



Newsletter

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This week at St James'...

Robins have had a truly fantastic week—they've spent their first week in full-time school and are impressing us all with how confident and happy they are in school—well done for such a super start to their Primary School careers! At the other end of the school, Peacocks are impressing us with their maturity and exemplary attitudes as Year 5, it's so lovely to see! I've spent time in all classes this week, observing a few lessons and teaching in Canaries and Peacocks. Throughout the school, I have met children who show a real eagerness and commitment to their learning, led by energetic and enthusiastic teachers, and it's been really good to see great work—keep it up everybody!

As I write, elections are taking place for our Pupil Governors across the school. These children will take the lead in helping our school become an even better place to be for everyone, and we are all looking forward to seeing what they come up with this year. Well done to all of the candidates who have put themselves forward!

On a slightly negative note, I have received two complaints from two very upset and cross neighbours, who have had parents parking across their drives this week. It is really disappointing that the reputation of our school is damaged in this way—your children are so incredible, the village should recognize our school as a brilliant place of which it can feel proud, and when this reputation is compromised, it reflects badly on all of us, including your children. This is, of course, a problem caused by the tiniest minority of parents and I remain sincerely grateful for all of you who always show consideration for others and would never dream of blocking someone's drive.

Next Wednesday, the children will have their individual photos taken, along with siblings in school, remember smart clothes and hair on Wednesday morning! Kingfishers will also be hosting a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer, so please do join us and donate, if you are able.

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



Congratulations!

Ms Soulsby's Rainbow Moment this week is awarded to Millie in Kingfishers. It has been so lovely to see Millie's positivity in the last few weeks, and to see her really enjoying the challenges of school life. Well done, Millie, keep it up!

At home, Susie and Mary have been tremendously helpful and sensible at home whilst their mum has been away, they've really helped Dad with all the extra work he's had on—girls, your daddy is very grateful and very proud of you, well done!

Hurricane Irma – Mufti Day

Thank you for your generosity last Friday. As a school we raised **£187.70** towards this worthy cause.

Thank You!

Can You Help?

For next term's assemblies, we will be telling the story of 'The Game of Block-Blast', which has props of large foam shapes. Do any of you have any foam off-cuts which you can donate to the school? Please drop off in the office if you do, many thanks!

Rainbow Moment

My child has shown the Rainbow Promise in the following way at home:

Signed



Easy Fundraising

If you aren't using this yet, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE sign up and use [Easy Fundraising](#) EVERY time you shop online. Especially Christmas shopping!

It really is easy, and every time you shop online, you raise money for the school.

A 'how to' guide can be found on our website on the [PSA page](#)



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Biddenham MK40 4BD

Thursday 2 November 2017
7.00 - 9.00pm
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St James's Church Biddenham Harvest Festival 1st October

All Age Service
9.00am

Donations of food taken for the Bedford Foodbank and local homeless shelters.

Cream Teas
(other cakes available)
in the Church Barn
2.30pm to 5.30pm

Please join us for the service, a cream tea and to see the wonderful harvest flowers!

Monetary donations towards the Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal "Full of Beans"

Raising Money to help transform communities in the Philippines to being self sufficient and moving from being 'Receivers' to 'Givers'



Date Correction

Peacocks Class Assembly will be on November 3rd (not the 10th)

Apologies for the confusion and well done to parents who spotted our error, thanks for letting us know!

PSA AGM

Monday, 9th October
7.00pm, School Hall



**Join now to
make it into
October's
draw!**

Would you like to have the chance of winning up to £20.00 every month???????

How does it work :

- All you need to do is pay £2 for 12 months for one number. £24 paid up front, cash or cheque payable to St. James School PSA. You can purchase more than one ticket (£24 each). Please complete the form below and return to school, with payment.
- A number will then be allocated to you, for the entire year. You will receive a letter confirming your number.
- A draw for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize will be made by Ms Soulsby, during celebration assembly, on the 1st Friday of each month. During the school holidays, draws will be made during the last week of term.
- The winners each month, will be informed by phone or email and will be able to collect a cheque from the office.
- The names of the winners may be publicised in the school newsletter

1st prize	£20
2nd prize	£15
3rd prize	£10

All proceeds will go to St James' PSA.

The PSA help fund school trips, resources and events at St. James' School.

Please support us, you are in with a chance of winning and will be helping your child at the same time!

Any questions, please contact Alison Singh 07967 332234
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SJ50 CLUB ENTRY FORM

I would liketickets at £24 each (12 months) and enclose £..... (cheques payable to St. James' School PSA or cash please)

Your name.....

Your child's name..... Year.....

Email address Tel no.....

SignatureDate.....

If you do not agree to your name being mentioned as a winner in the school newsletter, please tick here.....

SAVE THE DATE!

PSA AGM

The PSA's Annual General Meeting will take place pm **Monday, 9th October at 7.00pm**. The AGM is an opportunity for all parents and staff to hear about recent and future events, plan for the coming year, and elect the key officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary).

More details regarding agenda etc will be sent home next week, but in the meantime, please put the date in your diary and join us on the 9th.