

St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the PFA and the St. James and St. John staff, who generously gave up their time to plan and support our Family Fancy Dress Disco last Friday. It was lovely to see so many parents and pupils attending this event - you all looked wonderful in your fancy dress costumes :) - **see photos on page 3!**

After half term, the School Council will be selling **Remembrance poppies** for £1.00, to raise money for the Royal British Legion (in support of people, soldiers and their families killed or injured in war). The School Council will be selling poppies on the gate at 8:30am and 3:15pm every day.

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



This week, we sent all parents a letter about the dangers of smartphones. **Smartphone Free Childhood** are a parent group who want to support other parents to protect children from the dangers of smartphones.

Please read the information we provided from them and join their **Parent Pact**, choosing to delay giving your child a smartphone until at least age 13:

parentpact.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk



History in Y4: Ancient Greece Workshop...

Year 4 travelled back to 490BC Ancient Greece in their 'History off the Page' workshop. The children immersed themselves in many different roles that were typically found in an Athenian marketplace, such as wax tablet makers, pottery painters and jewellers.



Violin Lessons...

We are delighted that musical instrumental lessons will start for pupils who have shown an interest in learning piano and violin after half term. We do have some places available for children who are interested in learning the violin, with Ms. Hayes, an experienced violin teacher from the Music Service. If your child is interested in learning the violin after half term, do let the office know.



Y6 Parents - Secondary School Applications Deadline

A reminder to Y6 parents that you must submit your application for Secondary School by **31st October 2024**. Applications for Secondary School must be made through eadmissions.org.uk by **31st October 2024**.



If you submit your application form after this date without a valid reason, your application will be considered after all of those which were submitted on time. This will greatly affect your chances of being offered the school you want.

City of Westminster

I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **25.10.2024**

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** and 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 :)



Our Prayer of the week...

A prayer for Half Term...

Dear Lord,

You come to share the Good News of God's Kingdom with the whole world. May your love reign in our hearts always.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



Important Dates for your Diary...



Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November
- Half Term

Monday 4th November - Children return to school

Thursday 14th November - Y4 Trip to The Wallace Collection (Landscapes and Storytelling)

Friday 22nd November - Music Concert - 2:00pm - in the Main Hall (Y1 to Y6 pupils)

Friday 29th November - Non Uniform Day - children donate £1 to charity if they choose to wear their own clothes

Wednesday 4th December - Nativity Performance - 10:00a.m. for Y2 parents; 2:00p.m. for Reception / Y1 parents

Thursday 5th December - Y4 and Y5 Explorer Dome Science Workshops

Monday 9th December - Y5 Visit to Westminster Abbey



Person of the Week!

Nursery - Ripley

Reception - Lou Lou

Year 1 - Remy

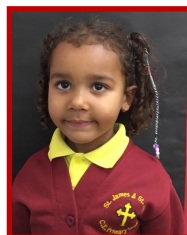
Year 2 - Justin

Year 3 - Shreeya

Year 4 - Delilah

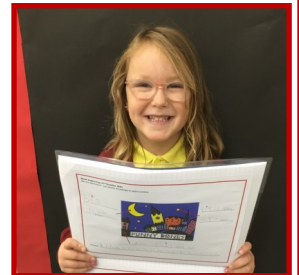
Year 5 - Yousef

Year 6 - Sara



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 Gabriela in Reception.



Reception have been reading 'Funny Bones' by Allan Ahlberg and Janet Ahlberg. The story is about three skeletons living in a dark, dark house. The children retold the story to their talk partner and described the 'dark, dark' neighbourhood the skeletons' lived in.

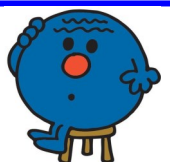
Gabriela demonstrated her understanding of the story by labelling an illustration from the text, and used adjectives to describe the objects she saw. She also carefully used her Phonics to sound out each word, and used finger spaces to separate words.

Well done, Gabriela!

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.





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