

St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, the children had a fantastic time learning about **British Values** and **Equality** in our society, including many of the important issues surrounding **Racial and Gender Equality** and **Social Justice** (e.g. votes for women and the Suffragette movement). Recently, it has been Black History Month. As part of the school's equality curriculum, the children learned about inspirational figures from Black History, including **Martin Luther King**, **Rosa Parks** and **Bristol Bus Boycott**. There will be photos showing some of the fantastic work the children have produced this week in next week's newsletter.

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

Remembrance Day...



This week, the School Council have been selling Remembrance poppies on the school gate to raise money for the Royal British Legion in support of injured, sick or wounded service men and women and their families. All of the children learnt about Remembrance Day during an assembly this week and learnt about the significance of poppies and why they are worn. The children will take part in a 2 minute silence on Monday at 11am to remember those who have fought in wars.



Times Tables Superstars...

Learning Times Tables is a fundamental part of mathematics in primary school. It is very important for your child to know their times tables as it makes it far quicker and easier for them to work out maths problems with these multiplication and division facts in their heads.

Meet some of our Times Tables Superstars...

These children know all of their Times Tables up to 12 x 12 and the related division facts...



At our school, when children know their Times Tables - and the related division facts - they get their 'Times Tables Star' (see photo above).

If children know all of their Times Tables and the related division facts, Mr. Evans checks to see if they can answer their calculations speedily and accurately. If they are successful, their names are announced in **Celebration Assembly** and their names are displayed on a special star. Our 'Times Tables Superstars' also win a £10 Amazon Voucher for all their hard work.

Parent Tours...

Mr. Evans is running fortnightly parent tours in the Autumn Term - on **Friday 15th November**, **Friday 29th November** and **Friday 13th December** - to talk to prospective parents about the school and to answer questions about applications.

Please spread the word about joining our wonderful, vibrant school!

Thank you for your help with this:)



I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **08.11.2024**

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

Attendance...

Congratulations to **Nursery** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. Most **Nursery** and pupils came to school every day; **Nursery** 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 **Nursery** 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.



Important Dates for your Diary...



Friday 22nd November - Music Concert - 2:00pm - in the Main Hall (Y1 to Y6 pupils)

Friday 29th November - Non Uniform Day - children donate £1 to charity if they choose to wear their own clothes

Wednesday 4th December - Nativity Performance - 10:00a.m. for Y2 parents; 2:00p.m. for Reception / Y1 parents

Thursday 5th December - Y4 and Y5 Explorer Dome Science Workshops

Friday 6th December - Y4 Trip to The Wallace Collection (Landscapes and Storytelling) - change of date!

Monday 9th December - Y5 Visit to Westminster Abbey



Wednesday 18th December - Carol Service at St. John's Church (Y1 to Y6 pupils) - at 1:30pm - all parents welcome!

Our Prayer of the week...

A prayer for our school community...

Dear Lord, O God of Creation,
You have blessed us
with the changing of the seasons.
Remind us in the season of autumn
to take time to rest.
Thank you for the wonder of your creation.
We know that it is you who give us
the breath of life.

Amen



Person of the Week!

Reception - Sikander

Year 1 - Kai

Year 2 - Camilla

Year 3 - Izzy

Year 4 - Elia

Year 5 - Logan

Year 6 - Toni



Work of the Week!

Every week a brilliant piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office). This week's brilliant piece of work is by Amber in Year 6.



Year 6 have been learning about **Nelson Mandela** - an inspirational figure from Black History - during their Equalities Studies learning this week. Mandela was an anti-apartheid activist, who fought for those who were disadvantaged by the system of racial segregation.

Mandela became a civil rights leader, leading many against the apartheid government. He later overcame all obstacles to be the first black president of South Africa and unite those who were divided.

Amber created various pieces of work: a factfile, a comparison between Mandela's and Mahatma Gandhi's fight for freedom in India, as well as creating beautiful poetry based on Mandela's hope for the future.

Well done, Amber!

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, Mr. Evans or Mr. Peters. **We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.**

