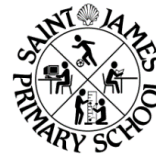


St James Church of England Primary School

News Letter 24th January 2024

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



SCHOOL

I have always loved story books and as a teacher I collected lots of them so when this idea came to me, I realised I could share all these books out with our school community. It has been a pleasure to watch the little library getting used over the last week. Every item is free and I really want this community cupboard to be used by everyone. I love the fact that children are bringing in their own books and leaving one when they have taken one. I loved watching a child jump up and down in excitement when they found a Harry Potter book.



BENEFITS OF READING



Sharpens your mind



Helps in self-discovery



Improves writing skills



Improves your language skills

Please use it and if you have any books to donate you can also drop them at the office ☺.

Reading is hugely important for children and helps them develop language and

allows them to access all other areas of learning. Please join with us as we encourage children to read for pleasure every day.

This feels like a very short term and children are still accessing lots of workshops to support their learning. Last week year 4 have been learning about Vikings and Saxons and Year 1 took part in a Drama workshop all about the Great Fire of London.

Thank you to the parents that came to the Shelter Coffee Morning – it was fantastic to see everyone joining in and finding out information so they can empower themselves in what are often very difficult situations. More of these sessions are coming so please keep an eye out for any flyers. If you are entitled to claim Household Support Fund – and haven't claimed any in the last twelve months, please try this out on the Birmingham.go.uk website – Search household support fund and there is a form to complete.

ATTENDANCE

Whole School attendance for last week was 93.6 %. This is below 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 they can maximise their learning opportunities and have consistent routines.

Congratulations to Classes 2O & 5M who won the attendance bears

The following classes had attendance above 95%:

Class 3C - 97%, Class 4M – 95%, Class 6N 97%

Please remember holidays should not be taken in term time. To date, the Local Authority has issued fines to 20 families when they have been on holiday during term time. One family has been fined £1000 and another family have been summoned to court. Parents must ensure they contact school by 10.00am if their child is absent from school.

Let Your Light Shine Matthew 5:16

STAR OF THE WEEK

Week Beginning – 08.01.24		Week Beginning – 15.01.24	
RM – Reyansh	RO - Essay	RM – Noah	RO – Freddy
1J – Sutiksh	1M – Imari	1J – Gurkaran	1M – Hazal
2K – Nahor	2O – Sehajpreet	2K – Ranvir	2O – Ehsan
3C – Amirah	3R – Harsimar	3C – Azaniah	3R – Ekampreet
4H – Muhab	4M – Naman	4H – Emily	4M – Sukh
5U – Aniket	5M – Zaciah	5U – Cayden	5M – Viraj
6G – Romone	6N – Abdirazzaq	6G – Renae	6N – Hilina

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tuesday 30 th January	Year 5 Trip to Gurdwara
Friday 9 th February	End of half-term
Monday 19 th February	Teacher Training Day 3
Tuesday 20th February	Children return to School 8.45am
Friday 23 rd February	‘Young Voices’ Concert – Resorts World Arena
Tuesday 27 th February	Year 6 Think Forensic Workshop
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – dress up as a book character
Friday 22 nd March	End of Spring term for Easter Break
Monday 8 th April	Teacher Training Day 4
Tuesday 9th April	Children return to School 8.45am
Thursday 11 th April	Year 1 trip to Twycross Zoo
Tuesday 16 th April	Year 3 Ancient Greeks Workshop Reception trip to Attwell Farm
Thursday 18 th April	Year 4 trip to Walsall Art Gallery
Tuesday 23 rd April	Year 2 trip to Botanical Gardens
Thursday 2 nd May	Elections – School Closed
Monday 6 th May	Early May Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 13 th May	Year 6 SATs Week – No holiday
Thursday 23 rd May	Year 2 trip to Central Mosque
Friday 24 th May	End of half-term
Monday 3rd June	Children return to school 8.45am
Tuesday 4 th June	Year 3 trip to Lunt Roman Fort
Monday 10 th June	Year 1 Planetarium Workshop
Monday 10 th June	Year 3 Bike-ability starts Each class gets a week on this programme – information about how to access this will come out closer to the time.
Tuesday 11 th June	Year 5 trip to Black Country Museum
Wednesday 12 th June	Year 4 Woodlands Residential Trip – 3 days & 2 nights
Monday 17 th June	Year 6 Careless Talk Language Alive Workshop
Monday 24 th June	Year 5 Bike-ability starts Each class gets a week on this programme – information about how to access this will come out closer to the time.
Tuesday 25 th June	Year 6 trip to Safari Park
Thursday 18 th July	Graduation for Year 6 – 9:15am
Friday 19 th July	End of term for children