



St. James Newsletter 6.9.24

Welcome!

Dear parents/guardians,

Firstly, I would like to welcome you to the new look St. James Newsletter! I shall be writing to you every other Friday with news from school, sharing key dates and most importantly celebrating the achievements of the children.

We have had such a busy start to the new year... Our PreSchool and Reception children have made the most wonderful and confident start- making new friends, learning new routines and starting their learning journeys with us. Year 1 have enjoyed their first PE lesson of the year, thinking about how to move their bodies. They have also been thinking about how to be kind and show respect. Year 2 have read the book Blown Away and then thought carefully about what it means to be a team. They have

been working with some really big numbers in Maths, and in their English lesson, they have started reading the book, *The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark*.

A hugely successful start to the year- well done to all of our children.

Mrs O'Shea

News and events



All of our dates and event details will be put onto Dojo so please keep an eye out there. Here are the key dates:

Parent drop-ins- Feel free to drop in to see us after school on Monday 9th and Monday 16th September to meet your child's new class teacher. You can come into the classrooms and take a look at where all the hard work takes place. This is a drop-in session, so no need to book.

Friends of St. James AGM- 18th September. 2.30. Everyone is welcome!

Macmillian Coffee Morning- 27th September. 8.45 - 10.00. Everyone is welcome!

Harvest Festival- 9th October. 9.15 - 9.45. Led by the year 1 children. All families are welcome.

Halloween disco- 18th October. Reception to year 2. 3.15 to 4.30. Details will be shared nearer the time.

Parents Evening- 22nd and 24th October. 3.30 to 7.00. Details will be shared nearer the time.

INSET DAY- school will be closed to children on Friday 25th October.

Half term- Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November.

Our School Values- Respect, Kindness, Inclusion and Teamwork





After speaking with the children, we felt that now was a good time to re-vamp our school values.... Introducing our growth values- *Respect, Kindness, Inclusion and Teamwork*. The school values are instrumental in setting conduct standards, reinforcing our behaviour policy. By teaching and consistently modeling these values, we will support the holistic development of each child.

Meet Gardener Kit- she's the little lady in the green dungarees! She supports the children to grow and helps us to promote the values.

This week our children have been reading the book 'The Bad Seed'. The moral of the story is one of respect. The children have read this story over the week, and have been thinking about what it means to be respectful.... some of the children have been learning a well known Aretha Franklin song too!

Some exciting school projects.....





Over the summer holidays, the school has been alive with building works and improvements. We have been fortunate enough to have a brand new, and donated kitchen from Wickes. Thank you to our site supervisor, Kevin, who has worked very hard in doing most of the fitting himself! We've also had some new toilets fit, an outdoor play area laid in Poppies, and new planters and mud kitchens in the Reception outside area.

Most of the works and resources have been donated to us or supported financially by our Trust. We have also been very fortunate in having teams of volunteers from Amazon and the Rotary Club to help us get the school back together after weeks of building works.

A real community and team effort! Please take notice of the improvements when you pop in!!

Our school uniform

There are so many smart and shiny shoes around the school! The children look very proud.

Please find a reminder of our school uniform expectations below. We do have lots and lots of second-hand uniform, so if you need anything please ask a member of staff.



Uniform at St James



All items can be with or without the school logo



Trousers, shorts, skirts and pinafores can be **grey** or **black**

Gingham or striped dresses/shorts for summer months

PE Uniform



Plain white T-shirt, blue short, plain blue tracksuit.

Children can come to school on PE days in their PE kit.