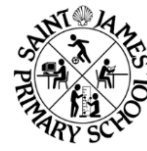


St James Church of England Primary School

News Letter 20th October 2021



SCHOOL LIFE

We have two more days of this half-term left and while it has been lovely to see school return to normal we must also remember to still be cautious. Attendance has dropped off significantly in the last week. We have heard of lots of chesty coughs, sickness bugs and some covid cases. Please remain vigilant and test any symptoms that could be covid related. We have avoided any serious disruption with your support so far, and this we want to continue!

The children are tired but we want to squeeze in one more event on Friday - as it is so important. Children can come to school on Friday wearing their own clothes which should involve some red. This is to show support for showing racism the red card.



Show Racism the Red Card (SRtRC) is the UK's largest anti-racism educational charity. It was established in January 1996, thanks in part to a donation by

then Newcastle United goalkeeper Shaka Hislop, who had been abused verbally near the football ground. Using Football players, it supports lots of activities in schools and strives to educate as many children and young people as possible in order to tackle racism.

Children return to school after half-term on Monday 1st November. Trips and workshops begin straight away and children will begin learning about their new topics for the second part of the Autumn term. We also have parliament week and school elections for school council.

This week children have explored some more inspirational people during assembly time. Mr Mahmood shared why he admires Muhammad Ali and Benjamin Zephaniah. Miss Jacobs shared her love of reading and her inspirational author – Malorie Blackman. Mrs Pritchard took us back to our childhood and Floella Benjamin, who has worked in support of children's charities for most of her adult life.



FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS FOR HALF-TERM

We have been supplied with vouchers for half-term by the Local Authority this week. Mrs Sagoo will be working on processing these for you all on Thursday. You will receive a text message when they have been processed.

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

School Attendance for the year so far is **93%**. The classes with the best attendance last week were:

Infants: RR – 92.9%

Juniors: 3K – 94.6%

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



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

STAR OF THE WEEK



RD – Sahib

1J – Adan

2H – Anisa

3K – Danielle

4M – Mosiyah

5C – Nyla

6M – Kamari

RR – Mehtab

1M – Giselle

2O – Anaiya

3M – Sufiyan

4U – Supriya

5G – Ian

6N – Tre'Sean



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Friday 22 nd October	End of Half-term – Wear Red Day!
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
Monday 8 th November	Year 6 Trip to RAF Cosford
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

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