



Newsletter

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This Week at St James'...

I spent most of Monday getting back into the groove of school life, after my week away with Year 6. We had a fantastic time, taking part in some really quite challenging activities. The children were a real joy to spend time with, and I was so impressed and proud by the way in which they overcame various fears and dislikes. I, too, faced challenges and spent most of the weekend resting my very old and weary legs! We had great fun, though, and were very grateful that we did not have the weather we've experienced this week.

This week, our Year 1 children have undertaken their phonics screening checks, a statutory assessment set for all Year 1 children across the country. We try to keep this very low key, and hope that the children barely noticed they were being tested. Results will be reported to parents as part of the end of year written reports.



On Wednesday, we welcomed Megan Kealy into school; she is a very talented tumbling gymnast, who has been world champion in her field 3 times now. Children were fascinated to hear about her sport, see her complete some of her skills and also were encouraged by her message about how to apply sports skills in other areas of school life. Thank you to all of you who helped support this visit through sponsorship, our contribution to helping young athletes stay at the top of their sports.

Also on Wednesday, our Pupil Governors held their bracelet sale, to raise money for more playground equipment. They were hit by rain, but still raised a good amount of money—Mrs Doughty is counting this up today and will let us know the final total. Thank you for your support with this.

Next week, we celebrate International Week, the highlight being our dress-up day on Tuesday—we look forward to seeing the whole wide world reflected across our school! Friday is Sports Day—let's hope for some good weather. If the weather is good, please remember to come back to St James' afterwards for our annual family picnic on the field.

Wishing you all, especially our fantastic dads, grandads, uncles, step dads and all father figures, a wonderful weekend,
Maria & all the team at St James'

Bromham Road Closure

As you may be aware, the bridge on Bromham Road on the way into Bedford will be closing shortly for the best part of the year, from 24th June. This will cause disruption for a significant period of time, especially given other roadworks which are on-going around town. There will be diversions in place. Please allow extra time for any journeys to school as we will not be able to accept this as a reason for lateness on a regular basis.

Plant Sale

The plant sale that Fiona Mitchell organised has been a great success. Total sales came to **£109.20**, with proceeds going to the PSA. Thank you for your support. Many thanks to Fiona Mitchell and Natasha Fox for all your hard work.

International Week

Next week is International Week. This will be an opportunity for children to learn about cultures and traditions from around the world. This year we will also be focusing on climate change and issues affecting global communities and our oceans. On Tuesday 18th we invite all children to wear traditional clothes or an item of clothing that represents their family or cultural heritage. Children can wear international sports clothes and flags.

Important Dates for the Term Ahead

Date & Time	Event	Classes Involved	Staff Lead	Special Notes
Mon 17th June	Tennis	Years 3 & 4	GH, LR	
Mon 17th June	Dental Checks	Years R & 1	DS	Consent forms & information have been sent home
Mon 17th June 3.00	Story session for new YR		CD	
Week beginning 17th June Tuesday 18th June	International week Dress up day	All years	SM/CD	See newsletter 7/6/19
Fri 21st June morning & lunch	Sports Day & picnic	All years	GH	Letter has been sent home from Mrs Hawkins
Fri 28th June 2.30	Class Assembly	Year 2	SBG	
Tues 25th June 11.30	Story session for new YR children		CD	
Weds 26th June	Brake's Kids Walk	Whole School	GH	In-school activities to promote Road Safety week
Weds 26th June am	Y5 West Bedford schools Sports Day @ Biddenham	Year 5	TKL	See separate letter
Mon 1st July 9.30	Stay & Play session for new YR		CD	
Tues 2nd July	Robins Forest School Trip	Year R	CD	See separate letter
Tues 2nd, Weds 3rd July	Biddenham Transition days	Year 6	IL	
Thurs 4th July	Sing On performance @ Corn Exchange	Year 4	LR	
Thurs 4th July	STEM Fair @ Biddenham	Year 5	TKL	Details will be sent home in due course
Thurs 4th & Fri 5th July	Bedford Blues Community Maths Project	Year 3	GH	PE kit required both days
Fri 5th July 2.30	Class Assembly	Year 5	TKL	
Fri 5th July	Governors Open Day	Whole school	MS	Governors visiting school throughout the day
Fri 5th July	Greek Day	Year 5	TKL	See separate letter
Sun 7th July	Summer Fair		PSA/SM	
Tues 9th July 9.30	Stay & Play session for new YR		CD	
Tues 9th, Weds 10th July	Lincroft Transition days	Year 6	IL	
Weds 10th July	Moving Up morning	All classes	MS	
Thurs 11th July	Biddenham Transition Day	Year 5	TKL	Details will be sent home in due course
Fri 12th July 2.00	Music Concert	All children who have received instrument lessons this year	MS	Guitars, drums, recorders, piano—parents invited
Mon 15th July 5.00	Summer Show	Whole School	GH	'Proms in the Playground'
Tues 16th July	Music Play Day	Year 3	GH	See separate letter
Tues 16th July 2.00	Family picnic for new YR starters		CD	
Weds 17th July 2.00	Leaver's Service	Whole School	IL	

Term 1 2019 Dates:

Children return to school
Half Term
End of Term

Wednesday, 4th September
Monday 21st-Friday 25th October
Friday 20th December

Raffle tickets – Summer Raffle, 21st June 2019

This year we will be holding a St James' Summer Raffle. The raffle will be drawn during the Picnic following this year's Sports Day. We have some fantastic prizes for the Summer Raffle. Any money raised will go towards the fundraising for the Year 6 Residential and any surplus money will go towards the school. Your help and support is vital in these times of financial pressure in schools. Thank you.

Tickets cost £1 each or £5 per strip. You will have the opportunity to buy raffle tickets, please check your child's book bag for more information on how to purchase raffle tickets. All ticket stubs and money to be returned to school by Thursday 20th June. If you would like to purchase additional tickets, please contact Dawn in the School Office.

Thank you for your support.

Raffle prizes donated so far include:

- 18 hole 4 Ball at the Bedford Golf Club
- Bedford Blues 'Signed' Rugby Ball
- Moroccanoil Gift Set – Donated by Only You
- Calgel Nails Gift Voucher – Donated by Saramanda
- 2 Tickets to see a Bedford Blues Home Game
- Luton Town FC Gift Donation
- Hazel Kaye Gift Voucher Jessica Deluxe Prescriptive Manicure
- LUSH Cosmetics Gift Set
- 4 Week free trial at the Pauline Quirke Academy
- £10 Brown's of Stagsden Gift Voucher
- The Eatery – coffee and cake for 2
- Fish & Chip supper for 2 – Bromham Fish & Chip Shop
- Bottles of Prosecco, chocolate, candles, wine, gift sets plus many other great prizes!!!

