a huge appetite for their new topics. Year 3 spent Tuesday morning learning about predators and I saw some huge eyes and smiles as the snake was being shown around! Today we have Year 6 visiting Woodlands and Year 4 have visited Think Tank. I am also very pleased as I had a visitor from a young lady in Year 6 who recited a poem to me that she had learnt. It was wonderful – well done Sonia ☺



Year Three's visit from the Animal Man

As part of their topic on 'Predators', Year Three came face to face with a range of different animals. The children

were able to touch, hold and find more about snakes, birds of



prey, tarantulas and a bearded dragon. The children were eager and excited to see the

animals and learnt lots of new facts. It was a fun and informative morning for us all!



Year 6 Blood Heart Topic

As part of our Blood Heart Topic, Year 6 had the opportunity to dissect a real sheep's heart. The children were extremely excited about this experience and thoroughly enjoyed holding and exploring this important organ. After closer examination of the inside, both classes were able to identify key features and had plenty of questions to ask. We have some budding scientists in Year 6. Great work!



YEAR 6

Many schools have open sessions on at the moment as parents and year 6 children should be visiting to choose the right school for them. Please note online applications need to be submitted by Thursday 31st October 2019. A letter will be sent home today with some open sessions information. If you need any assistance with completing the form, please return your slip so that Mrs. Sagoo can arrange a workshop.

PGL RESIDENTIAL

If your child is going on the PGL residential trip, there will be a meeting for parents on Tuesday 24th September at 3:35pm.

STAR OF THE WEEK



RP Harmani
1G Reet
2M Laura
3R Mohammed
4K Aden
5K Chelsea
6N Mariam

RM Elrico
1H Caius
2J Deeya
3NE Deborah
4C Callum
5M Taio
6M Sonia



ATTENDANCE 😊 😊 😊

Last week the following classes had attendance above 96%:

RP 98.06%, RM 97.84%, 2M 99%, 3R 99.03%, 4K 99.33% 4C 99.67%,
5M 97.24%, 6N 98.33% & 6M 99.67%.



Class 2M, 4C & 6M won the attendance bears and prize for this week 😊.

Please ensure that your child attends school every day, unless they are unwell.

Please make sure you phone school if your child is unwell or if you have any problems getting here. Mrs. Buckle will be able to offer support and help with emergencies and help you connect with other services if the need arises.

This term, pupils will be working towards a special Christmas activity as their reward for keeping their attendance over 97%.

No holidays to be taken during term time



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

We will be celebrating World Peace Day on Friday 20th September. Children can come to school wearing an item of white clothing to mark the occasion. The theme is Climate Action for Peace, and during the school day children will be looking at the importance of promoting peace around the world.

GOSPEL CHOIR

Choir members - please join Emili at the next practice for the Black History Month celebration at St Philip's Cathedral on Saturday the 12th October at 5.30pm. The children who attended the first rehearsal have been given some great parts and we can't wait to see them perform at the Cathedral in the city centre. The next practice session will take place on Saturday 28th September at St Mary's 2-4pm. For the Saturday performance in October I am looking at some transport options to support you.

St James Church of England Primary School School Calendar 2019-2020

Thursday 19 th September	Year 1 Lickey Hills Trip 1G
Friday 20 th September	Wear white to celebrate International Day of Peace Year 1 Lickey Hills Trip 1H
Tuesday 1 st October	Start of Black History Month – led by staff / sharing inspirational figures from history or present day.
Friday 4 th October	World Animal Day
Monday 7 th October	Family & Individual Photographs – Small Hall National Poetry Day
Tuesday 8 th October	Class 3R Assembly – Predators at 2.30pm
Tuesday 15 th October	Class 3NE Assembly – Harvest at 2.30pm
Friday 18 th October	Year 6 Residential Weekend – PGL
Monday 21 st October	Year 6 Residential Weekend – Return to school
Tuesday 22 nd October	Class 5M Assembly – Space at 2.30pm
Friday 25 th October	End of half-term
Monday 4 th November	Teacher training day 3 – Staff only
Tuesday 5 th November	Return to School for Pupils Year 3 Stone Age Workshop / Large Hall
Monday 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week Class Assembly 4K – Anti-Bullying at 2.30pm
Monday 11 th November	Parents and Carers Meetings - 1
Tuesday 12 th November	Year 5 Egyptian Workshop / Large Hall
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need – Dress up day to raise money!
Monday 18 th November	Parents and Carers Meetings - 2
Tuesday 26 th November	Class Assembly 5KA – Egyptians at 2.30pm
Tuesday 3 rd December	Class Assembly 4C – Spanish / Curriculum at 2.30pm
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day / Save the Children Fund
Monday 16 th December	Nativity Performance for School 2pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Nativity Performance for Parents & Carers 2pm
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Party Day and Father Christmas Grotto
Friday 20 th December	End of term – Christmas Achievements Assembly 9.30am
Monday 6 th January	Teacher training day 4 – Staff only
Tuesday 7 th January	Start of new Term – Pupils Return to school