



13th March 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of St James,

I hope you have heard that we are now generating much of our electricity through 107 solar panels that have been installed on the hall and kitchen roofs. The installers worked through the snow a couple of weeks ago and we turned the panels on last week – we have already generated 343 KWh of energy and saved 195 kg of CO₂ (enough to drive a car for 7 hours!) Over Easter, we will have all our lights replaced with LED bulbs to save even more energy! Year 4 have been doing a project on the solar panels and eco-friendliness – check out their pages on the website for the information they have learnt.

Lots of children have also started to bring in their family project – something with an ECO theme. We will be sharing these during the last week of term so get recycling, reusing, reducing and creating!!

In addition to this, an exciting project to renovate the outside space in Reception and Year 1 begins next week. It is likely that there will be some disruption to drop offs and picks up but please bear with us – we will let you know if access is restricted and we will meet you and your children on the main playground if we need to. The area will be finished ready for learning after Easter; we are very excited!

Best Wishes,
Sarah Beach

DRAGON DAYS

The Year 3, 4 and 5 production is well under way for performances on:

Tuesday 27th March at 6:00pm

Wednesday 28th March at 2:00pm and 6:00pm

Tickets will be available soon

SPORT RELIEF – Monday 17th March. Dress up as your favourite sports' star and bring a donation for this great cause (and wear trainers so you can join in with the Fun Run!)

Behaviour Workshop

Would you like some support with managing behaviour at home?
Mrs Moore and Mrs Williams are running a workshop for parents
Wednesday 21st March 9am – 10am in the Studio

What's Coming Up / Dates for your diaries:

Friday 16th March – Year 1 & 2 Movie Night

Monday 19th March – Sport Relief Day. Dress up and Fun Run in school

Tuesday 20th March – Year 1 trip to Peterborough Cathedral (rescheduled from the snow day!)

Wednesday 21st March – Eucharist. Led by Father Phil at 9am. All invited

Wednesday 21st March – Behaviour Workshop for parents 9-10am in the studio.

Friday 23rd March – Year 3 & 4 Movie Night

Friday 23rd March – Maths Day – a chance to share some Maths learning and activities with your child

Monday 26th March - Y4 Faith Roadshow – a PDET event to find out about a range of faiths

Tuesday 27th March – Evening performance of Y345 production – 6:00pm

Wednesday 28th March – Afternoon and evening performance of Y345 production – 2pm and 6:00pm

Wednesday 28th March – Easter Service in Church at 11am. All invited.

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

School opens on TUESDAY 17th APRIL after the Easter break

Friday 20th April – Mini Movie night (Reception and Nursery classes)

Izabelle O'Connor's mum, Sarah, is running the Great North Run in September for Tommy's charity. She has a target of £509 to raise and is looking for any sponsorship that you may be able to offer. Please donate through her charity page if you can:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=SarahOConnor&pageUrl=3>

Online Safety Newsletter Feb 2018

Digital Resilience

The recent report by the Children's Commissioner "life in likes" highlighted young people lack the resilience to deal with social media especially the 8-12 category.

I am really encouraging parents and schools to consider resilience building as part of online safety. I am also worried that we are still challenging technology as part of educating young people around online safety. In order to keep young people safe online we need to challenge their behaviour. The example I often give is if the whole of year 7 are bullying each other on What's App, What's App isn't sending the messages out by itself is it?

A child who is digital resilient will be able to:

- Understand when they are at risk online
- Know what to do to seek help
- Learn from experience
- Recover when things go wrong

When running parent sessions we must be educating parents on digital resilience this is vital part to keeping children safe online.

Safer internet day 2018

Thank you to all those that took part in SID 2018 the day was a huge success mainly down to the support of schools and organisations. The day reached 3 million children across the UK which is amazing. Here in Northamptonshire we ran a number of activities and engaged 100's of young people from primary and secondary schools across the county. The "Add me" performance lead by Rushden Academy at the Deco was fantastic and highlighted the dangerous of the internet and how easily it is for young people to be groomed online. I would encourage all schools to keep up the good work around online safety as there was such a great buzz on the day that we need to keep going, especially when running parent sessions.

Keeping safe whilst live streaming

Make positive choices – it's live so you can't edit

Who are you sharing with?

Protect Personal Information.

Think carefully before you watch a live stream – the content could be inappropriate

Early in January the Children's Commissioner produced a fascinating report around the way 8-12 years olds use social media. Some key conclusions:

- Year 6 and 7 are crucial ages at which to prioritise online safety sessions around digital resilience and digital literacy.
- Children are adapting their online behaviour in order to gain social approval.
- Children should be educated around critical thinking as they are developing a warped view of reality and fantasy via social media. Friends, celebrities and brands.
- Children need to understand the power of peer pressure.

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