

# St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

At St. James and St John, we continue to actively promote the spirit of giving in a charitable way. The children raised an incredible **£2,645** for Healthy Heart Day - thank you for your support and generous donations, which will be used to buy PE and playground equipment for the school :) On Healthy Heart Day, the children took part in aerobics, skipping workshops, zumba and circuit training; as well as learning about how to maintain a healthy lifestyle through exercise and healthy eating. Thank you to those parents that came to take part in Wake Up; Shake Up in the school hall and thank you for such lovely feedback about the day itself. **Wishing everyone a peaceful half term break :)**

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

## Keeping Safe...

It was Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 6th February and we talked to the children in assemblies about how they can keep themselves safe online.



This is a topic we regularly teach children about in our Keeping Safe curriculum, Computing curriculum and assemblies.

During assemblies, Mr. Evans and Ms. Noble discussed with the children some of the possible risks they could encounter when playing games online, as well as when using social media. We reminded the children to always tell a trusted adult if they see something online that makes them feel worried or unsure.

Children cannot take full responsibility for online safety though. Parents must be responsible for safe behaviour online, including when and how children have access. Even if your child already has a smartphone, you still have the power to change your mind and take it away.

There are many parents who don't give their child a smartphone. There's plenty of time when they're much older and more responsible to explore the online world!

The [Think U Know](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) website will help you use the internet in a safe way and gives advice to children about who to talk to if they are worried.

## Parents Working Alongside Children in Class

We're always pleased when parents want to find out more about what their child is learning and how they are taught in school.

We are offering you the opportunity to join in a class lesson alongside your child and then have a discussion with the class teacher and a senior leader.

These sessions will help to strengthen the partnership between home and school and should impact positively on pupils' learning.

**Please look out for these in the calendar on the back page after half term.**

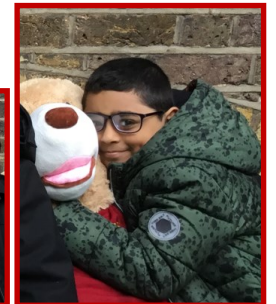
We will send invitation letters to parents of each class beforehand.

## Attendance...



Introducing James and John, our attendance bears! Children met James and John in our celebration assembly today. Mr Evans explained that after half term, the classes with the best attendance each week will have James and John visit their class for the week.

This will be announced in Celebration assembly each week.



I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **09.02.2024**

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

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

## R.E. in Year 5...

Year 5 visited the Gurdwara to enrich their learning and exploration of this term's Big Question in R.E.: *How did the first five Sikh Gurus shape Sikhism?*



## Person of the Week!

**Nursery** - Anthony

**Reception** - Noah

**Year 1** - Fabio

**Year 2** - Shenouda

**Year 3** - Zariya

**Year 4** - Logan

**Year 5** - Amber

**Year 6** - Khadeeja

## Important Dates for your Diary...

**Monday 12th February - Friday 16th**

**February** - School closed for Half Term

**Friday 29th February - Non Uniform Day** —

Children bring in £1 to raise money for charity

**Friday 8th March - 2:30** - Y4, Y5 and Y6 Equality Studies Assembly for Parents;

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**3:15** - Cake Sale in the playground

**Wednesday 21st February** - Reception visiting Sea Life Centre

**Friday 23rd February** - Y4 Trip to British Museum

**Wednesday March 13th** - Y1 Trip to Golders Hill Park

**Thursday 14th March** - Y3 Trip to Floating Classroom

**Thursday 21st March** - Year 5&6 Football tournament

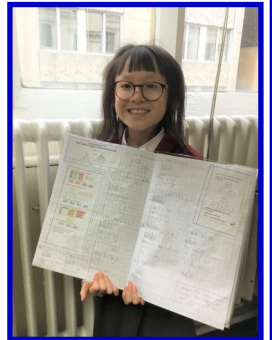
**Thursday 28th March** - Last day of Spring Term

**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 Mia in Year 4.



Year 4 has been building on their idea of division, learning how to divide a 3-digit number by a 1-digit number.

Mia showed secure times tables knowledge. Most impressive is the organised, systematic and neatly recorded steps that Mia has worked through to help her solve the division based questions.

**Well done, Mia.**

## Our Prayer of the week...

*During Assembly we have been learning about Anti-bullying and we have been reflecting on the importance of being compassionate and kind to each other.*

Dear God,

Thank you for making us all different and unique. Give us courage to stand up to bullying wherever we find it, Give us strength to 'reach out' and tell an adult when we see bullying happening. Help us to remember that 'one kind word' can make all the difference to the way others feel. Thank you for all our wonderful friends at St. James and St. John.

**Amen**



## Don't let a little worry turn into a big one...

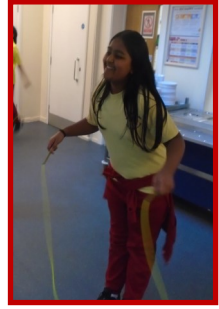
If you or your child are worried about something or have any questions, please phone the school office and book an appointment to see their class teacher or Mr Evans.

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





# Healthy Heart Day





Shrove  
Tuesday  
**Pancakes!**  
at St James's

Join us before  
the fast of Lent for...

- Pancakes
  - Pancake race
  - Colouring and craft
  - More pancakes
  - A nice drink for the adults
- Did we mention the pancakes?

*Bring a pancake topping of your choice!*

**TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 3.15-4.30PM**