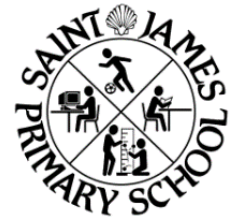


St James Church of England Primary School

Wednesday News – 11.9.2019



THIS WEEK

School is running really well as the children are settling quickly with new teachers and are getting on with learning and new topics already! Trips start tomorrow for year 5 and the children are super excited. Please make sure they get here early for this trip as it is a longer journey than normal.

In school we have been looking at Growth Mindset and some stories of Hope. I shared in assembly a story about Michael Jordan and how much effort he had to put in to his training before he became successful. The children are getting really good at explaining and understanding what it means to be determined, or to persevere – hopefully this will mean they will all pursue ambitious dreams! I have also introduced a new initiative that works on children's public speaking – thinking about their physical presence as well as engaging listeners and speaking clearly. The St James Oracy Programme, is going to focus on improving pupil performance and improving vocabulary. Some children have already begun this by reciting poetry in class. Later in the year we hope to allow the children to perform in assemblies – a complete story, a poem or even hold a debate.

ATTENDANCE 😊 😊 😊

In the first week of term the whole school attendance was 92.74%, which is below the expectation of 95%.

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

PGL RESIDENTIAL

If your child is going on the PGL residential trip, there will be a meeting for parents on Tuesday 23rd September at 3:35pm.

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.

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.



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

Thursday 12 th September	Year 5 Trip – National Space Centre
Monday 16 th September	Reception cohort – Full-time
Tuesday 17 th September	Year 3 Predator workshop & Year 2 Mini-beast workshop
Wednesday 18 th September	Year 6 Woodlands Day Trip Year 4 Think Tank – Science Trip
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