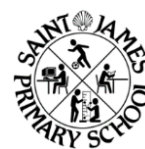


St James Church of England Primary School

News Letter 8th September 2021

Welcome Back



DEAR PARENTS & CARERS

Welcome back to a new school term and a return to a more normal way of life in school. The children are going to be getting used to life in school without bubbles. They will be able to play outside with their year group and start to move around school a little more. We have kept some measures in place such as the extra cleaning and hand washing and we are now relying on parents to get tested if anyone in the household is unwell and then follow any isolation rules.

In Assembly, I asked the children what they are excited about and they are looking forward to, they told me playing with their friends or siblings from other classes as well as going on school trips!

COVID

As we see a return to normality with new rules and guidance – we ask that you are very cautious about sending children to school if you have a positive case in your household. Please use the testing system to make sure everyone is negative before sending to school. If you return from an overseas trip – please also follow the isolation period to make sure we keep school safe. I have to report any outbreaks to Public Health when we get 5 or more cases in a group that mix. We then will have to follow any guidance we are given.

MALACHI WORKER

We have a new family support worker joining us this week. If you or your child need additional support then this could be of help to you. Mrs Buckle arranges any support plans and they offer a full range of support for any family situation from housing, domestic violence support and mentoring for children. Please contact Mrs Buckle if you have any needs that you want some help with. www.malachi.org.uk please take a look at the website if you want more information.

YEAR 6 PARENTS

Please keep an eye out for secondary school open days - BOA Digital Technologies Academy for Year 7 entry have theirs on Saturday 9am to 2.30pm for September 2022 www.boa-digital.co.uk.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

If you would like to learn more about how the school is run and attend around 6-10 evening meetings a year then please ask for the information letter from the school office. We are looking for parents who ideally have children in the infants so that you can serve for four years on the governing body. We are also looking for parents who have specific knowledge in finance or charitable trust organisation. Please talk to Miss Cross if you want more information before making a nomination. Nominations close on Friday 17th September at 11.00am.

Let Your Light Shine

NEW PAYMENT SYSTEM SCHOOL DINNERS

You may be aware that we have recently subscribed to School Money. This will enable you to make payments online or at a pay point and make it easier to keep track of your child's school dinner balance. This can also be used for paying for the breakfast club and fundraising donations. We will send you debt reminders by text or email - please ensure that your contact details are kept up to date. Please contact the school office if you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals or if you are struggling to access your child's account - we are here to help.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Monday 6 th September	Start of school for Children
Tuesday 14 th September	Year 3 Predator Workshop / Year 2 Mini-beast Workshop
Thursday 16 th September	Year 4 Think Tank Trip
Tuesday 21 st September	Year 5 National Space Centre Trip
Wednesday 22 nd September	National Fitness Day
Thursday 30 th September	Full Governing Body 6.00pm
Friday 1 st October	Start of Black History Month International Music Day
Tuesday 5 th October	Peer Mediation Training – Peace Makers
Monday 11 th October	Parents & Carers Meetings – World Mental Health Day
Tuesday 12 th October	Peer Mediation Training – Peace Makers
Monday 18 th October	Parents & Carers Meetings
Tuesday 19 th October	Peer Mediation Training – Peace Makers
Friday 22 nd October	End of Half-term
Monday 1 st November	Children return to school
Wednesday 3 rd November	Year 5 Egypt Workshop
Thursday 4 th November	Year 3 Stone-age Workshop
Tuesday 9 th November	Year 4 Mountain Workshop
Monday 15 th November	Odd Socks Day to highlight Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 29 th November	Poetry Week
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children Fund
Monday 13 th December	<i>Nativity 2.00pm for Parents for RR, 1M, 2O if possible</i>
Tuesday 14 th December	<i>Nativity 2.00pm for Parents for RD, 1J, 2H if possible</i>
Thursday 16 th December	Christmas Parties
Friday 17 th December	End of Term
Tuesday 4 th January	Teacher Training Day 3
Wednesday 5 th January	Start of Spring Term for Children

Full Calendar on the School Website