

St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Introducing Academic Review Day...

Parents evening meetings with teachers can often be rushed and unhelpful. Parents, children and teachers are tired by the evening and this lessens the usefulness of conversations. Every school in Britain must close for 5 days a year for staff training purposes (INSET days). We maximise the training we do with teachers through coaching during the school day and development meetings after school.

We set aside one of these INSET days each term for teachers to meet with parents and pupils to discuss progress. This means that teachers have more time to meet with parents and pupils than would usually be the case. Parents will have the opportunity to spend some time with the class teacher, hear about their child and look at their child's books.

To give parents this opportunity this term, we have moved the INSET Day planned from Monday 15th April to Wednesday 27th March. Of course, we understand if you have planned to return from holiday on Monday 15th April and no parents will be penalised if they are not able to bring children to school on that day. Appointments will run from 8.00am – 6.00pm during the day and there will be a Book Fair at the school for parents and children to buy a wide range of exciting genres from. Children attend school with parents on Wednesday 27th March only for their appointment.

We will send out letters regarding appointments for Academic Review Day in the next half term :)

Please see the important information for parents about measles we are sending home today.

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

Members of the **School Council** and the **Y6 Trust Group** yesterday attended the London Diocesan Board for Schools Service at St Paul's Cathedral yesterday. The theme of the service was *Reconciliation*.

Confirmation for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils...

Father Tim at St James's Church is beginning preparations for those who wish to be confirmed this Spring. Confirmation is the sacrament by which we commit ourselves to be followers of Jesus, and receive the Holy Spirit to enable us walk as His disciples. When we are confirmed, we become fully part of the Christian community and are privileged to receive Christ in holy communion: the food for our souls on our spiritual journey to our heavenly home. If you would like your child to be confirmed, please get in touch with Fr Tim at St James. Children will be asked to attend the Family Mass on two Sundays every month in preparation for a service in April. If you would like your child to be confirmed, please email Father Tim FrTim@stjamespaddington.org.uk



I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **02.02.2024**

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

Movie Afternoon & Movie Night



Movie Afternoon and **Movie Night** were a great success last Friday, and we raised an incredible total for **The Children's Society**, one of our school charities. The children really enjoyed getting cosy in the school hall, snuggling under their blankets and cushions, watching a film with a drink and some popcorn! Thank you for your generosity in supporting this charitable event and thank you to our wonderful **PTFA** for their help on the day :)



Person of the Week!

- Nursery** - Leia
- Reception** - Kai
- Year 1** - Elliot
- Year 2** - Adele
- Year 3** - Eden
- Year 4** - Dylan
- Year 5** - Jessica
- Year 6** - Libby

Important Dates for your Diary...

Thursday 8th February - Healthy Heart Day

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February - Half Term

Friday 29th February - Non Uniform Day — Children bring in £1 to raise money for charity

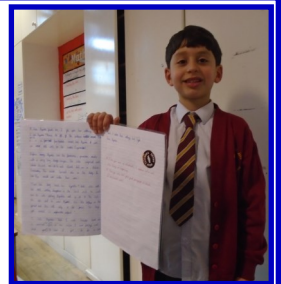
Friday 8th March - 2:30 - Y4, Y5 and Y6 Equality Studies Assembly for Parents; 2:50 - Y1, Y2 and Y3 Equality Studies Assembly for Parents; 3:15 - Cake Sale

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 Elia in Year 3.



In their recent literary exploration of *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters* in English, Year 3 delved into the art of diary writing, inspired by the rich narrative of the book.

The focus was on capturing the characters' perspectives through personal reflections. Showcasing a masterful blend of adverbial finesse and emotive expression, Elia created a vivid and engaging diary entry, enriching our understanding of the characters in the text, and their experiences.

Well done, Elia.

Our Prayer of the week...

One of our Christian Values is Determination...

Loving God,

Give us determination today - In our lessons; in the playground, Give us the determination and resilience To apply ourselves to overcoming any obstacles We might face along the way: Our fears, our anxieties. Thank you for blessing us With our lovely school and playground equipment - Which, we pledge to you, we will enjoy and look after.

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.





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