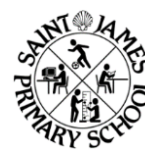


# St James Church of England Primary School

## News Letter 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022



*Let all that you do be done in love* 1 Corinthians 16:14

### WELCOME BACK

We always enjoy opening the doors in September and seeing that all the children are smiling, a little taller and ready for lots of fun and learning. It was wonderful to see everyone last week looking well and ready for the new school year. Children have settled in quickly with their new classes and lots of learning with trips and visitors have already started. I was delighted to see children getting excited about their new topics and bringing in posters and work from home! The children at this school love learning and we are so very proud of them.



Last week also brought us the sad news of Queen Elizabeth's death in Balmoral. For most of us she is the only Monarch we have known and her presence in our lives will be missed. All schools have been closed for the State Funeral on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. We will be back open on Tuesday and have rearranged events and visitors from that day.

### MOBILE PHONE REMINDER

Children need the Head Teachers permission to bring them to school and a contract is signed by parents understanding the liability around this. **This is for Year 6 children only** – if they walk to school or home from school alone. All children who are collected – any messages about a late pick up etc must be made to the office. Children are not allowed to use phones on school grounds so all messages must be communicated with the school.

Please ensure they are kept at home safely as we can not take any responsibility for loss or damage.

We lose lots of learning time in school every year with out of school mobile phone issues – so we actively encourage you to limit use and check your child's use of them.

### SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS – DEADLINE 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER

If your child is due to start Secondary School in September 2023, please make an online application before **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. Any applications made after this date will be processed as a late application and it is very likely that your child will not be offered any one of their 6 school choices.

Applications can be made via the following website: [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)  
**If you need any support with making the application, please speak to Mrs Sagoo in the school office.**

*Let Your Light Shine* Matthew 5:16

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception Children start school full-time
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4 Think Tank Trip Year 2 Minibeast Workshop
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 Falconry Centre
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED – QUEEN’S STATE FUNERAL</b>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Year 5 National Space Centre
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1 Sandwell Valley Trip
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	End of Half-term
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Teacher Training Day 2 – School Closed to pupils
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>Children return to school – New Term</b> Year 5 Maker Space Workshop 1 Playhouse Project
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents and Carers Evening Week 1
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Mountains Workshop
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Maker Space Workshop 2 Playhouse Project
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	London Residential for Year 6 Group– Theatre and River Cruise
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents and Carers Evening Week 2 World Kindness Day Year 3 Stone Age Workshop
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Maker Space Workshop 3 Playhouse Project
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 RAF Cosford Trip
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need - Charity Day
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 5 Maker Space Project at Birmingham University
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 It’s my Planet too!
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Nativity for parents pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Nativity for parents pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Teacher Training Day 3
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to School