

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



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed welcoming new children into our Nursery and Reception classes this week. A warm welcome to all of our new children and their families to St James and St John :) Teachers of children in Year 1 to Year 6 are looking forward to meeting you at Academic Review Day tomorrow. A reminder that there will be no school for children in Nursery and Reception tomorrow.

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

## Learning at Home...

At St James and St John, children take reading books home every week in order to develop a love of reading and to improve their reading fluency. This week, all children have taken home a 'sharing book'. This is a book that children have chosen from the class library.



The 'sharing book' may be a little bit tricky for your child to read by themselves and is designed to be shared with an adult. Children will also take home independent reading books every week. These are books that children are able to read by themselves. Teachers are currently carrying out assessments to make sure that these books are at the right level for each child. All children will take home independent reading books by the end of next week.

Please do listen to your child read and support them to sound out words if they are stuck. Ask them questions too to check that they have understood what they have read. Please initial and date the book titles in your child's reading record, which your child's class teacher will give you at Academic Review Day.

Children in Y1-Y6 receive homework on a **Friday**, to be returned on **Wednesday**. Teachers will go through what homework your child will receive in Academic Review Day meetings tomorrow. If you are not able to attend Academic Review Day, a letter about homework will go home on Monday.



## 'Shining in the World' at St James and St John..

The children at St James and St John have had a fantastic start to the new academic year. It has been a pleasure to see everyone demonstrating our values of **'determination'** and **'excellence'** by working hard and trying their best.



I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **12.09.2024**

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

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

## Attendance...

Congratulations to **Year 6** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. Most **Year 6** pupils came to school every day; **Year 6** 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 6** 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 :)

## Important Dates for your Diary...



**Friday 13th September - Academic Review Day** for Y1-Y6 pupils. (INSET Day / no school for Nursery or Reception children)  
**Wednesday 18th September at 1:30pm - Start of School Year Service** at St John's Church - for Y1-Y6 children - parents welcome!  
**Friday 20th September - Non Uniform Day** - children donate £1 to charity if they choose to wear their own clothes  
**Monday 23rd September - After School Enrichment Clubs Start**  
**Tuesday 24th September - 9.00am - PFA meeting** - all parents welcome  
**Wednesday 2nd October - School Photograph Day** (No PE Kits to be worn to school today) - **change of date!**

**Friday 4th October - Healthy Heart**  **Day**

**Friday 18th October - 9.00am - PFA meeting** - all parents welcome  
**Friday 18th October - 6:00-8:00pm - Family Fancy Dress Disco**  
**Thursday 24th October - Non Uniform Day** - children donate £1 to charity if they choose to wear their own clothes  
**28th October - 1st November - Half Term**

## Our Prayer of the week...

*A prayer for the start of the new academic year...*

Dear Lord,

Use my eyes to see new friends.  
Open my ears to hear my teacher.  
Open my mind to learn new things.  
Let my heart remember you are near  
Help me to love others like you do.  
I want to shine your light so bright in my school

Amen



## 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 Jessica in Year 6.



For the new school year, Jessica has created her own prayer for her hopes and wishes in Year 6.

She has used her sublime vocabulary to ask for help from God in gaining the necessary knowledge, wisdom, and understanding for the successes and challenges she might face ahead of her in this significant year.

Additionally, Jessica has in her Art lesson created a beautifully detailed pictorial map of London. Note the scale of the London landmarks that she has drawn.

**Well done Jessica!**

## Person of the Week!

**Year 1** - Amelia  
**Year 2** - Iris  
**Year 3** - Skye  
**Year 4** - Alaina  
**Year 5** - Maya  
**Year 6** - Lucille

## 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, Mr. Evans or Mr. Peters. **We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.**

