



ST JAMES' FAMILY NEWSLETTER

18th January 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of St James,

Welcome back after the New Year! I hope you had a restful break after all the activities of last term. We've got off to a brisk pace in school with all classes working on a 'Jack and the Beanstalk' writing topic inspired by some surprising acting by the staff last week!

We've had a visit from PDET who spent the day looking at all the teaching and learning in the classrooms; they were impressed with the progress that is being made in each of the classes and the engaging activities that the children were doing.

We look forward to welcoming you into school next week for our Parents' Evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday. It is really important that you come along to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. Please book your appointment with your child's teacher at the end of the day or via the school office by phone on 01604 751475 or email office@stjames.northants.sch.uk

Thank you to all of you who have voted for your new parent governor. The last date for voting is Friday 19th January 2018 and we will announce the successful applicant next week.

Check out our new website - <http://www.stjames.northants.sch.uk/>



It will be updated regularly with news, calendar dates and announcements. Thank you to Mrs Walker and Mr Laundon for all their efforts in getting it ready – and to the children for such great photographs!

Our weekly cake raffle starts again this Friday – please buy tickets at the school gate before school. All the money we raise goes towards extra activities for the children. The raffle will be drawn on Friday afternoon in our Celebration Gathering (which this Friday promises to be a little different!) Watch this space...

Best Wishes,
Sarah Beach

SAVE THE DATES – Tues 27th and Wed 28th MARCH

Our Year 3, 4, and 5 children will be putting on a performance for parents and friends just before Easter. They will announce the title soon!

HALF TERM – Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

What's Coming Up / Dates for your diaries:

Monday 22nd Jan – Governors Meeting at 3:30pm

Tuesday 23rd Jan – Parents Evening until 7:30pm

Wednesday 24th Jan – Parents Evening until 5:30pm

Friday 26th Jan – Y6 Magistrates visit

Wednesday 31st Jan – Eucharist at 9:00am. All welcome.

Friday 2nd Feb – Y4 Candlemas Celebration at St Matthew's Church.

Tuesday 6th Feb – Y5 Safer Internet workshop and performance at the Guildhall, Northampton

Wednesday 7th Feb – Safer Internet Day in school.

Friday 9th Feb – School closes for Half Term at 3:15pm

Monday 19th Feb – School opens after Half Term at 8:45 / Gates open 8:45

Thursday 22nd Feb – Founder's Day – all scouts/beavers and cubs come to school in their uniform

Thursday 1st March – World Book Day – a theme to be announced soon!

Tuesday 27th March – Evening performance of Y345 production – 6pm

Wednesday 28th March – Afternoon and evening performance of Y345 production – 2pm and 6pm

Thursday 29th March – School closes at 3:15pm for the Easter Break

Please find below the latest On-line Safety Newsletter from Simon Aston at NCC

I hope you all had a nice and relaxing Christmas break. Due to a busy schedule it's been a while since I last did a newsletter and as always lots has been going on in terms of online safety.

It was great to see so many schools at the UK Safer Internet Live event in December. I thought it was a really good event and how important it is to highlight to young people and adults how apps store and sell data. 75% of mobile apps want data and of the course the reason why Instagram is worth so much money is because it sells on data. So it's worth reminding staff, parents and children to delete free apps if they are not being used. There is no such thing as free. The Children's Commissioner in September published some fact sheets and teaching resources making it easier for young people to understand what they are signing up to. Below is a few examples from their Snapchat resource.

While you use Snapchat we collect the following data:

- What you search
- The filters you use
- All your contacts in your phonebook, unless you tell them not to
- Where you are
- Who you interact with

Have a look at the resource below:

<https://www.tes.com/teaching-resources/blog/digital-citizenship-young-peoples-rights-social-media>

Online Safety – Parents At the moment I am being asked to do a lot of parent sessions and 1-2-1 group work. It's great we are engaging parents around online safety but **stats are telling me I am doing more parent sessions than staff awareness sessions which is worrying**. If you have concerns about a child or family and their internet use, please consider the following.

- Encourage the family to talk about the positives of the internet and gaming, and also talk about the negatives.
- The children or child is to come up with some technology rules and the child or children also sets the consequences. Children are more likely to buy into the rules if they set them.
- Download for free the family agreement from Childnet International and the school can support the family with this.
 - <http://www.childnet.com/resources/family-agreement>
- Don't forget, blocking and removing devices could cause or increase secretive behaviour.
- We have made the online safety bookings a lot easier for schools and organisations. We have revamped the online safety web page on the county councils website and updated the costings. If you would like to book an online safety session then please email e-safety@northamptonshire.gov.uk. You can also check out our web page about [bullying and online safety](#)

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