

Newsletter 29.3.18

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This week at St James'...

We were really pleased that so many of you were able to join us for our Easter Service this week. Thank you, as always, for your support, your children always love sharing their thoughts, singing and hopes, wishes and prayers with you.

Robins class enjoyed their Spring Walk on Monday (which was fortuitous timing, considering all the rain which arrived on Tuesday!). Many adults came along to help with supervision—thank you—and many of you commented so positively about the children and their behaviour.

Today, there's a lot going on to celebrate the end of term—Year 3 are in pyjamas and Year 2 are in MUFTI, as rewards for achieving 100% attendance in the last few weeks; Year 1 have just held their special Kings and Queens banquet, complete with crowns and a castle, and this afternoon, Year 2 will be enjoying a teddy bears' picnic. It all feels like a great way to end what has been a very busy, but very successful Spring Term.

After Easter, children may like to start wearing summer uniform. Shorts are fine for all children (sensible 'dress' shorts, please, rather than sports shorts), and some children may like to wear summer dresses. Because children may continue to wear summer uniform in September, when we will be beginning our journey to blue uniform, if you buy new summer dresses, it will be fine for you to buy blue ones for the summer term. We are keen to ensure that any economic impact of the uniform change is kept to a minimum, and expect therefore to have a period of transition over the next 18 months or so, when we will see both blue and red in school. This is quite usual, and has been seen in many schools which have made uniform changes. Summer hats will also be useful—please try to keep these to solid colours where possible, red or blue is ideal, but as long as faces, ears and necks are able to be protected, I really don't mind. Please do name them though!

Thank you for all your gifts of chocolates, flowers, cakes and cards today, the staff and I are truly grateful. We are all looking forward to our Easter break now, and promise to return refreshed and energized. I wish you all God's Blessings for this Easter time, rest well everyone!

Very best wishes,

Maria

Thursday, 29th March END OF TERM
Children return to school Tuesday, April 17th

Caterlink

If your child is in Year 3, 4 or 5, payment for School meals will be required – please ignore this message if you have already made payments.

Meals are £2.15 per day, £10.75 per week. Payment can be daily, weekly or half termly/termly.

Payment from Tuesday 17th April up until Friday 25th May 2018 totals £60.20.

Please send payment in an envelope clearly stating your child's name and amount enclosed. If you are paying by cheque please make cheques payable to Caterlink.

Dawn Until Dusk News

Children are having a busy week at DUD. Tracy from head office brought two lambs to visit us on Monday. The children enjoyed learning about them and having several cuddles. We will also be making chocolate crispie nests and having an Easter egg hunt and party on Thursday.

Last week we did science experiments as we had our science theme box. Children loved making a foaming volcano and adding different food colourings to change the foaming colour.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter from us all at DUD See you all in the Summer Term.

Cathy and Sharon

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the term has now drawn to a close, all of our plans to install the new building are about to come to fruition. Last Friday, Ms Soulsby and I signed our contract documents and we are now past the point of no return. The funding is in place, the designs, programme and finishes have been agreed and we are ready to start.

Today is the first day of the project, starting with a CCTV survey of the existing drainage and pipework that lays underneath the ground where the new building is going to be located. The survey will allow us to have an accurate record of the current condition of the exiting infrastructure, so that should any accident occur during the build process and the underground services are damaged, we can make sure they are put right again by the contractor without incurring any additional costs.

Phase one starts right after the bank holiday with initial site setup taking place on April 4th. Safety fencing will be installed to segregate the work area from the rest of the school, ensuring all children remain safe whilst on the field. We have opted for un-sheeted fencing that will allow the children to see the progress of the work - it is after all going to be theirs and we didn't want it all to happen hidden away from view. Other protection measures will also be installed at the same time to minimise the risk of damage to the existing buildings and the trees that will be remaining on the field in the vicinity of the work area along with welfare facilities for the site operatives. They will be completely self contained and will have no reason to come into the school except for progress meetings. There will also be several deliveries for the first few days of the more bulky building material. We have tried wherever possible to minimise the impact of delivering material which is why the majority of it is arriving during the holiday period, however there will inevitably be deliveries that need to happen later on. We have agreed with the contractor that no deliveries will take place between 8:00am and 9:15am and nothing after 3:00pm, so we avoid disrupting Main Road at drop off and pick up times.

By Friday 6th April the "trim-trail" will be removed and preliminary excavations will be complete including foundation trenches. Foundations will be installed the following week and between 9th and 11th April, above ground works will commence. By the time children return from the Easter break, some of the walls will be in place and you will all get a sense of the overall size of the building (all 253.7msq of it) and how it will begin to look in its new home. Completion is provisionally scheduled for the 2nd week in June, with external landscaping works surrounding the building to take place after then. Fingers crossed we have good weather and so avoid any delays. Providing we stick to programme, we will have sufficient time to install and test the new ICT equipment (3 new 68" Clevertouch interactive white boards), receive delivery of the new furniture and put the air-conditioning to good use for one or two trial lessons before the end of the year.

Look out for further updates including photos of the process in subsequent newsletters as our exciting project unfolds.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter

Tom Perry

Chair of Governors



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Children's Easter Fun at St James' Church

Come and join us for sticking & glueing, making an Easter Garden both indoors and outdoors, Hot Cross Buns and of course an Easter Egg Hunt.

When: **10am-11am on Good Friday, 30 March**

Where: **St James's Church**

All children (and parents!) welcome. No need to book. Just turn up. And it's absolutely free!

Any queries, contact katesmith278@btinternet.com



'Church' with a difference!

Be creative
Have fun
Hear bible stories
Sing songs

Dinner for the children!

Tuesday 17 April

4.30pm - 6.00pm

St James's Church Barn, Biddenham

Sunday 29 April

4.00pm - 5.30pm

All Saints Church Hall, Kempston

For children of all ages
(accompanied by an adult)

Free - No need to book - Just come along!

Everybody Welcome!

St James's Church, Biddenham
All Saints Church, Kempston

**HAPPY
Easter**

Lots of events over Easter at **Bromham Library**. Go to <http://virtual-library.culturalservices.net/cgi-bin/vlib.sh?engtype=LIBINFO&engpara1=DEFAULT&libno=53> for more details.

'Eggsciting' Easter Multi Sports Camp

Get active, learn new
skills and have fun!



Marston Vale

Middle School

Stewartby

Monday 9th April - Friday 13th April

8:45am to 4.00pm

£18 per day

or discount price of £75
if booked for the full week.

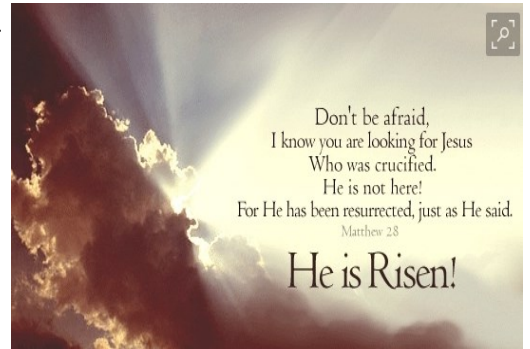


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Holy Week

Today is Maundy Thursday, which marks Jesus' Last Supper with His friends—here, He washed His disciples' feet, broke bread and wine with them and told them he would be leaving them soon. Afterwards, He went to Gethsemane to pray, and it was here He was betrayed by Judas and arrested.

In Churches, Christians will prepare for tomorrow, Good Friday, by stripping the altar and Church of decorations and will join together in prayer. Over the weekend, Christians will wait in anticipation for the glory of the resurrection on Easter Sunday.



Alleluia, He is Risen!

Term Dates 2018-2019

Term 1

Monday, 3rd September – Friday, 19th October

INSET Monday, 3rd, Tuesday 4th September

HALF TERM – MONDAY, 22nd – FRIDAY 26th OCTOBER

Term 2

Monday, 29th October – Friday, 21st December

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – MONDAY, 24th DECEMBER – FRIDAY, 4th JANUARY

Term 3

Monday, 7th January – Friday, 8th February

HALF TERM – MONDAY, 11th – 15th FEBRUARY, 2019

Term 4

Monday, 18th February – Friday, 5th April

EASTER HOLIDAY – MONDAY, 8th – MONDAY, 22nd APRIL

Term 5

Tuesday, 23rd April – Friday, 24th May

INSET Tuesday, 23rd April

HALF TERM – MONDAY, 27th – 31st MAY

Term 6

Monday, 3rd June – Friday 19th July