

# St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a pleasure to welcome our children back to school this week, looking smart and feeling proud in their uniforms. They have settled back into school life quickly and, as I walk around our calm, peaceful school, it is lovely to see everyone working hard, trying their best, showing great enthusiasm for their learning and enjoying their return to school after the summer holidays.

With best wishes, **Mr Evans (Head of School)** and **Mr Webb (Executive Headteacher)**

## School Uniform at St James and St John

Wearing our school uniform helps children to feel a sense of identity and belonging to our school community. It came to governors' attention that over the years the number of items on the uniform list had grown and grown. As a result, Governors have reviewed the uniform policy and tidied it up to ensure that it looks smart and costs are kept affordable for parents.

Children in Years 1-6 were pleased to all be given a lovely new pair of black PE jogging bottoms today. Parents told us they found that the burgundy joggers faded very quickly and were difficult to source. Please make sure that your child wears their new black joggers on their class PE day each week, along with their school PE t-shirt. Please try the joggers on at home and swap for a larger or smaller size in the school office if necessary. Thank you for your help with this.

### School uniform:

- Maroon V-neck Sweatshirt with school logo OR Maroon Cardigan with school logo
- White school shirt (Years 1 – 6)
- Yellow Polo T-shirt (Nursery and Reception only)
- Grey school trousers/ school skirt/ school pinafore (Years 1 – 6)
- Black jogging bottoms (Nursery and Reception)
- Grey socks / white or grey tights
- Plain black trainers or shoes suitable for learning and playing
- Summer uniform – red and white checked dress / grey school shorts
- Backpack with school logo

### PE uniform:

- Yellow PE T-shirt with school logo (Reception to Year Six)
- PE trousers (winter) Reception to Year Six – Plain black jogging bottoms
- PE shorts (summer) Reception to Year Six – Plain black shorts

For more information about our school uniform and for a link to the Stitch Design website visit [www.stjamesandstjohnschool.co.uk](http://www.stjamesandstjohnschool.co.uk) à Key Information à Admissions, School Tours and Uniform.



I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **06.09.2024**

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND YOUR CHILD MIGHT WIN A PRIZE :)

## Attendance...

Congratulations to **Year 1** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. Most **Year 1** pupils came to school every day; **Year 1** really showed the school value of **Community** by helping their class to have the best attendance, this week. **James** and **John** (our attendance bears) will come and stay with Year 1 for the whole of next week :)

Please make sure your child is in school every single day this term unless they are too unwell to come to school. Thank you for your help with this :)



## Important Dates for your Diary...



**Thursday 12th September** - Secondary School Transfer Meeting for Year 6 parents - in the Main Hall

**Friday 13th September** - Academic Review Day for Y1-Y6 pupils. (INSET Day / no school for Nursery or Reception children)

**Wednesday 18th September** - School Photograph Day. (No PE Kits to be worn to school today).

**Wednesday 18th September at 1:30pm** - Start of School Year Service at St John's Church - for Y1-Y6 children - parents welcome!

**Friday 20th September** - Non Uniform Day

**Monday 23rd September** - After School Enrichment Clubs Start

**Friday 4th October** - Healthy Heart Day

**Thursday 24th October** - Non Uniform Day

**28th October - 1st November** - Half Term

We are delighted that there has been so much interest from children in learning musical instruments at school. Guitar lessons will begin this half term, and we will be in contact soon with further details about these guitar lessons.

We are currently working with Westminster Music Hub to secure the teachers necessary to teach piano and violin. Lessons for these musical instruments will begin after half term.

We will be in contact with parents whose children have expressed an interest in learning piano and violin as soon as we have secured these instrumental teachers.

Individual  
Musical  
Instrument  
Tuition



## Hellos and Goodbyes

We welcome Ms. Eriksson, a highly experienced teacher who has been teaching at one of our partner schools, to teach Year 6. Ms. Eriksson has enjoyed saying hello to many of you this week. We are pleased that Mr. Peters has begun his role as full time Assistant Headteacher and SENDCO, giving additional leadership capacity to the school and support for parents of children with SEN.

After many years working at the school, Mr. Elie (Tony) is moving on to enjoy the next stage in his life. I am sure that you will all join with me in wishing Mr. Elie the very best for the future and thank him for all of his work during his time with St. James and St. John.

As many of you will know, Mr. Elie lives on site and we are supporting him to continue to live in the school flat while he finalises his plans for his next steps. It is a little complex as we have to meet lots of safeguarding requirements, but we have found a solution that follows all of the rules. The children will be saying goodbye to Mr. Elie during an assembly later in the term.

## Academic Review Day

Please confirm your appointments with the office to meet your child's teacher at next Friday's Academic Review Day. Appointment letters were sent home this week. Your child's teacher is looking forward to meeting you on Friday 13th September and sharing your child's targets for this academic year.

## Our Prayer of the week...

*A prayer for the start of the new academic year...*

Dear Lord,

Use my eyes to see new friends.  
Open my ears to hear my teacher.  
Open my mind to learn new things.  
Let my heart remember you are near  
Help me to love others like you do.  
I want to shine your light so bright  
in my school

Amen



## Don't let a little worry turn into a big one...

If you or your child are worried about something or have any questions, please phone the school office and book an appointment to see their class teacher or Mr Evans.

**We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.**

