

## SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION

**Friday 2nd November 2018**

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### Mindset Matters

We hope everyone had a relaxing half term and had a chance to recharge the batteries. The first week back has been a busy one with school trips taking place and the introduction of the new school approach to mindset.



In looking at mindset, we investigated what makes certain people successful. We investigated the characteristics of Lt.

Judy Hopps from *Zootropolis* and noticed that she was always up for a challenge, was incredibly determined, always persevered, and was incredibly resilient when faced with further challenges or others who didn't believe in her.

We looked at how she learnt from her mistakes and always sought out alternative paths through to her ultimate destination – becoming a police officer.

As a part of our investigation, we thought about how all of these fantastic characteristics make a great learner, especially when faced with mistakes. We also looked at how mistakes are the BEST way to learn even more. Mistakes are something we will be celebrating at St. James & St. John so we'd urge you to ask your children what fantastic mistakes they've made this week, and how they have or plan to use these mistakes to further their learning.

### Drop off & Pick-ups

This is a gentle reminder to all parents that when dropping off or picking up children in a vehicle, the vehicle needs to be brought to a stop and turned off and parked. For various health and safety reasons – potential of moving vehicle; production of exhaust fumes etc. – it is important that all people are kept as safe as possible during peak times in and around the building. Working together helps demonstrate our school value of true Fellowship and

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ensures that everyone is safe and happy at the beginning and end of every school day.

### Parent Meetings

A big thank you to all those parents who attended parent meetings this week. It was wonderful to take the opportunity to talk to you about your child/children's progress. If you were unable to make your appointment or have not had the chance to meet your child's teacher yet, please make an appointment through the office.

### Parents' Afternoon Tea

Please join the PFA and take the opportunity to meet other parents at St. James & St. John by dropping in to the Parents' Afternoon Tea on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November** between 2:00pm and 3:30pm at the **Lancaster Hall Hotel** straight across from the red doors. Hot and cold drinks will be served alongside some biscuits and play mats with toys will be provided to occupy the little ones.

### **Parents' Afternoon Tea**

**Friday November 9<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**2:00pm – 3:30pm**

**Lancaster Hall Hotel**

**The Brothers Room**

**35 Craven Terrace**

**London**

**W2 3EL**

### Christmas Card Competition

The Royal Lancaster Christmas Card competition is once again open this year with entries due by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> of November. Every child will be presented with a piece of A5 card and they can create a Christmas card using pencil, paint or collage materials. Each class will have 3 finalists that will compete for the chance to be a part of the Royal Lancaster Christmas card production for 2018. Completed entries are to be handed to class teachers by the due date.

### Swimming

Year 4 has had a great half term of swimming and have developed their swimming strokes and safety practices when in and around pools. As their lessons have come to an end

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for the Autumn term, from next week on Thursday, swimming will begin for Year 5. All Year 5 students are to bring their swimming costumes, towels, bathing caps, goggles etc. in a separate bag. Please also ensure that your child brings a coat to school as we will be walking to and from the pool and, as the weather has begun to change, it is important that your child is kept warm and dry on the walk.

### Cornerstones Trips

Engagement trips have been taking place this week for some of the classes with: Year 1 visiting the Natural History Museum to investigate the prehistoric world of dinosaurs; Year 3 attending a musical performance at Wigmore Hall; and, Year 4 attending the Sea Life Centre as they embark on their journey to become the next Jacques Cousteau or David Attenborough.

Please take the chance to talk to your children about their engagement activities as this will help develop

conversations about cross-curricular learning and provide opportunities for the children to consolidate their understanding of learning taking place in the Foundation subjects.

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

#### **AUTUMN TERM**

Monday 3 September - Friday 19 October 2018

#### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

PFA pub evening at The Mitre

#### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

PFA Parents' Afternoon Tea at Lancaster Hall Hotel  
2:00pm-3:30pm

#### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup>-Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

Anti-bullying Week

#### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

PFA Christmas Market

#### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

#### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

EYFS Christmas Show for Parents

#### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Year 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Show for parents 10am and 2pm

#### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Whole School Nativity Service at St John's Hyde Park 10am

#### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Last day of term – school closes to children at 1:30pm