



At St. James & St. John, we are learning to be...

...PERFORMERS!

(POETRY WEEK; POETRY COMPETITION; JOY)



It's that time of year again when all of the members of our St. James & St. John community stand on tip-toes, reach for and dust off the covers of our many poetry compilations to prepare for the annual St. James & St. John Poetry Week.



In its third year, many of us will



hopefully find that we don't have to reach so far as

poetry becomes more of a permanent part of our reading habits.

With class finals taking place on Tuesday the 12th of February, each student will present a poem he or she has memorised



to be given the chance to perform at the school final on Thursday the 14th of February. The final will take place at St. John's Hyde Park at 1:30pm.

It would be wonderful to see a diverse range of poetry so do not be afraid to venture wide, perhaps even



performing a poem from another country.

If you have any questions about poems and performance of poetry, please do not hesitate to ask any of the teachers for some ideas.

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For those having difficulty in choosing a poem or committing one to memory, you might like to consider the following ideas:

- Choose poems with strong rhythm and rhyme and, where possible, with repeated sections
- Warm-up before performing poetry aloud
- Read the poem several times before beginning to try to memorise it
- Practise tricky words separately
- Use actions to help memorise difficult parts of the poem

...FUNDRAISERS!

(FUNDRAISING; PENNY WARS; STJSTJ CHILDREN'S FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE; FELLOWSHIP)



The St. James & St. John Children's Fundraising Committee continues its Penny War event to raise funds for

new school equipment to be used during lunch times. Children are asked to bring in 1p, 2p and 5p coins to add to their class collections. The winning class will receive a reward timeslot to be agreed upon with the winner's teacher. The current leader is Year 6 but all classes have until the end of the half term to contribute! 1, 2, 3, 4...!

...MATHEMATICIANS!

(MATHEMATICS; EXTRA-CURRICULAR; CONGRATULATIONS; PERSEVERANCE)

Three of our Year 5 students have been selected to attend a series of Maths Mastery Workshops at the Royal Institution of Great Britain. Congratulations to Alexandros, Lukas and Misheel, who attended their first workshop over the weekend where they embarked on university-level investigations into topology.

...SAFER & SMARTER DIGITAL TECH. USERS!

(INTERNET SAFETY; ICT; SAFER INTERNET DAY; TRUST)

Next Tuesday, 5th February, is Safer Internet Day. All classes will be looking at how to be safer when

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using digital technology.

For further information about how you can be safer when using the Internet at home, visit the Advice Centre via the link below:

www.saferinternet.org.uk

...READERS!

(PHONICS; PARENT TRAINING; READING; EYFS; KS1; PERSEVERANCE)

Tuesday sees a phonics workshop for Reception and Yr 1 parents where a phonics lesson will be able to be viewed. This will be followed by a presentation by the School's English co-ordinator, Mr Pearson. The workshop will focus on the teaching of phonics in the EYFS and Year 1. It will begin at 9:05am in Reception and Year 1 and will be followed by a presentation by Mr Pearson in the Main Hall at approximately 9:30am.

...PRESENTERS!

(CLASS WORSHIP; YEAR 5; COLLECTIVE WORSHIP)

Year 5 will be presenting the first of this year's class Collective Worship presentations on Thursday the 7th at 2:55pm in the Main Hall. Parents are

welcome to attend to come and bear witness to the wonderful learning Year 5 has been a part of so far this academic year.

...DANCERS!

(PFA; SCHOOL DISCO; FUNDRAISER; JOY; FELLOWSHIP)

The Spring Term PFA School Disco will be taking place on the afternoon and evening of Thursday the 14th of February in the Main Hall. Tickets for KS1 will be £3 and will allow access to the KS1 disco from 4:30pm-5:30pm. Tickets for KS2 will be £4 and will allow access to the KS2 disco from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Snack and drinks will also be available for purchase. Tickets can be purchased via Parent Pay from Tuesday afternoon.

SCHOOL SERVICE:

ST JAMES'S SUSSEX GARDENS

(CANDLEMAS; CHURCH SERVICE; ST JAMES'S; REVERENCE)

In recognition of Jesus's presentation at the temple, the Candlemas Service will be held at St. James's Church, Sussex Gardens on Wednesday 6th February at 9:00am. Registration will take place at the church so parents

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are more than welcome to stay and join us for the service.

SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES

2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

Spring 1	
Tuesday 5th February 9:00- 10:00am	Parent Phonics Workshop
Wednesday 6th February 9:00	Candelmas Service Reception – Year 6 at St. James's Church, Sussex Gardens Registration in St. James's Church. Parents are welcome to join us for the service.
Thursday 7th February 2:55pm	Year 5 Collective Worship
Monday 11th February – Friday 15th February	POETRY WEEK Tuesday 12th February Class finals Thursday 14th February Whole school final St John's Hyde Park 1:30pm
Wednesday 13th February 2:55pm	Year 1 Collective Worship
Thursday 14th February	PFA SCHOOL DISCO

Half term holiday

Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February

Spring 2

Monday 25th February	INSET DAY – School closed to children
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Thursday 28th February	Spring term parent & teacher meetings
Wednesday 6th March	Whole school Ash Wednesday service at St James's Sussex Gardens 2pm <i>All are welcome to join</i>
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day <i>We look forward to seeing your book themed costumes!</i>
Friday 8th March	PFA Mothers' day tea party <i>Please support our PFA fundraising event.</i>
Monday 18th March – Friday 22nd March	International Week <i>Friday 22nd March Celebration Day at St James's Sussex Gardens from 1:30pm</i>
Wednesday 28th March 2:55pm	Year 2 Collective Worship
Tuesday 2nd April – Thursday 4th April	Year 4 School Journey to PGL
Tuesday 2nd April	Whole school church service at St John's Hyde Park 10am <i>All welcome to join</i>
Easter Holiday Monday 8th April – Monday 22nd April	