

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** (including votes for women and the Suffragette movement). There will be photos showcasing some of the fantastic work the children have produced this week in next week's newsletter, followed by our special **Equality Studies Assemblies** for parents on Friday 8th March (see '**Important Dates for your Diary**' on the back of this newsletter).

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

Attendance...

Congratulations to **Year 2** and **Year 3** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. Most **Year 2** and **Year 3** pupils came to school every day; **Year 2** and **Year 3** 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 Year 2 and Year 3 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. Thank you for your help with this :)



School Mass at St. John's...

In a special school mass for Ash Wednesday this week, Father Alex led us in worship, reminding us that, as we enter this period of Lent, it is a time for self-reflection, repentance, prayer and fasting as we prepare for Easter.



'Word Aware' Day... a reminder...

*A reminder that, we are going to be celebrating **World Book Day** this year by learning lots of words.*



On **Thursday 7th March**, the children and staff at St James and St John will be taking part in 'Word Aware Day'. The purpose of this day will be to celebrate and promote the learning of new vocabulary. To encourage the children to feel excited about this learning, we are asking them to come to school dressed up as a specific word, which could be linked to a book.

On the Friday before half term, your child brought home a letter in their book bag, providing you with details and with a suggested word that they can dress up as. As part of their costume, your child should have their given word clearly displayed on a piece of card.

If you would like to choose a different word inspired by one of your child's favourite books, please do so instead.

We look forward to celebrating '**Word Aware Day**' with all of you!



I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **23.02.2024**

Name of child _____ Class _____

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



Reception: Understanding of the World...

This term, Reception's topic is **Underwater**. The children have been learning about the creatures that live in oceans, rivers and ponds. To enrich their learning, Reception recently visited **London Sea Life Aquarium**, enjoying seeing all the wonderful fish and creatures, including sharks and penguins.



Person of the Week!

- Nursery** - George
- Reception** - Anna-Preet
- Year 1** - Clara
- Year 2** - Anna
- Year 3** - Sofia L
- Year 4** - Sabrina
- Year 5** - Toni
- Year 6** - Zoe



Important Dates for your Diary...

- Friday 1st March - Non Uniform Day** - Children bring in £1 to raise money for charity - **change of date!**
- Friday 8th March - 2:30** - Y4, Y5 and Y6 **Equality Studies Assembly** for Parents;
- 2:50** - Y1, Y2 and Y3 **Equality Studies Assembly** for Parents
- 3:15** - **Cake Sale** in the playground
- Wednesday March 13th** - Y1 Trip to **Golders Hill Park**
- Thursday 14th March** - Y3 Trip to **The Floating Classroom**
- Thursday 21st March** - Year 5 and Year 6 **Football Tournament**
- Thursday 28th March** - Last day of Spring Term
- Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April** - Easter Holidays



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 Otis in Year 5.



This week, Year 5 have been immersed in their Equality Studies. To celebrate the diversity of their class, all class members created a self portrait which reflects what is unique and valuable about themselves. Otis's fantastic self portrait not only expressed his unique physical features, but it also showed the different aspects of his life that are important to him.

Well done, Otis.

Our Prayer of the week...

We are currently in the period of Lent...

Lord, Give us the grace this Lent,
 In our wilderness of reflection,
 To resist the temptations,
 To fast from one thing
 That will bring us closer to you
 And our neighbour.
 Help us in our prayers,
 In the silence of our hearts,
 To know we are loved.

Amen



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 or Mr Evans.

We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.

