



St James and St John News

2/2/2018

THURSDAY 8th FEBRUARY

PFA SCHOOL DISCO

Come and help us raise funds for our school and have lots of fun! Our school disco is back for the second year running.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone's best outfits and dance moves. Our DJ will be back with fun games as well as lots of your favourite pop songs! There will be a chance to buy food and drinks from our PFA volunteers so please ensure your child has some money to bring with them if they want to buy food and drink.

4:30pm – 5:30pm RECEPTION, YEAR 1 and YEAR 2

6pm – 7:30pm YEARS 3, 4, 5 and 6

Parents can drop their children off at the red door for the start of the disco and then collect from downstairs at the end time. I'm afraid it isn't possible to accommodate parents as well due to the size restriction of our hall so no chance this time round for parents to show off their dance moves.

Your children will be supervised by school staff while our PFA volunteers serve food and drink. Children in all year groups must be collected by an adult at the end of the disco and will not be allowed to leave school unaccompanied.

Tickets cost £4 and are available from the school office. Please send the exact money in an envelope with your child's name and class on it.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE NO CLUBS ON THURSDAY NEXT WEEK DUE TO THE SCHOOL DISCO TAKING PLACE

Diary Dates for next week

Monday 5th February

Poetry competition – class heats

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Letters for parents' evening appointments go home

Tuesday 6th February

Poetry competition – whole school final at St James's Church Sussex Gardens

Thursday 8th February

Poetry writing workshops for Year 2 to Year 6 with Children's writer Alan Durant

Friday 9th February

Jazz concert for Year 2 to Year 6 at the Lancaster Hall Hotel

St James and St John Poetry Festival Monday 5th February – Friday 9th February

Next week sees a whole week of poetry-related events and activities at school. On Monday we have the first round of our poetry competition as all of the children perform a poem they have learnt off by heart in front of their class. The most effective performances will then be selected to be part of our whole school final on Tuesday morning at St James's Church Sussex Gardens. Parents are very welcome to come along on Tuesday to see performances from across the school.

Over the week, all of the children will be studying and writing poetry in class with their teachers. On Thursday, we will have a whole day visit from Alan Durant, a children's writer and published poet, who will be running poetry writing workshops throughout the day with our children.

At the end of the week we will come together to share some of our poetry-writing with each other. We hope the children feel inspired to love poetry and look forward to sharing some of our writing with you.

Year 2 Local History Walk

As part of our 'Street Detectives' topic, Year 2 went on a walk around Paddington, searching for statues or memorials of people who influenced the area. We found a statue of Isambard Brunel in Paddington Station, a plaque commemorating Fleming at St Mary's Hospital, and a sculpture of Mary Seacole and a statue of Sarah Siddons both near Paddington Green. All of the children had pictures next to the person that their school house is named after. We walked a long way but had a lot of fun!



Attendance this week – school target 96%

Reception: 92.2%

Year 1: 93.5%

Year 2: 97.2%

Year 3: 95.6%

Year 4: 96%

Year 5: 93%

Year 6: 90.5%

Nursery: 98%

Well done to Nursery for achieving the highest attendance this week!

DIARY DATES FOR THE SECOND HALF OF SPRING TERM

Monday 19th February

INSET DAY – School closed to children

Tuesday 20th February

First day of the half term for children

Tuesday 20th February 2pm

Reception to Year 6 Church service at St James's Church – Parents welcome to join us

Thursday 22nd February

Spring term Parent / Teacher meetings

LETTERS FOR PARENTS' EVENING APPOINTMENTS GO HOME ON MONDAY 5TH
FEBRUARY WITH APPOINTMENT SLIPS TO CONFIRM TIMES GOING HOME ON
THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

Thursday 22nd February

PFA Pub evening at the Mitre

Thursday 1st March

World Book Day

Tuesday 6th March

Year 3 Class Assembly for parents 2:50pm

Friday 9th March

PFA Mother's Day Tea 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Monday 12th March – Friday 16th March

ST JAMES AND ST JOHN INTERNATIONAL WEEK

Look out for more information about International Week next half term.

***Thursday 15th March - Whole school International Day celebration at St James's
Church starting 1:30pm.***

Tuesday 27th March

Year 1 Class Assembly for parents 2:50pm

Wednesday 28th March

Whole school end of term service at St John's Hyde Park 2pm

Thursday 29th March

Last day of term – School closes at 1:30pm