

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Doug Stitcher

Mr D Stitcher, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

The weekend is nearly upon us. I'd like to start by thanking everyone for their help this week in parking away from school. We've had a few 'bumps in the road' (if you'll pardon the pun!), but there is no doubt that Earl Street is safer than it's ever been for your children.

Unfortunately, having to staff it with senior staff every morning and evening is not sustainable and takes them away from their other roles so ideally, we'd like to get to point where people park safely away from school because it is the right thing to do and not just because we are stood there asking you to move!

To help us achieve this, we met with council and the police today to discuss a few measures that we

could implement. We are exploring increasing the number of cones, improving the yellow line coverage to extend to Tenby Close and we will be receiving some enforcement support. Whilst we fully understand that some of these measures may be inconvenient to some parents, there is no counter argument when you child's safety is at the centre of what we are doing.

And finally, please remember it is a Bank Holiday on Monday so school will re-open on Tuesday 7th May.

Have a lovely (extended) weekend.

Mr Sticher



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13th - 16th May 2024 -Year 6 SATs Week

CHANGES AFFECTING BREAKFAST CLUB

During SATs week, Breakfast Club in **Key Stage 2** hall will be taking place in **Key Stage 1 hall**. (Entrance on Oozebooth Terrace) Breakfast club will run every morning from 7:45am – 8:20am with the final drop off at 8:15am.

Year 6 SATs Breakfast Club

All Year 6 pupils will be invited to have breakfast at school during SATS week, the children should arrive at **8:20am** every morning to enjoy breakfast.

Pupils should not arrive **no earlier than 8:20am**.



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attendance ~~MATTERS~~



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS 4S WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FOR LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

95% and above	RS	90.0%	
	RJ	98.6%	2
	1S	91.4%	
	1J	96.2%	
90% - 94.9%	2S	92.7%	
	2J	93.0%	
	3S	96.2%	
	3J	94.6%	
Below 90%	4S	99.7%	1
	4J	95.0%	
	5S	94.8%	
	5J	90.0%	
	6S	92.9%	
	6J	92.3%	

If your child is absent due to illness, the office must be informed before 08:35 on that day.



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WHOLE SCHOOL *updates*



St. James' Stars of the Week!

Well done everyone, we are very proud of you. Who will be receiving a certificate next week?

Pre-School & Nursery		Zakariya A & Muhammad Abu Hurairah B & Fatima D & Mohammed Musa H	
RS	Juwarriya M & Duha S	RJ	Rafia Z. & Maryam B.
1S	Emaan F & Amyra M	1J	Fatimah Zahra H & Fatima Noorah S H
2S	Zoya B & M.Ayaan M	2J	Ibrahim M & Muhammed I
3S	Zahra R & Nafia Z	3J	Haris A & Rayyan J
4S	M Eesa F & Amina M	4J	Zidan S & Fuzail S
5S	Khadija K & Abdul Hakeem H	5J	Malayeka H & Afraz M
6S	Baktash M and Azaldin A	6J	Essa F & Khadijah V



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YEAR GROUP *updates*

Forest Pre-School & Nursery

This week we have been learning about Elephants. The children have been listening to different 'Elmer the elephant' stories and have also been collaging their own patchwork elephant.

Action

Don't forget to apply sun cream in the mornings and if your child brings a sun hat please make sure this is labelled with their name. Thank You

Reception

This week have been creating shark fact files and we have learnt lots of exciting fact about sharks! We have been exploring doubling numbers and writing them in number sentences in our maths work. In our understanding the world topic we have been discussing hazards around the home and road safety. We have been practising our colour mixing skills to make beautiful tulip paintings using forks and paint brushes.

Action

- "All children must be sat in a full car seat with a seat belt on. Now that the weather has cheered up please try to walk to school if possible to help keep surrounding areas safe and clear."



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

"WOW! What a week we have had. Thank you to all those who have walked to school. Hope the children are excited about receiving their badges! This will continue until July, if you have not walked to school yet, there is still time to do so! Lets get walking! In D.T, the children blew us away with their fantastic windmills, learning about wheel mechanisms. Lights, camera action! The children have been photographers this week creating their own digital story!"

Action

- "Now the weather is getting warmer, please ensure sun cream is applied before coming to school and that your child has a water bottle in school. If your child has taken part in anything out of school please let one of the Year 1 team know so we can celebrate these achievements in school!"

Year 2

Well done to everyone in Year 2, for their effort this week completing their practice SATs tests. Everyone has given these their 100% best effort. We have now nearly finished writing out alternative ending to The Magic Finger with some brilliant ideas from both classes! Well done for your effort this week Year 2!

Action

- 2J, group 2 have their Garden Visit on the 9th of May.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

3S have been busy rehearsing for their class worship this week. They are excited to perform for parents/family next week on Wednesday. We have all been writing playscripts in English and focusing on column addition and subtraction in Maths. Our PSHE focus has been about keeping safe and the children have particularly enjoyed this.

Action

- Please read 3 times a week and practice timetables. Spellings to practice can now be found in the homework books. It is PE on Monday and Wednesday next week.

Year 4

"This week the children have continued to innovate and plan their own stories based on 'The Water Horse'. They have shared some great ideas and we look forward to reading their stories. In Maths, we have continued with ordering decimals and recognising halves and quarters as decimals."

Action

- Please continue to practise times tables with your child.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 5

"This week in Math's we have been looking at statistics. We have been reading and interpreting tables, two way tables and timetables. In English we have been writing our very own story based on another culture. We are using punctuation such as brackets, semi colons and colons in our writing.

Action

Please make sure your child logs into century tech to complete their assignments. Your child must still continue to practice their timetables and read their book at least 3x a week. Enjoy your long weekend.

Year 6

5 more school days until SATs.

Action

- Please prioritize revision on Arithmetic questions and continue to read.



PRAYER

for the week

Dear God

Help us to love the world we live in.
Help us to have the courage to be exceptional in all we do.
Help us to respect the people around us
Thank you for making our school your home.

Amen



After School Clubs

Monday

Y4 Multiplication Club
Year 6 SATs Booster Club

Tuesday

Year 1 Phonics Club
Years 3/4 Athletics Club
KS2 Computing Club
Y3/4 Film Club

Thursday

Rec/Y1 Gardening Club
Y5 Art Club

Follow the school on social media to keep up to date on what is happening in and around school!

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Please note that you don't need to have an account to view our social media pages.



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