



Newsletter

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This Week at St James'...

Unbelievably, we are now more than half way through this term, and as usual your children continue to impress us with their sterling efforts and incredible enthusiasm for learning. Having just finished our weekly Celebration Assembly, I am struck by the number of children who receive praise and recognition for their overall attitude towards learning, resilience and 'stickability' when faced with challenges, the kindness and compassion they show towards others, as well as their academic achievement. They are such a joy to work with and you should all feel so very proud of them all!

This week has been a busy week for our teachers as learners—both Miss Bingham-Green and Mr Leach have attended training courses for English and maths, and they have come back to school buzzing with new ideas to share across the school. It's always important that we keep our skills and knowledge sharp and that we continue to shape our practice.

Next week, we will be enjoying our Annual Arts Week—each class will be focusing on the work of one artist, and developing a range of different skills, including sketching, collage, printing, sewing and using music as a stimulus for 3-D art work. On Thursday, you are invited into school from 2.00 to join your child(ren) in class.

On Wednesday, our Year 6 children are taking part in a cross country event in Sharnbrook; we're hoping that our Daily Mile experience has prepared the children well!

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful weekend,

Maria & all the team at St James'

Dear Children...

"It does not matter how slowly you go so long as you do not stop." - Confucius

I love Celebration Assembly! I love to see so many of you being recognised for the amazing work you do in school. I'm always most pleased when I hear about your positive attitudes towards school and your learning—your determination and resilience mean that you will be successful. This week, I've seen first hand just how much that positivity affects overall success—Oscar, keep persevering with those long multiplication, I can really see the progress you're making and you will get there! Ferdy, believe in yourself,

you're nearly there! With a positive and determined attitude, you will achieve great things—nothing worth having comes easy, so keep going! The quote from Confucius can be applied to any aspect of school life from tricky maths to running the Daily Mile to learn those tricky spellings; the important thing is to just keep going!

(Confucius was a Chinese teacher and philosopher who lived about 2,500 years ago—about 500 years before Jesus was born—and he wrote lots of books about his ideas and thoughts. Many of his ideas live in our lives today, such as 'do not do unto others what you do not want done to yourself' (does that remind you of anything?)

Have a great weekend!

Ms Soulsby

Step into the NHS Competition

The NHS are running a competition for children with prizes of Amazon Vouchers. All of us have used the NHS at some point, so this is an opportunity to say 'thankyou' to all the amazing people who work for the NHS.

Children are invited to say thank you in whichever way they choose—through art (paintings, collage) or by writing a story, letter, playscript. You can choose. You can work on your own or join up with friends. Entries should be handed in to Ms Soulsby by **8th March**.

There is a Youtube video if you want more information:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sgaWKNKudokQ&feature=youtu.be>



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I am hoping to start a Gardening Club next term where children will be given the opportunity to improve the school environment. They will learn how to plant seeds and care for them. The main project is to create a rockery. If you have any items suitable to help improve the school outside environment e.g. membrane, top soil, potting soil, plants, seeds, seed trays, small pots, small greenhouse, large rocks for rockery, to name a few, please could you bring them in to Mrs Hawkins Year 3. I promise that the Gardening Club team will put everything to good use.

Thank You

Mrs Hawkins

Important Dates for the Term Ahead

Date & Time	Event	Classes Involved	Staff Lead	Special Notes
w/b 28 th Jan	Arts Week	Whole school	SBG	
Weds 30 th Jan	Cross Country	Y6	IL	
Thurs 31 st Jan, from 2.00	Open afternoon – arts	Whole school	SBG	
Fri, 1 st Feb 3.00	Book Blink	Whole school	Class Teachers	Please aim to be finished sharing children's books by 3.30pm
Tuesday, 5 th Feb	Gymnastics event	KS1, Years 3 & 4	Class Teachers	A letter will be sent home in due course if your child is participating in this event
Fri, 8 th Feb, 2.30pm	Y4 Class Assembly	Y4	LR	
Sat, 9 th Feb 12.30pm	Honour Guard at Bedford Blues	Selected children	GH, MS	Information about this will be sent home in due course
11 th -15 th Feb	Half Term	Whole school		
Fri 22 nd Feb	Swimming lessons start	Years 4 & 5	GH	A separate letter will be sent home
Fri 22 nd Feb, 2.30pm	Y3 Class Assembly	Y3	GH	
Weds, 27 th Feb 5.00pm Hall	Phonics Information for parents		CD, NB	Primarily for Reception and Year 1 parents, but all interested parents are welcome to attend
Fri, 1 st March, 2.30pm	Y2 Class Assembly	Y2	SBG	
Weds 6 th March	Multi-Sports	Y3 & 4	SBG, LR	A letter will be sent home in due course if your child is participating in this event
Thurs 7 th March	World Book Day Open Afternoon from 2.00pm	Whole school	WL	
Fri 8 th March, 2.30pm	Y1 class assembly	Y1	NB	
w/b 11 th March	Science Week	Whole school	TKL	
Tues 12 th March 4.00-7.00	Parent/Teacher meetings	Whole school	Class Teachers	
Thurs 14 th March or Thurs 21 st March	Football game	Y5	TKL	A letter will be sent home in due course if your child is participating in this event
Thurs 14 th March 4.00-6.00	Parent/Teacher meetings	Whole school	Class Teachers	
Fri 15 th March	Red Nose Day	Whole school	IL	
Mon 18 th March – afternoon & early evening	Big Spring Sing Up at the Corn Exchange	Y6	IL	
Fri 22 nd March, 2.30pm	YR Class Assembly	YR	CD	
Mon 25 th March	Class Photos	Whole school	DS	
Tues 26 th March	Girls Football	Y 5 & 6	TKL, IL	A letter will be sent home in due course if your child is participating in this event
Weds 27 th March 5.00pm	KS1 SATs Information for parents	Y2	SBG	Primarily for Y2 parents, but all interested parents are welcome
Fri 29 th March 3.00pm	Book Blink	Whole school	Class Teachers	Please aim to be finished by 3.30pm
Thurs 4 th April	Multi-skills	Y1 & 2	NB, SBG	A letter will be sent home in due course if your child is participating in this event
Fri 5 th April 2.00pm	Easter Service	Whole school	TKL	
8 th -23 rd April Easter Holiday	23 rd April is an INSET Day Children return to school on Weds 24 th April			