



## St. James Newsletter 20.9.24

### Welcome!

Dear parents/guardians,

We have had such a busy couple of weeks in school! The children have quickly got back into the swing of things- learning new systems and routines in the classroom, developing relationships with their new grown-ups, and taking part in lots of exciting learning.

This week there have been many pirates around the school! Pirate Pea, Pirate Cat and Pirate AI have been helping us to think about '**how we learn**'. Learning to be a learner is a huge skill in itself, but with the help of Pea, Cat and AI, our children are starting to explore, investigate, concentrate, think and question so their learning can be the best it can be.

Last week, you received your class newsletters, homework splats and knowledge organisers via a Dojo message. They are also available on our school website. The 3 documents give a clear overview of the knowledge which the children will learn this term.

As well as curriculum learning, we are having a huge focus on our school values.... respect, kindness, inclusion and teamwork. I'm so impressed that the children are already talking to me about how they have demonstrated the values to each other. This week in assembly, year 1 and year 2 listened to Errol's Garden which promotes teamwork- why not ask them to share the story with you!

Thank you for another super week everyone. Enjoy the weekend.

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:

Macmillian Coffee Morning- 27th September. 8.45 - 10.00. Everyone is welcome! Please come along to enjoy a cuppa and some cake- while supporting an amazing charity.

Year 1 and 2 photos individual photos- 3rd October- Full uniform is required.

Poppies and Reception individual photos and sibling photos - 4th October- Full uniform is required.

Harvest Festival- 9th October. 9.15 - 9.45. Led by the year 1 children. Reception and Year 2 will be singing. All families are welcome. Please bring a food donation into school to be donated to the Vineyard Foodbank.

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.

## Road safety



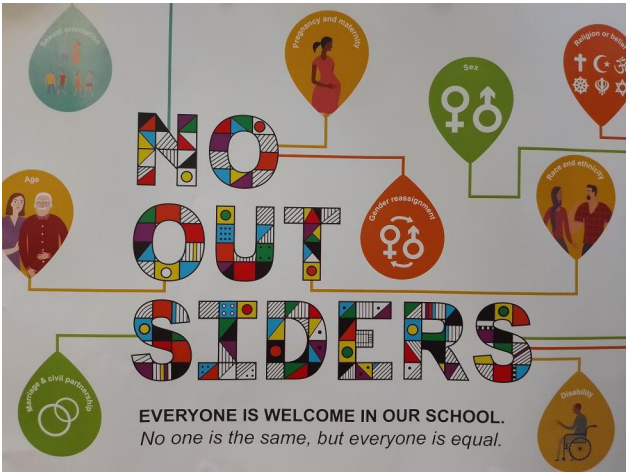
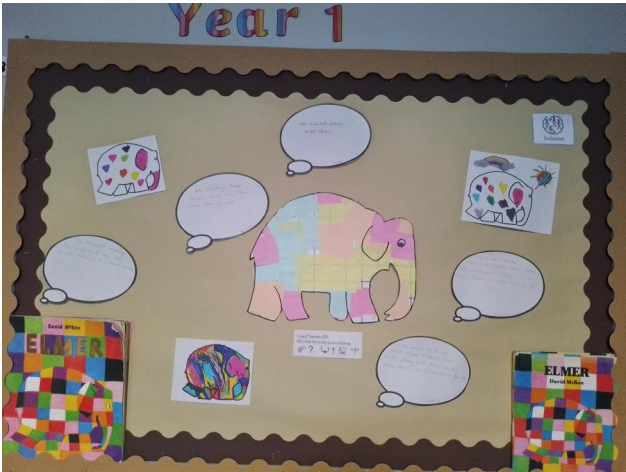
# Road Safety

We have had communication from members of the Daventry community regarding road safety outside of our school. There has been a near miss this week, which could have ended in a very serious way for one of our children.

The speed bump is not a zebra crossing. We have two zebra crossings along St. James Street which should be used to get the children and yourselves safely into school. Teaching the children the correct road safety behaviours is paramount. Please support us with this.



No Outsiders- Everyone is Welcome....





You will often hear our children say, 'There are no outsiders at St. James. Everyone's welcome'. This is a key message which we promote to our children through everything they do. The children have started to enjoy this half term's No Outsiders texts: Blown Away, Elmer and Hello, Hello, and have been busy creating displays and posters which are placed around the school. They look wonderful children- a big well done.

## Friends of St. James

This week we had the Friends of St. James AGM. We have said goodbye to a few existing members, and a hello to some new faces.

A huge THANK YOU to those of you who have left the committee- your hardwork and time has given the children many new experiences and opportunities that they would not have had without your support.

A big WELCOME to our new members- we really look forward to having you on board and becoming more closely involved in supporting the school.

We have many FOSJ events planned this year, including fayres, discos, movie nights, craft events.... All the funds raised are vital- the FOSJ buy much of the equipment which the school cannot afford to buy alone. The Friends have purchased new bikes and scooters this summer which are being used by our Early Years children. Thank you!

If you are keen to join, please pop into the office, or email: [FOSJ@SJIS.inmat.org.uk](mailto:FOSJ@SJIS.inmat.org.uk)

**Thank you in advance for supporting FOSJ**

## Our school uniform

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.

STIKINS: Quality labels for your child's school uniform, shoes, water bottles etc,  
<https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

Please quote the school reference number **19752** to ensure we receive 30% back as a donation to school.



## 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.