



# ST JAMES' FAMILY NEWSLETTER



21<sup>st</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents and Friends of St James,

Next week we would like to invite you to our Macmillan Coffee Morning to share a drink and cake with your children whilst raising money for this very worthwhile cause. The coffee morning will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 9:30am-11:30am in the school hall. Children will come to the hall in their classes and you would be welcome to join us at that time:

Nursery and Reception – 9:30am – 10:00am  
Years 1 & 2 – 10:00am – 10:30am  
Years 3 & 4 – 10:30am – 11:00am  
Years 5 & 6 – 11:00am – 11:30am



**We also need LOTS of cake to sell and eat, so if you could help us out by baking some cakes and dropping them off at school on Tuesday or Wednesday, that would be fantastic. Any help serving tea and coffee would also be appreciated – please let the office know if you can help.**

Also, in the same week is our Harvest services at church. Please send your child in with a harvest gift on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. All gifts will be offered as part of the service at church and then donated onwards to local food banks. The KS2 Harvest service will be at 10:30am at St James Church and the KS1 service at 2:00pm at St Mary's. You are more than welcome to join us.

Thank you to all the parents who joined myself and Mrs Bilkhu to discuss arrangements for homework – we will be rolling out our proposals soon across the school.

Thank you also for your cooperation in changing the routine in the morning. School is much calmer and safer in the mornings and children are settling quickly to their learning. As a reminder: the school gates open at 8:30am and the school doors open at 8:45am. **Please arrive by 8:50am to ensure your child can enter school via the playground.** The school gates will be locked by 8:55am when you will need to sign your child in via the school office. Reception and Year 1 children will continue to enter their classrooms through the blue gate from the road.

Best Wishes,  
Sarah Beach

## WANTED - DONATIONS FOR NURSERY -

Any old wellington boots in children's sizes 10/11 and old trousers to fit age 4/5 year olds, please!

## BLUE PE T-SHIRTS

In response to a number of queries from our Parents' Meetings, we have purchased pale blue T-shirts for you to buy. They are now available from the school office at a price of £3 (apart from age 9/10 which we are still waiting for!)

**PLEASE CHECK AT HOME FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS. WE HAVE OVER £1000 OF MISSING BOOKS!**

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

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept** – an exciting morning for Reception and KS1 children with very special visitors!

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Macmillan Coffee Morning – a chance to share a coffee and cake in school with your child whilst raising funds for this important charity.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept** – a visit from the 'Hot Shots' Basketball Club for KS2

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Harvest Services at St Mary's (KS1) and St James (KS2) times to be confirmed

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct** – a morning for Reception parents to learn more about phonics and the curriculum followed in the Early Years

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct** – an exciting day for Year 3 as they visit the Natural History Museum in London

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct** – 'No Pens Wednesday' – a day without writing in school!

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Eucharist at 9:00 – if your child is in KS2 and would like to take their first communion in school as part of this very popular Eucharist Service led by Revd Phil Bowden, please contact the school office. There will be a series of sessions in the weeks before the service to prepare new children. You should have received a letter this week.

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

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

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Parents Evening until 5:30pm

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

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October is our half term holiday.**

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

**Here is the list of term dates for the rest of the year – please note the early finish time before Christmas and the end of the academic year.**

School Opens at 8.45am	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2017
<b>School Closes at 1.30pm</b>	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
School opens at 8.45am	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
School Closes at 3.15pm	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
School Opens at 8.45am	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
School Closes at 3.15pm	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
School Opens at 8.45am	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
School Closed – May Day	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
School Closes at 3.15pm	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
School Opens at 8.45am	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
<b>School Closes at 1.30pm</b> , last day of school year	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018

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