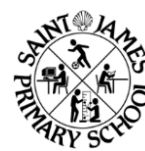


St James Church of England Primary School

News Letter 6th March 2023

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



SCHOOL LIFE



Children have had a busy few days in school as we start a new half-term in school. On Monday Year 6 had their Forensic Workshop. They investigated a crime scene, took fingerprints and had a great time learning all about this detailed work. Year 1 started their new topic Moon Zoom – and their teachers came to school as astronauts! In 1J, Miss Jacobs began making a huge moon so I am now looking forward to what else they are going to learn this term. On Tuesday Year 4 had a Viking and Saxon workshop to start their exciting new history topic. All of this and we still had all the fun of World Book day. We had lots of prizes and celebrations for reading and it was lovely

to see what children had created around their favourite book character.

Just before half-term, Year 6 planned and delivered a charity event to raise money for the Turkey-Syria Earthquake appeal. It was absolutely brilliant how well they prepared the stalls and then how well they sold everything. They raised an incredible £465.62 – well done to everyone involved it was very impressive!



COFFEE MORNING

On Wednesday 15th March we have the local Councillor Rinkal Shergill visiting us at school as well as some other groups that serve the local community. Please join us in the small hall from 9am for tea and coffee as well finding about local support or raising queries with the Councillor.

SNOW

The forecast is for light snow on Thursday – If the snow is heavier please look out for text messages about any changes to the school day. The site team arrive at school very early and assess whether we can clear paths to open so key messages will be sent as soon as we know the site is safe. Staff travel in from 10-20 miles away so we have to ensure the roads are safe as well. Snow is due to fall during the rush hour so things may change rapidly. Make sure school has your latest contact number so that you get messages.

ATTENDANCE

Average school attendance for the year so far is 90% which is below Government expectations and a real worry in terms of missed learning opportunities and consistent routines. Whilst we recognise that there are extraordinary viruses and illnesses around at the moment Persistent Absence continues to be a real concern, as we continue to have unauthorised leave in term time and high rates of absence from a small group of the same children. The local authority has started to issue fines to any families taking leave in term time.

Classes 20 & 6G won the attendance bears for last week

Thank you to all of you who continue to make it your priority to get children into school every day and on time. **Parents must remember to call school to report your child's absence.**

Let Your Light Shine Matthew 5:16

STAR OF THE WEEK



Week Beginning – 06.02.23		Week Beginning – 13.02.23	
RM – Laaibah	RO - Hisham	RM – Ryan	RO – Alayisha
1J – Adam S	1D – Gurfateh	1J – Ria Belle	1D – Darius
2M – Annie	2O – Anand	2M – Raheemat	2O – Aveer
3K – Aimee	3R – Aaryan	3K – Jennah	3R – Yadon
4H – Ayaan	4U – Daniel	4H – Abhijot	4U – Rihanna
5C – Is'haaq	5M – Sukhraj	5C – Joshua	5M – Zoya
6G – Kaisha	6N – Uma	6G – Tanarshae	6N – Sienna

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Monday 6 th March	West End Dance workshops across school
Tuesday 7 th March	Year 5 & 6 Rap/Poetry Workshops
Tuesday 14 th March	Year 2 Explorers Workshop
Wednesday 15 th March	Potential Strike Day 3 – NEU Coffee Morning in School – Local Councillor Rinkal Shergill and other guests from the local community (this will go ahead even if some classes are closed for strike action)
Thursday 16 th March	Potential Strike Day 4 – NEU
Friday 17 th March	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day
Tuesday 21 st March	Class 5M Assembly – Year 5 Parents Welcome 2.15pm
Tuesday 28 th March	Year 4 Easter Assembly – Year 4 Parents Welcome 2.15pm
Friday 31 st March	Easter Bonnet parades in the morning Easter Parties in the afternoon No school Uniform – Finish at 3.15pm
Friday 31 st March	End of Spring term
Monday 17 th April	Children return to School
Thursday 19 th April	Year 3 Trip to Lunt Roman Fort
Wednesday 26 th April	Year 2 Trip to Botanical Gardens
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May	King Charles Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9 th May	Year 6 SATs Week begins – No holidays
Thursday 25 th May	Year 4 trip to Walsall Art Gallery
Friday 26 th May	End of Half-Term
Monday 5 th June	Children return to School
Tuesday 6 th June	Year 1 Trip to West Midlands Safari Park
Wednesday 14 th June	Year 4 Residential Trip to Woodlands
Friday 21 st July	End of Summer Term