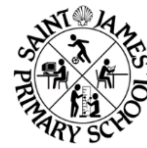


St James Church of England Primary School

News Letter 29th September 2021



YEAR 1 SANDWELL VALLEY PARK TRIP



What a way to kickstart our new Year 1 topic 'The Enchanted Woodlands'. A day full of outdoor learning and discovery really allowed the children to be fully immersed into the woodlands experience.



The day started off with the children being able to put into practice all that they had learned in class about the different types of trees, different names of trees and even how different coloured garments were created using natural materials. They then hugged trees and bashed berries and leaves to stain material. The packed programme after lunch did not disappoint either. The children created their own natural perfumes using the herbs and scents from the outdoor garden with the cola plant, of course being everybody's favourite scent. And to finish the day, the children left food for the robins and used their woodland vocabulary and adjectives from school to describe the trees in their natural habitats. All in all, a successful first trip out and 61 tired children in tow. *Miss Jacobs and Mrs McGowan Year 1 Class Teachers*



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.



Let Your Light Shine

YEAR 6 PARENTS – YEAR 7 APPLICATIONS

Applications for Year 7 in 2022, close on the 31st 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 www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

If you need any support or help with this then please call the school office.

STAR OF THE WEEK



RD – Safa

1J – Daniel

2H – Nadir

3K – Ashton

4M – Is’Haaq

5C – Sofia

6M – Krystal

RR – Ayaan

1M – Zakariya

2O – Harmani

3M – Michael

4U – Sukhraj

5G – Abel

6N - Oliver



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Friday 1 st October	Start of Black History Month International Music Day
Monday 4 th October	Individual & Sibling Photos
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