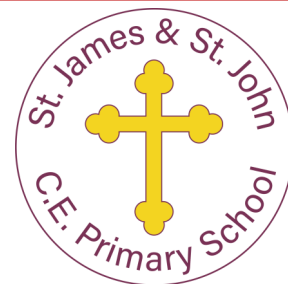


St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter



Friday 6th December 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A reminder that the last day of term is **Friday 20th December**. Children must be in school until the end of term, so that they do not miss out on important learning. We understand that flights are cheaper before and after the holidays, but I'm afraid this does not count as an exceptional reason. All children must be back in school on **Monday 6th January** for the start of Spring Term.

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

Nativity 2024: 'A Wiggly Nativity'

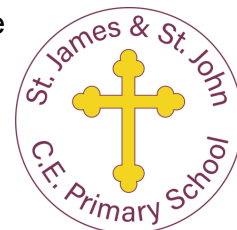
Thank you to all the parents, friends and families that attended the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity performances this week, and for your help in practising lines and songs at home. Thank you to the teachers and children for putting on a fantastic show, demonstrating our school values of **inspiration** and **excellence**.

We thoroughly enjoyed watching them 'shine'!



Sometimes, parents mistakenly believe that missing school in the days before Christmas to go on holiday won't matter because "schools are only doing Christmas stuff anyway". Not at our school! Children continue learning the full curriculum right up to the end of term. Being absent from school in the last week will result in a child missing important curriculum lessons that they won't be able to catch up with.

In January, we start curriculum lessons from the first day back. Children tell us they feel very worried when they have missed school and don't understand the learning because they missed out. Help your child to feel confident and successful at school by attending every day before and after the Christmas holidays. **Thank you for your help with this :)**



I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **06.12.2024**

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

Attendance...

Congratulations to **Y5** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. **Most Y5** and pupils came to school every day; **Y5** 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 **Y5** 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



Important Dates for your Diary...



Monday 9th December - Y5 Visit to Westminster Abbey

Tuesday 10th December - Y5 and Y6 Christmas Party - children wear their own clothes

Wednesday 11th December - Y3 and Y4 Christmas Party - children wear their own clothes

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

Friday 13th December - Y1 and Y2 Christmas Party - children wear their own clothes

Monday 16th December - Nursery and Reception Christmas Party - children wear their own clothes. Children picked up from Main Site at 3:15pm.

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

Thursday 19th December - Christmas Lunch

Friday 20th December - Last day of term. Children finish school at usual 'pick up' time (3:00pm - Nursery; 3:15pm - Reception to Y6)

Monday 6th January - Children back at school.

Our Prayer of the week...

Sunday marks the second Sunday of Advent...

Jesus,

You are peace even when there is hatred.

Help us to forgive like you when we are hurt or wounded.

Bring peace into our hearts, our classrooms and our homes.

Amen



Person of the Week!

Nursery - Adam

Reception - Gabriela

Year 1 - Daniil

Year 2 - Malek

Year 3 - Liam

Year 4 - Telmuun

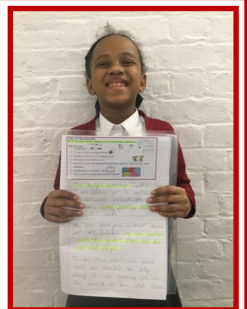
Year 5 - Lettie

Year 6 - Alex



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 Aleen in Year 2.



Year 2 have been reading about the exciting adventures of Traction Man, a heroic action figure, in our text 'Traction Man is Here' by Mini Grey.

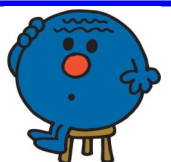
Following careful planning and a role play in which we acted out some of Traction Man's adventures, Year 2 was tasked with writing a retelling of the story.

Aleen crafted a fantastic retelling with superb expanded noun phrases and accurate punctuation. She even challenged herself to use inverted commas!

Well done, Aleen.

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.**





ST JOHN'S
HYDE PARK

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday
8 December

4 PM

A festive service for all the family, with the
Choir of St James and St John School.

Hot Chocolate served afterwards.



FLU CATCH-UP COMMUNITY CLINICS

The festive season is a time for travelling, visiting family, and gathering with loved ones – but it's also the perfect opportunity for the flu to spread. With packed trains, busy airports, and close contact at family gatherings, the risk is higher than ever.

Making sure your child has had their flu vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and those you care about.

Stay Well:

Keep the festive spirit alive without the misery of flu.

Protect Others:

Especially children, the elderly, and those more vulnerable.

Stop the Spread:

Help prevent flu outbreaks this holiday season

If your child missed their flu vaccination at school, you can book an appointment at one of our community clinics.

For our clinic locations and contact details for the Vaccination UK team please follow the links below:



<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics>