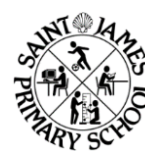


# **St James Church of England Primary School**

## **News Letter 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021**



### **DEAR PARENTS & CARERS**

It is just lovely around school with visitors and trips starting for the term this week. On Tuesday Year 2 and Year 3 found out lots of information about Predators and mini-beasts. The excitement levels were high and the children enjoyed learning from our visitor. Please check the calendar and trip letters to make sure children arrive on time – we would hate anyone to miss out!



### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

If you need the Breakfast Club service – it is a drop in service at the moment and an adult should bring the child to the small hall door from 8.15am onwards. It costs £1 per day and this is the supervised provision until the doors open for school at 8.45am.

### **LEAVE IN TERM TIME - HOLIDAYS**

This is a difficult one as I know many of you are longing to travel to see wider family this year especially now that restrictions are changing. I am afraid that the length of these holidays will mean they are not approved. Children have missed so much in school learning already and 4-5 weeks away is simply too long. If you are planning to go away, please use the school holidays as much as possible and limit the use of school days to 5.

### **COVID**

Thank you to parents who are using lateral flow tests with children to make sure any flu like symptoms are not covid. We do ask that if a parent tests positive that the child is then tested to be sure they are negative before coming to school – it is likely that if someone is positive in the household then the child could be positive as well. We are really hoping that we do not need to close any classes this year with small outbreaks – to do this we need everyone to do their part and check symptoms are not COVID.

### **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.

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## 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](http://www.malachi.org.uk) please take a look at the website if you want more information.

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4 Think Tank Trip
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Year 5 National Space Centre Trip
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	National Fitness Day
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Full Governing Body 6.00pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Start of Black History Month International Music Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Peer Mediation Training – Peace Makers
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 19 <sup>th</sup> 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
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	<i>Nativity 2.00pm for Parents for RR, 1M, 2O if possible</i>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>Nativity 2.00pm for Parents for RD, 1J, 2H if possible</i>
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

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