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This week at St James'...

Already, unbelievably, we are heading towards the end of our first term together. The leaves are falling, the days are getting shorter, and the weather is definitely on the turn. But, of course, your children continue to shine brightly in school, sharing their enthusiasm, energy and joy with us all!

This week, Mrs Morton, Mrs Doughty and Mrs Warren were visited by teachers from the Bedford Nursery Federation, who wanted to see their great practice in planning in the moment—this is a process where teachers are able to respond quickly to the interests of the children, and adapt their planning to meet the children. The Bedford Nursery Schools are all outstanding settings, and we have worked alongside them a lot to develop our EYFS provision, so it's great to be able to reciprocate and share our great practice with them.

Our PSA AGM took place on Monday; our elected officers are: Maria Krailing (Chair), Alan Brown (Vice Chair), Eleanor Holton (Secretary), and Mikky Coladangelo & Alison Singh (Treasurers). The PSA have been asked by Governors to raise money to put towards development of the play spaces, once our new buildings are complete, so all your support is greatly needed and appreciated.

Peacocks received their Young Sports Leaders training yesterday, which we hope to see them putting into action very soon, and Canaries enjoyed their afternoon adventure into Bedford, visiting the market and then using healthy ingredients to make smoothies at Dessert Island. We were also visited by Peter Chase this week, who is the Chair of Biddenham Parish Council. The Council has generously donated £2000 towards specialist maths, science and technology resources, and we were really keen to share with Peter how we intend to spend the donation, as well as share the good work of the village school—he was very supportive and positive in his response, and I was pleased we were able to further develop this relationship with our wider village family.

Today is our first Book Blink of the year, an opportunity for you to see your child's work from September. We look forward to seeing you later on, do stay for the Book Fair also!

All in all, a busy and successful week—rest well this weekend!

Maria Soulsby



Congratulations!

Ms Soulsby's Rainbow Moment this week is awarded to Leo in Year 4—Leo always shows impeccable manners to everyone he meets in school, and he greets me in the mornings with a cheerful 'good morning'. It's lovely to see his happy, positive and friendly nature around school. At home, Jessica has been an amazing help and support for her older sister who is recovering from a major operation—Jessica has been encouraging her in her recovery and being really helpful around the house. Well done, Jessica, what a lovely sister you are!

Individual/Sibling Photographs Orders

Please send in any photograph orders to the School Office by **Monday 16th October 2017**. If this deadline is missed you can still order online, or post your order - please note Tempest will charge a £4 postage/late order fee.

Congratulations to Mrs Ayres—The stork has landed!

Nathaniel was born on Tuesday morning. Both mum and baby are home and doing well. Many congratulations to Kirsty, Dave and Imogen!

Primary Fundraising Collection Pot

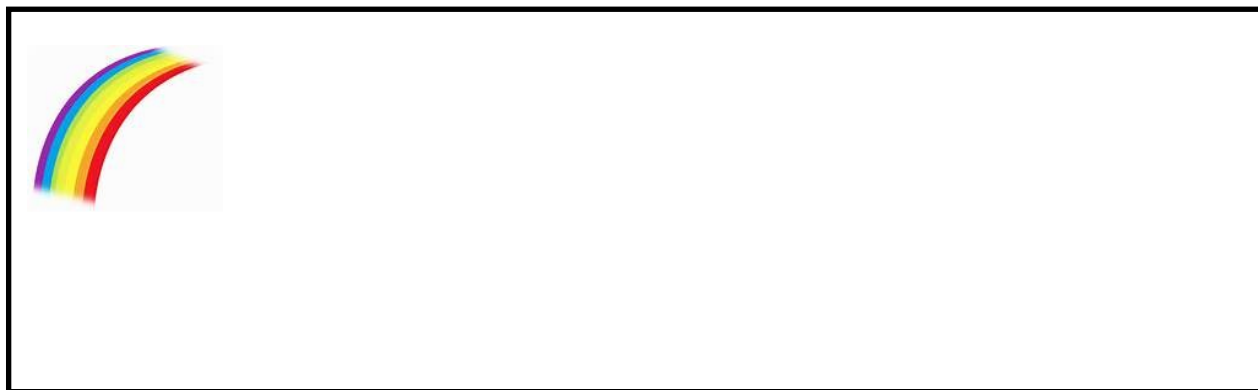
So far, we have raised **£194.61** just from the Rainbow collection pot at the front of the school. All money raised will go towards our new Year 5 class.

If you wish to donate money towards the Primary Conversion please speak to Dawn in the Office. Thank you for your support!

Rainbow Moment

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

Signed



As Halloween approaches Bedfordshire Police is reminding parents and guardians to keep their children safe. If possible, parents and guardians should go out trick or treating with their children, sticking to well-lit areas and only knocking on the doors of people they know. Some people may have 'No trick or treat' posters up at their doors and we ask that these are respected. Bedfordshire Police is also reminding children and parents to be mindful that some of the more vulnerable or elderly members of the community may feel intimidated by people calling at their doors and appeals to all residents to look out for their neighbours who may feel frightened during this time. Extra patrols will be on hand over the Halloween and Bonfire Night period to ensure that the evenings can be enjoyed safely. If you do have any concerns during Halloween, it's important that you call 101 in order to keep 999 free for genuine emergencies - 31 October is one of the police's busiest nights of the year! For more advice about Halloween please visit www.bedfordshire.police.uk



New Diary Dates

Nasal Flu Vaccine – Wednesday 6th December 09.30 – 11.00 am (Boots)

PSA Meeting Monday 30th October 7.00-8.00 School Hall—Christmas planning

Y1 Forest School Trip Thursday 23rd November

Monday's PSA AGM minutes can be found on the [school website](#)

Coming Up....

Monday	Y1, Y4	Visit from dentist (to support topic)
Tuesday, Wednesday		Parent/Teacher meetings
Wednesday	Y3,4	Multi Sports @ KCA

FRIDAY	INSET DAY	SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
23RD-27TH	HALF TERM	
MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER		TERM 2 STARTS