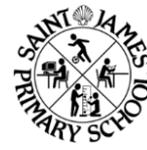


St James Church of England Primary School

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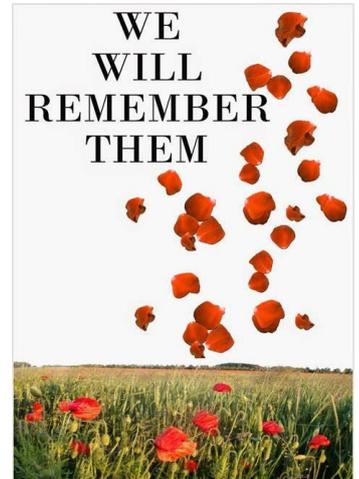
SCHOOL LIFE

We have been busy in school with children taking part in lots of work on their new topics! We have had visitors and workshops for Year 5 – Egyptians, Year 3 – Stone Age and Year 4 – Mountains. On Monday Year 6 went to RAF Cosford to learn about the past and World War II. Children are now fully immersed in their topics and are learning lots of information. It is just a great after the pandemic to return to some normal activities. To share these experiences with the children again – hearing them laugh and engage with the workshops is simply brilliant.

In Assembly this week, we have explored the school values and children are also exploring Remembrance and the importance of paying tribute to those who fought in the War.

On Monday we will start some work on anti-bullying as a school – celebrating this with a non-uniform day. Children can wear colourful odd socks to show their support. The theme this year is **'One Kind Word'** – importantly we also focus on good friendships and resolving issues so that all children feel safe and happy at school.

Covid cases are rising and while we do not close classes for the odd case – we must all do our part in testing to make sure we do not have a serious outbreak. If we get 5 linked cases – Public Health England will advise us to take additional measures and this may result in some closures. We aim to avoid this by keeping the additional cleaning, ventilation and good hand hygiene. But we also need families to test when they have symptoms.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

School Attendance for the year so far is **92%**. Last week, the classes with attendance above 95% were:

Infants: 2H – 97.3% Juniors: 5C – 95.8% & 5G – 96.9%

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%.



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PARLIAMENT WEEK

Last week in school we took part in Parliament week. As a school we thought about democracy and how Parliament works. We looked at the big picture first by thinking about Great Britain and London. We then focused in on our area and school by running our own school council elections. This allowed each child in the Juniors to have a voice by voting for a representative for their class. During this week, Kiran Sahota one of our School Governors,

came to teach some of the children in Year 3 and Year 6 about how parliament works and how we can all have a voice.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Week Beginning – 22.10.21		Week Beginning – 05.11.21	
RD – Ijai	RR – Fateh	RD – Jorawar	RR – Rovon
1J – Gabriella	1M – Aisha	1J – Jahni	1M – Imrat
2H – Naman	2O – Elin	2H – Kevin	2O – Jae'ton
3K – Gurkirat	3M – Zahid	3K – Sawda	3M – Danyal
4M – Vanita	4U – Du'Shawn	4M – Manmeet	4U – Anisa
5C – Naomi	5G – Somanpreet	5C – Muhammed	5G – Sharandeep
6M – Iasmina	6N – Aisha	6M – Callum	6N – Ekamjot



SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

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