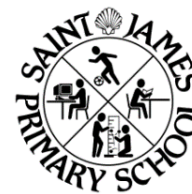


# St James Church of England Primary School

## News Letter 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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



### WELCOME BACK

What a wonderful start to the new school year! I love the first day back – welcoming lots of excited children to the door and making sure everyone returns after the six week break.

Children are settling well with their new teachers and we have enjoyed welcoming lots of you to the year group briefings where you got a chance to meet the new teachers and find out about routines and topics for the year ahead.

Our enriching curriculum has also kicked back into action with trips and visitors starting last week. Year 4 had a great experience at the science museum and this ignites excitement for their science work this term. Yesterday year 2 met lots of mini-beasts and were very brave in their workshops.



### SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPISTS (SALT)

Many of you are asking us for this now in school, as the NHS service has discharged children on their case load. The NHS service are due to set up Therapist services in schools but as yet we have had no information about this – as soon as we know the details and dates we will be in touch to let you know what this looks like.

### SPORTS COACH

We are very lucky to have specialist sports coaches teaching some of our P.E. sessions and run sessions after school. Please remember to **remove earrings on P.E. day**. In order to meet the risk assessment for 30 children doing P.E. - children must not wear them. If your child gets a place in a club after school, they should bring their normal P.E. kit to wear – plain black bottoms and a yellow or white T-Shirt.

### ATTENDANCE

Whole School attendance for last week was 95.3 %. This is more in line with our school expectation for good attendance. Thank you to all of you who continue to make it your priority to get children into school every day and on time so that children can maximise their learning opportunities and have consistent routines.

***Congratulations to Classes RO & 6N who won the attendance bears***

***The following classes had attendance above 95%:***

***Class 1J - 97% Class 2K – 97% Class 2O – 96% Class 3C – 96% Class 4H-97% Class 5U – 95%***

Please remember holidays should not be taken in term time. The Local Authority will issue fines to any families where this is the case. Parents must contact school by 10.00am on the first day of a child's absence.

*Let Your Light Shine* Matthew 5:16

## STAR OF THE WEEK



### Week Beginning – 11.09.23

RM – Jahzara	RO – Noah-Javier
1J – Haider	1M – Aizah
2K – Anaya	2O – Ria-Belle
3C – Chaise	3R – Drishika
4H – Jennah	4M – Radiyah
5U – Aniket	5M – Reet
6G – Aman	6N – Tamoya

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 trip to National Space Centre
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Individual and Family Photographs
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 trip to Sandwell Valley
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	World Mental Health Day
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Immunisation all year groups – Nursing Team
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	End of half-term
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Start of new term - Children return to school 8.45am</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Residential Trip to London –
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Children return from London – Birmingham New Street
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week Year 4 Mountains Workshop
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Ancient Egyptians Workshop
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 trip to RAF Cosford
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need – Charity Day
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception – Jack and the Beanstalk workshop
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	End of term for Christmas Break
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Start of Spring Term – Children return to school 8.45am</b>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Antarctica Workshop
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 4 Saxons & Vikings workshop
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Year 1 Great fire of London Workshop
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	End of half-term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Teacher Training Day 3
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Children return to School 8.45am</b>
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 Think Forensic Workshop
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – dress up as a book character
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	End of Spring term for Easter Break