

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



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for the amazing effort you all went to yesterday in helping your child dress up as a word for **'Word Aware Day'** as part of **'World Book Day'** :) Take a look below at just some of the wonderfully creative **'Word Aware Day'** / **'World Book Day'** costumes. We enjoyed celebrating a wealth of English vocabulary and learning lots of new words - in assembly and in class word games.

Research tells us that the size of children's vocabulary is the best predictor of success in reading comprehension and future attainment more generally, and that children with a poor vocabulary are four times more likely to struggle with reading in adulthood.

Our teachers introduce new vocabulary to your child every day and all of our classes have a vocabulary wall in their classroom: we know that having a wide vocabulary is so important for all children and that vocabulary knowledge is not "caught" but must be taught. Children who read regularly learn much more vocabulary than children who don't, so please keep talking to and reading with your children! **Thank you for your help with this :)**

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



I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **08.03.2024**

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

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

## Attendance...

Congratulations to **Year 1** and **Year 3** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. Most **Year 1** and **Year 3** pupils came to school every day; **Year 1** and **Year 3** 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 1 and Year 3 for the whole of next week :)



## Important Dates for your Diary...

- Wednesday March 13th** - Y1 Trip to **Golders Hill Park**
- Friday 15th March - 2:30** - Y1, Y2 and Y3 **Equality Studies Assembly** for Parents
- Thursday 14th March** - Y3 Trip to **The Floating Classroom**
- Friday 15th March** - **Red Nose Day** - we will be selling Red Noses on the gate
- Thursday 21st March** - Year 5 and Year 6 **Football Tournament**
- Wednesday 27th March** - **Academic Review Day** - parents attend school with their child at their appointment time to meet the teacher
- Thursday 28th March** - Last day of Spring Term
- Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April** - Easter Holidays



## Red Nose Day...

Friday 15th March is **Red Nose Day** at St. James and St. John. Red Nose Day raises money for Comic Relief, a charity that raises money to support vulnerable communities in the UK and internationally.



This year, we are asking the children to bring in a £1 donation for Comic Relief. We have bought a red nose for every pupil and will be selling these on the gate in the morning. We will have a special Red Nose Day assembly on 15th March.

## 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 Camille in Nursery.



Nursery have been exploring different types of homes and the different materials homes can be made from. To help guide the learning, the children have been listening to the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. Nursery talked about why the little pigs left home and the choices that each little pig made for the materials that they built their homes with.

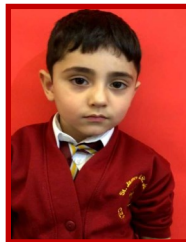
Camille was able to demonstrate his understanding by drawing his own sequence of the story.

**Well done, Camille.**



## Person of the Week!

- Nursery** - Hannah
- Reception** - Daniel
- Year 1** - Rafael
- Year 2** - Amir
- Year 3** - Boris
- Year 4** - Parwiz
- Year 5** - Sara
- Year 6** - Osias



## Our Prayer of the week...

*We are currently in the period of Lent...*

### Father of Love,

As we walk up our mountain this Lent  
Help us in our prayers,  
In the silence of our hearts,  
To know we are loved.  
Help us to see  
With the eyes of compassion  
So that we become aware  
Of the needs of others.

**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.**

