



29<sup>th</sup> January 2018

*Dear Parents and Friends of St James,*

*Well, last week was very busy with our visitors from Ofsted on Tuesday and Wednesday. The children were brilliant and enjoyed sharing their views of the school with inspectors. Thank you to all the parents who responded to the parent survey and completed the online questionnaire. We expect Ofsted's report in a few weeks' time when I will be able to share the outcome with you.*

*Thank you for your understanding during the visit as we had to postpone Parents' Evening – these are now next week on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**. We will assume the time slot you had booked will remain the same unless you inform us differently. Teachers will have the booking forms with them towards the end of the week or you can contact the office for any changes/confirmations.*

*Our visitors also meant that I did not get chance to let you know that Philippa Jeyes-Blackburn is your new Parent Governor. Philippa has 3 children in school – Maisie in Year 6, April in Year 1 and Zac in Reception. We had over 140 parents vote in the elections which was excellent and demonstrates your commitment and interest in the school. The vote was close and I would like to thank the other 3 candidates for their nominations. Philippa joins Zoe Wykes as your representatives on the governing board. Please speak to them about any concerns or suggestions you may have.*

*We welcomed over 20 parents to our new-style Celebration Gathering on Friday. Feedback was very positive and I look forward to meeting many more parents over the coming weeks if your child receives the very special gold envelope and invite to this event. It is a great way to celebrate the achievements of our children and end the week on such a positive note – with Kool and the Gang's 'Celebrate'!*

*Again, thank you for your understanding at all the last minute changes last week due to our Ofsted visitors. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all the staff in school for the extra hours and 'over and above' they did last week – if they are still looking a little jaded this week, please bear with them!*

*Best Wishes,  
Sarah Beach*

## **COULD YOU BE A READING VOLUNTEER IN SCHOOL?**

We would like to recruit more volunteers to help develop reading in school. You will listen to children read and extend their learning with questioning and challenge. You will need to complete an application form, supply two references, have a DBS (security clearance check) and undertake some training with Mrs Bagshaw, our reading lead. If you think you can offer a regular time slot to support our development of reading, please contact the school office and Mrs Bagshaw will be in touch.

# SAVE THE DATES – Tues 27<sup>th</sup> and Wed 28<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

### What's Coming Up / Dates for your diaries:

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan** – Governors Meeting at 3:30pm – postponed to Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan** – Parents Evening until 7:30pm – postponed to Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Parents Evening until 5:30pm – postponed to Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan** – Eucharist at 9:00am. All welcome.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb** – Y4 Candlemas Celebration at St Matthew's Church.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Y5 Safer Internet workshop and performance at The Deco, Northampton

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Safer Internet Day in school.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb** – School closes for Half Term at 3:15pm

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb** – School opens after Half Term at 8:45 / Gates open 8:30

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

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb** – School Disco

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – World Book Day – a theme to be announced soon!

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 1 & 2 Movie Night

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** – Year 3 & 4 Movie Night

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** – Maths Day – a chance to share some Maths learning and activities with your child

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March** - Y4 Faith Roadshow – a PDET event to find out about a range of faiths

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Evening performance of Y345 production – 6pm

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Afternoon and evening performance of Y345 production – 2pm and 6pm

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – School closes at 3:15pm for the Easter Break

School opens on TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL after the Easter break

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