# St James Church of England Primary School News Letter 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021



#### **SCHOOL**

The children are well settled in class and enjoying their topics. Year 6 children dissected hearts last week and know so much about how the heart works it is impressive. I popped into a lesson where they used this detailed knowledge of the heart to make a clay model. The children were all engaged and focussed on the details of each part – aorta, veins and arteries.

It is amazing how much all children learn in curriculum lessons – please ask them to share this knowledge at home. The more children talk about their learning – the more they will remember! Take a look on the website for topic overviews if you want to find out more – you will see under each year group their coverage for the Autumn term.

Year 1 – Enchanted Woodland Year 2 – Wiggle and Crawl

Year 3 – Predators Year 4 – Potions

Year 5 – Stargazer Year 6 – Blood Heart

#### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

School Attendance for the year so far is 94% St James Target Attendance is 97%

We must continue to improve this together. Please remember: **All children should be attending school every day, unless they are ill**. Please make sure you inform the school if your child is not in school.

PLEASE NOTE - UNAUTHORISED LEAVE FROM SCHOOL IN TERM TIME CAN LEAD TO FINES BEING ISSUED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.



#### **RECEPTION 2022 APPLICATIONS**

If your child is due to start Reception next September, you can now apply online at <a href="https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions">www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions</a>. The deadline for submitting all applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Let Your Light Shine

## **YEAR 6 PARENTS - YEAR 7 APPLICATIONS**

Applications for Year 7 in 2022, close on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. Any applications received after this date will be processed as a 'Late Application'. Please look on the Secondary School websites and consider the distance from your home address to the school, before putting them at the top of your list. We had several families with no school place last year which was very stressful for everyone! Lots of school websites have extra information and also have video open day sessions as well as taking bookings to go and look around.

Please complete the online application at <a href="www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions">www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions</a>. If you need any support or help with this then please call the school office.

| STAR OF THE WEEK |  |   |  |
|------------------|--|---|--|
|                  | RD – Kanika<br>1J – Hussain<br>2H – Isaiah               | RR - Aleyna<br>1M - A'naijah<br>20 - Kavanpreet                 |  |
|                  | 3K – Maisha<br>4M – Faiza<br>5C – Alimah<br>6M – Zemirah | 3M – Cayden<br>4U – T'Sahay<br>5G – Gabriella<br>6N - Sebastian |  |

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October    | Peer Mediation Training – Peace Makers                 |  |
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| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> October    | Parents & Carers Meetings – World Mental Health Day    |  |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October   | Peer Mediation Training – Peace Makers                 |  |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October    | Parents & Carers Meetings                              |  |
| Tuesday 19th October               | Peer Mediation Training – Peace Makers                 |  |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October    | End of Half-term                                       |  |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November    | Children return to school                              |  |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November | Year 5 Egypt Workshop                                  |  |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November  | Year 3 Stone-age Workshop                              |  |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November    | Year 6 Trip to RAF Cosford                             |  |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November   | Year 4 Mountain Workshop                               |  |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November   | Odd Socks Day to highlight Anti-Bullying Week          |  |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November   | Poetry Week  |  |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December   | Christmas Jumper Day –Save the Children Fund           |  |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December   | Nativity 2.00pm for Parents for RR, 1M, 2O if possible |  |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December  | Nativity 2.00pm for Parents for RD, 1J, 2H if possible |  |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December | Christmas Parties                                      |  |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December   | End of Term  |  |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January    | Teacher Training Day 3                                 |  |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January  | Start of Spring Term for Children                      |  |

Full Calendar on the School Website