



Newsletter

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This Week at St James'...

Today sees the finals of our St James' Has Got Talent competition, set up and organized by our Pupil Governors. My role is to be the Simon Cowell of the school (typecasting?), and I can not wait to see what the acts have in store for us all, I'm sure it's going to be a brilliant morning!

This week has been Road Safety Week, and across the school, we have been reinforcing the key safety rules when being out and about, especially during the dark winter months. We've especially emphasized the 'Be bright, be seen' message, and are encouraging all children to wear something which is high viz, be that a jacket, or badges, or belts. We have also been visited by Yo from Sustrans, which is a charity which encourages sustainable travel to school (eg bikes, walking, scooting), and she has set us a 'Santa Challenge'. Over the next two weeks, we are to see if we can walk, scoot, cycle, skip, hop, park and stride so that we can build up enough credit to get us to Lapland (2000 miles away). Every child who manages to complete the challenge over the next 10 days will be able to enter a prize draw, with a prize of a new bike. Your children have brought home challenge cards today.

Next week, our older children will be taking part in a tag rugby competition, and Years 3 & 4 will be taking part in an (indoor) athletics event. We'll also be preparing for our Decoration afternoon, which takes place on Monday, 3rd December—as you start to get your Christmas decorations out from storage, if there are any which you will not be using anymore, we'd be very pleased to receive them, so that we can use them to sparkle up the school for December—thank you!

Wishing you all a very happy weekend,
Maria & all the team at St James'



Ms Soulsby's Rainbow Moment this week is awarded to **Lazzaro**—Lazzaro is another child who is relatively new to St James' but has settled into life here very quickly, and is proving to be a lovely, kind-hearted boy with an outstanding attitude towards his learning. We're so pleased to have him here as part of our family!

Dear Children...

Oh my goodness, you are all just so talented, I have loved watching your talent show today, and I know you have all been working so hard to perfect your acts—well done! I really love the way you all encourage each other as well, showing great support and care for one another.

I am really impressed with the quality of your writing at the moment—it's lovely to see you all taking such a lot of care in your presentation and working hard to get your pen licenses. Those of you who are in the older year groups, please find time to go and have a look at Robins' writing, they're doing really well, and would love to receive your encouragement and support!

Unfortunately, because of the time of year, our field is looking a little bit sorry for itself, and we need to give it some time for the grass to grow back and recover. From Monday, then, the field will be out of action at lunchtimes for the next few months.

Have a lovely weekend!

Ms Soulsby



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PSA News

Christmas Fayre

Thursday, 13th December 3.30-5.00—School Hall

Parents will collect children from classrooms and then enter the fayre through the car park

We have lots of stalls booked, games, craft making and raffles, plus (hopefully) a visit from the big man!

How can you help us?

We need volunteers to help set up and take down the tables

Can you donate any raffle prizes, or know a local business who would like to do so?

Any volunteers to help us with the 'big man'?

Any volunteers to run the refreshments zone, or help with the crafts?

Donations of quality foods & beverages so we can make hampers for the raffle

A slip has been sent home in bookbags today, if you can help with any of the tasks above. Thank you!

Christmas Bazaar

Tuesday, 18th December from 9.00 in school

Each child visits the bazaar and is able to buy up to 2 presents for their parents/carers for £1 each. The present is then wrapped and the children bring them home to give on Christmas Day.

How can you help?

MUFTI Day Friday, 7th December—in return for donations

Please donate small gifts which a male or female adult might like to receive—for example, toiletries, candles, socks, keyrings, snacks, household items—something small which you would like to receive.

We will need volunteers to run the Bazaar and wrap presents from 9.00-11.00 on the 18th

We welcome any donations of rolls of wrapping paper.

Please see the slip in your child's book bag to let us know how you can help.

School budgets are being cut all the time, and we rely very heavily on the PSA for their financial support. The PSA help the school by subsidising lots of our school trips, which we wouldn't be able to run otherwise. The PSA is also hoping to raise £5000 so we can purchase new playground equipment (to replace the Trim Trail which was lost due to the building project). Your help and support is vital in these times of financial pressure in schools. Thank you!

Coming Up...

Monday	British Transport Police visit to school—staying safe
Tuesday	Y5/6 Tag Rugby Flu Vaccinations
Thursday	Y3/4 Athletics
Friday	Y4 Assembly 2.30

Monday, 3rd December	Decoration Afternoon from 1.30—come and decorate the school with your children!
Tuesday, 4th December	Year 2 Christmas Concert @ Corn Exchange
Thursday, 6th December	Y5 Athletics Robins Class assembly 2.30
Friday, 7th December	MUFTI for Christmas Bazaar donations Year 1 Class Assembly 2.30



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Christmas wreath making workshop

Start the festive season with an evening of mulled wine, mince pies and craft, creating your own Christmas wreath.

All profits raised will be donated to the St James' PSA.

Ticket price includes all materials needed to create your wreath.

Thursday 29th November
The Church Barn, Biddenham
7:30 - 9:30pm
Tickets £25



Biddenham Village Hall
Saturday 8 December
2.00pm – 4.30pm

Entrance £1 (Children Free)

