

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



Tuesday 9th January 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to meet some of you today on the gates. We look forward to getting to know all our children and families over the next few weeks. We have freshened up the school lobby and office, main hall and Head of School office with a lick of paint over the holidays and will continue to refresh the remainder of the spaces and classrooms during the rest of this year. We are going to be sending out paper copies of newsletters, continue to put them on the school website, as well as email them to you on a Friday, so do look out for them every week.

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

## Communicating effectively with each other

We value good communication between school, parents and the wider community. It is important to us and helps build a community of trust and understanding that is at the heart of a good school. If you would like to share something with us, our staff are always pleased to make time to speak with you face to face.

To speak to a teacher or the Head of School, please call the school office to make an appointment. You can also speak directly to your child's class teacher after school every day to pass on a piece of information or book in a meeting.

We don't use email for extended communications with parents or carers. Please only send emails to the school office [office@stjstj.co.uk](mailto:office@stjstj.co.uk). These are looked at every day. We will not be using the class emails for communication with teachers.

If you do email us your concerns we will offer to meet with you face to face and not respond by email to the issues you raise. Email is a very blunt tool and it is hard to convey deeper meaning and understanding in words on a page. Good communication and understanding relies much more on body language, tone of voice and empathy than it does in simple words and we want our communication with you to be clear, open and honest and productive.



Year 1 enjoying their learning.



KS2 learning about the Golden Rules.

I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **08.01.2024**

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

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

## Important dates for your diary...

**Friday 26th January** — 1.30-3:00pm —  
**Movie Afternoon** for Reception, Y1 and Y2

**Friday 26th January** — 3:15-5:00pm —  
**Movie Night** for Y4, Y5 and Y6

**Friday 2nd February** — **Non Uniform Day**  
— Children bring in £1 to raise money for  
charity

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

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

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

**Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April** -  
Easter Holidays

## **Movie Afternoon and Movie Night...**



**Friday 26th January** in  
the school hall

**Rec, Y1 & Y2 1.30pm-3.00pm**

**Y3—Y6 3.15pm-5.00pm**

A great movie along with hotdogs,  
popcorn and a drink!

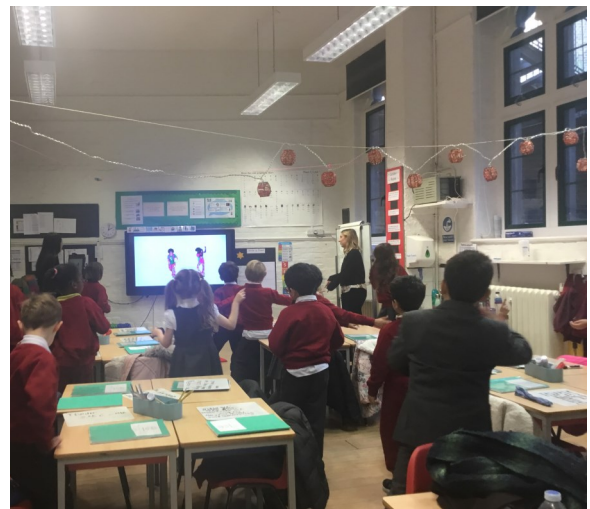
**Please make a donation of £2.00 on  
the day.**

(All funds raised go to the charity The  
Children's Society, showing our values  
of **compassion** and **community**.)

Children can bring in a  
comfy cushion from home  
to sit on and/or a blanket to  
cuddle up with.



KS2 enjoying playtime in the  
playground.



Y2 enjoying their learning.

## **Our Prayer of the week...**

Come Holy Spirit,  
and fill our hearts  
with your love and peace.  
Help us to make time  
in our busy lives,  
to spend some time  
talking quietly to God.



**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.**

