



ST JAMES' FAMILY NEWSLETTER



2nd October 2017

Dear Parents and Friends of St James,

I wanted to say a huge thank you for all the parents and friends who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning last week – it was a fantastic morning with lots of visitors into school to share a drink and cake with their children.



£581.50 was raised
Thank you for your support!

I would also like to thank those families who donated harvest gifts which will be distributed to the Hope Centre for local families in need. It has been a very busy week in school and I have enjoyed meeting so many of you.

Our Parents Evenings are next week – Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October. There will be a letter in your child's book bag today explaining a new process of booking appointments. Each afternoon, after school, your child's teacher will be able to book appointments directly with you. These appointment sheets will be in the school office during the day so if you are unable to book directly with your child's teacher, please contact the school office and they will be able to offer you time slots. We also would like to request that all children in Years 1 – 6 attend parents evening with their parents.

I have been made aware that some parents are worried about the behaviour of other children in school. We take all incidents of bullying very seriously but unless we are alerted to concerns that you have, we cannot address it. Please contact a member of staff if you have worries or if you feel your concerns have not been dealt with appropriately, please contact me or Mrs Bilkhu. Usually disagreements and issues between children can be sorted quickly and easily without escalating into a bigger problem.

I look forward to meeting many of you at our Parents' Evenings next week.

Best Wishes,
Sarah Beach

WANTED – NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

If you are interested in helping us to move the school forward and being part of this exciting development time for St James, please come and talk to Mrs Beach. You need to be able to attend 6 meetings a year (straight after school, free child care available in Octopus Club for meetings) and be available occasionally during the day to complete monitoring visits. This is your school – your input is needed!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS BOUGHT A NEW PE T-SHIRT – OUR CHILDREN LOOK VERY SMART IN THEIR PE LESSONS!

Year 6 parents – please do not forget the 31st October deadline to make your secondary school application. Please contact the school office if you would like some support with this process and we will be happy to help.

What's Coming Up / Dates for your diaries

Tuesday 3rd Oct – an exciting day for Year 3 as they visit the Natural History Museum in London

Wednesday 4th Oct – 'No Pens Wednesday' – a day without writing in school!

Wednesday 4th Oct – Eucharist at 9:00 – parents more than welcome.

Wednesday 4th Oct – Year 3/4 Multi-skills competition – more details from Miss Meyler

Friday 6th Oct – Year 3/4 Basketball competition – more details from Miss Meyler

Friday 6th Oct – Movie Night for Y5/6 – run by the Friends of St James – after school until 5:30pm

Tuesday 10th Oct – Parents Evening until 7:30pm. The Boys Brigade and school nurse will be available at this evening.

Wednesday 11th Oct – Parents Evening until 5:30pm

Friday 13th Oct – Movie Night for Y3/4– run by the Friends of St James - after school until 5:30pm

Tuesday 17th Oct – Year 4 visit to Sywell Aviation Museum as part of their Zeppelin project

Thursday 19th Oct – a very important WWI anniversary for the school as we remember two St James children killed by a Zeppelin bomb in 1917. Year 4 will be taking part in a series of activities and visits in that week, culminating in a commemoration service with members of the community and local council.

Friday 20th Oct – school photos – sibling and individual photos

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October is our half term holiday.

Please note that the first day back for children is **TUESDAY 31st OCTOBER** as the Monday is a training day for staff.

Dates for next term:

Tuesday 31st Oct – Year 2 trip to Holdenby House

Monday 6th Nov – Teacher led clubs start for 5 weeks

Friday 10th Nov – Remembrance Service in school – 2:30pm. All welcome

Friday 10th Nov – Movie Night for Year 1/2 after school

Friday 17th Nov – On-line Safety workshop for parents

Friday 17th Nov – Children in Need Day

Friday 17th Nov – Movie Night for Nursery and Reception after school

Friday 1st Dec – Christmas Craft Day

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