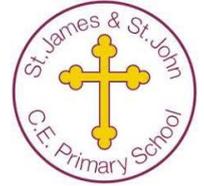


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Red Cross Tsunami Relief Appeal

Thank you to those members of the school community who have already kindly donated some spare change to the appeal. The last day of collection is Monday. Any spare change would be greatly appreciated as it will go towards the valiant efforts of the Red Cross to assist those who have been struck by such a horrible natural disaster in Indonesia.



A Celebration of Many Hands

This year's Harvest Service at St. John's Hyde Park was a wonderful celebration of how we can all contribute to ensure the care of everyone in our community.

An incredible donation of an altar-size amount of food was brought forward by the members of our school to donate to a local homeless charity.



Fr. Stephen led the Service with Fr. Dan delivering the sermon in a way that truly demonstrated how many people help to bring together all of the gifts we are fortunate enough to receive.



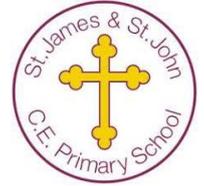
Students from Years 3 and 4 presented a poem about the cycle of life of a seed and how it begins as something so small but blooms into something that gives so much to so many.

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Students from Years 5 and 6 also delivered the Gospel Reading, which talked about how true and life-long fulfilment comes not from the immediate intake of food but from the true faith in God.

After-School Clubs

After-school clubs have proven to be a great way to have fun and continue learning beyond the end of the school day this half term, with all of the students participating in the variety of clubs having a whale of a time!

Students were seen constructing all sorts of wonderful creations during this week's gathering of the Construction and coding Club, with some Year 4 students making their way through a particularly complicated process of building a fully functional robot.

Students from Reception and Key Stage 1 also got their fingers busy as they made individual kites, ready to take advantage of the autumn winds, which are beginning to rustle the changing leaves in Hyde Park.

And whilst they were taking place, Dance Club was busy moving more than just their fingers as their feet dazzled the eyes of everyone who walked past the Downstairs Hall.

After-school clubs help provide a variety of learning opportunities beyond the everyday school curriculum to help re-inforce skills practised during the school day. They also provide chances to engage in sports, such as fencing, that are not a part of the school curriculum.

If you have any questions about after-school clubs and any available spaces for this half term, please do not hesitate to ask at the office. Spring Clubs will be organised in the last week of November/first week of December, so keep an eye out.

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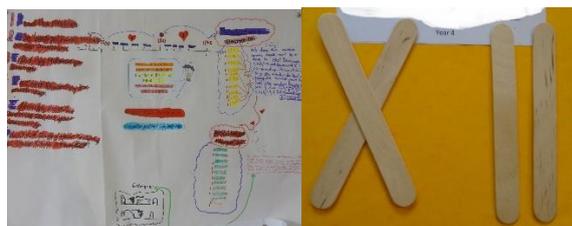
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Marvellous Maths

As a part of a new initiative in the teaching of mathematics, students in Years 1, 4 and 5 are partaking in a trial of a new mathematical scheme, which has seen them participate in some very interesting investigations of how number and place value actually work.

Students have been investigating the relationship between 1s, 10s, 100s, 1,000s, 10,000s and even 100,000s, using their reinforced and new understanding to attack different problems with a new approach to their reasoning.



This unit has also looked at Roman Numerals and how numbers connect to each other in different number systems.

Congratulations to Year 6!

Well done to Year 6 who managed to raise \$500 for the British Heart Foundation from their Skip-a-Thon! It's an amazing effort by a small group of people and another fine example of St. James and St. John demonstrating true fellowship beyond the walls of our school.

PFA Annual General Meeting

Thank you to those parents and friends who attended the Annual General Meeting for 2018-19. Great discussions were had and the PFA are currently devising various new ways to further communicate with the whole school community. If you'd like to become an active member of our fantastic PFA, please see the office for further information.

School Term and Holiday Dates for the 2018/2019 Academic Year

AUTUMN TERM

Monday 3 September - Friday 19 October 2018

Wednesday 17th October

Whole School Maths Day