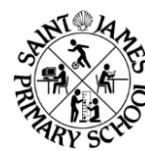


St James Church of England Primary School

News Letter 12th January 2022

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



WELCOME BACK



I am hoping lots of you enjoyed the break over Christmas and New Year and got to spend time with your families as safely as possible.

It was lovely to see the children excited to arrive back in school last week. They will be starting their new topics this week and taking part in lots of workshops and visits this term. Yesterday, year 6 had their Polar Workshop and got to find out lots of new information as well as work together on lots of activities. Some of the children got to dress up and with a little magic be in a polar expedition! I have just booked some Theatre Productions for later this term – it is just lovely to have some normal events happening for the children.



COVID UPDATE

Sadly, we enter another term with cases of Covid remaining high in the community and I did hear from several staff and families over the break who were unwell as term ended, showing that cases in school were rising. At school we continue with measures such as extra cleaning and well ventilated classrooms. We are hoping to remain fully open, but we also have to be mindful of staffing levels. We have several members of staff absent or isolating with the virus and we are managing to cover this at the moment. Thank you to all the families who are testing at home and keeping school as safe as possible by not sending children in to school when they test positive. We will call you to collect your child if they develop a temperature, cough and loss of taste or smell in school. We update Public Health Birmingham with all new pupil and staff cases every day.

In case of an emergency we have prepared home learning packs and have been getting laptops out to families across the juniors. We will only take this home learning measure as a last resort. If we all continue to work together we hope that we can remain fully open until this latest wave of virus falls.

Let Your Light Shine Matthew 5:16

IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2022?

If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, they will be able to start school in September 2022. All applications need to be made online through the Birmingham City Council website www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

The closing date is 11.59pm on 15 January 2022. All late applications open at 7am on 16 January 2022.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Friday 17 th December	End of Term – 1.15 Infants 1.30 Juniors
Tuesday 4 th January	Teacher Training Day 3
Wednesday 5th January	Start of Spring Term for Children
Monday 17 th January	4M visit a local Synagogue
Tuesday 18 th January	4U visit a local Synagogue
Monday 24 th January	Year 5 Rainforest Workshop
Sunday 30 th January	Sunday Service at St James – School Choir
Friday 18th February	End of Half-term
Monday 28 th February	Pupils return to School
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day – Dress up as your favourite character
Monday 7 th March	Year 2 Great Explorers Workshop at school Parent and Carer – Teacher Phone call for Pupil updates
Tuesday 8 th March	Year 4 Vikings Workshop at school
Wednesday 9 th March	Year 1 Trip – Moon Zoom
Monday 14 th March	Year 6 Forensic Workshop
Tuesday 15 th March	Year 3 Roman Theatre Show / Year 4 Viking Theatre Show
Tuesday 22 nd March	Hansel and Gretel Theatre Production – EYFS / KS1
Monday 28 th March	Jack and the Beanstalk EYFS – Language Alive
Friday 8th April	End of Term – Easter Break
Monday 25 th April	Teacher Training Day 4
Tuesday 26th April	Children return to school
Tuesday 26 th April	Evolution Workshop Year 6 Earth Day St George's Day – Wear Red
Thursday 28 th April	Year 3 Trip to Wroxeter – Romans
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday Monday – No School
Thursday 5th May	SCHOOL CLOSED – POLLING STATION
Monday 9 th May	SATs Week Year 6 – No holidays for children
Friday 27 th May	End of half-term
Monday 6 th June	Children return to school
Wednesday 8 th June	Woodlands Year 4 Residential Trip
Thursday 23 rd June	Year 6 Careless Talk Language Alive
Monday 27 th June	Teacher Training Day 5 – School Closed to Children
Thursday 21 st July	End of Summer Term – School closes for summer break