

St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

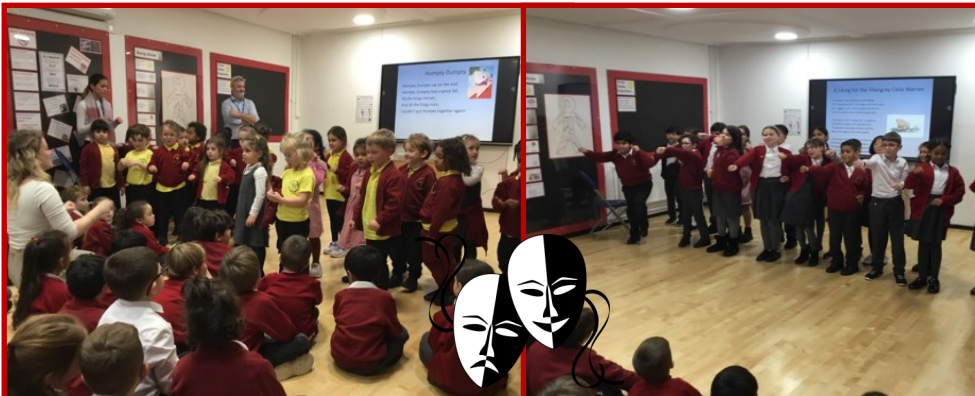
This week was **Anti-Bullying Week**. Please talk to your child about what they learned in assemblies and workshops about Anti-Bullying (run by *Kidscape*). Please also take a look at the attached '*Is it Bullying?*' poster that we regularly share with the children and use these ideas when talking to your child about bullying. Our key message to the children is '*always to tell an adult*' if you have a worry, or if you feel you are being bullied. In the Spring Term, we are planning to hold a Parent Information Coffee Morning at school on this very important subject.

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



Learning about British Values and Equality in our Society...

Last week, the children had a fantastic time learning about many important issues surrounding Racial and Gender Equality, Social Justice (including the Bristol Bus Boycott, votes for women and the Suffragette movement) and British Values. Learning about inspirational figures Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, Nelson Mandela, Malala Yousafzai and The Suffragettes, the children enjoyed taking part in art, writing and drama activities and workshops as part of the school's equality curriculum.



Poetry Recital Assembly...

As part of the English curriculum, all of our pupils, from Reception to Year 6, learn poems to recite off by heart. This week, they performed these poems in front of the school in a poetry recital assembly. The children made us feel very proud, demonstrating the school values of 'Inspiration' and 'Excellence' during their highly entertaining performances. The clarity of diction, dramatic expression, confidence, actions and facial expressions of the poetry performances really captured the audience's imagination, who gave excellent feedback. Ask your child to recite their poem at home.

Christmas Events at St James and St John

We are looking forward to the festive season at St. James and St. John. We have lots of exciting Christmas events and activities planned for the children, including:

- **Decoration of the Christmas Tree** - by School Council and Y6 Trust Group
- **Christmas Crafts Sale**
- **Nativity Performance** - Performed for Reception, Y1 & Y2 children. Parents invited.
- **Christmas Parties** - for all classes - more details to follow!
Nursery - Y6 children wear their own party clothes
- **Pantomime Performance of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'** - for all pupils, by visiting Theatre Company
- **Christmas Carol Service** at St John's Church (Y1 to Y6 pupils. Parents invited.)
- **Christmas Lunch** - Turkey (or vegetarian option) with all the festive trimmings
Dates and more details to follow!

I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **15.11.2024**

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

Attendance...

Congratulations to **Nursery** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. **All Nursery** and pupils came to school every day; **Nursery** 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 **Nursery** 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.



Important Dates for your Diary...



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

Thursday 5th December - Christmas Craft Sale - in school playground

Friday 6th December - Y4 Trip to The Wallace Collection (Landscapes and Storytelling)

Monday 9th December - Y5 Visit to Westminster Abbey

Thursday 12th December - Pantomime Performance of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' by visiting Theatre Group (for Nursery - Y6 pupils)

Wednesday 18th December - Carol Service at St. John's Church (Y1 to Y6 pupils) - at 1:30pm - **all parents welcome!**

Our Prayer of the week...

A prayer for our school community...

Dear Lord, O God of Creation,
Thank you for making each of us unique and special.
Help us to remember that everyone deserves to be treated with kindness and respect,
Just like the brave people we've learned about in Equality Studies: Rosa, Nelson, Malala and others.
Amen



Person of the Week!

Nursery - Ariana

Reception - Larissa-Mae

Year 1 - Cosmo

Year 2 - Aleen

Year 3 - Fatima

Year 4 - Boris

Year 5 - Lilia

Year 6 - Fatima



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 Sophie in Year 5.



Year 5 have been learning about gender equality, and in particular the historic efforts of the Suffragettes and their fight to secure equal voting rights for men and women. During their learning, they produced biographies on the influential life of Emmeline Pankhurst, leader of the Suffragettes.

Sophie has written an outstandingly clear and detailed biography, which includes key facts and dates of Emmeline's life, and superb vocabulary such as 'disenfranchised' and 'confrontational'.

Well done Sophie!

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.**





Learning about British Values and Equality in our Society...





IS it Bullying?

When someone says or does something *unintentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's...

Rude

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's...

Mean

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they *keep doing it* - even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset, that's...

Bullying