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This week at St James'...

Welcome back to the start of the Summer Term, and what a wonderful week of sunshine and warmth, much needed after all those days of what felt like never ending rain! As always, it's been lovely to spend time with your children, hearing all about their adventures over the Easter break.

The big news is that our new classrooms have begun to be built. After months and months of meetings and planning, it's fabulous to see that ground is broken and we're on our way. In the past week, the foundations have been completed, and drainage trenches dug. Tomorrow, an electrician is on site setting up all the necessary below ground electrics, and then next week, we should start to see the actual buildings take shape with the flooring starting to go down. I am 'tweeting' photos of daily updates on Twitter, and am uploading these onto the website as we go, so even if you can't get into school to see the progress, you can still keep in touch.

Also during the holidays, we were pleased to host the AGM of the Parish Council. As part of this, I was able to share the ICT and maths equipment we have been able to buy thanks to the Parish and Borough Councillor's generous donations of just under £15,000. At our next INSET day, staff will spend time learning how to use the new ICT kit, which will then be shared with children during Term 6.

Our INSET day on Monday was really useful—all classroom staff received more training in maths from Barbara Carr, with a focus on fractions, which is a notoriously challenging concept for young children to understand.

Offers for places to start school in September were made earlier this week—as we await for families to accept or decline offers, we will start to make plans for our starting school programme, and will contact families later in the term. It looks like we will have quite a few places available in most year groups next year, so if you know of any families who might like to join us, do encourage them to get in touch!

Usually, we would send out Curriculum News and Home Learning information today, but I'm afraid I haven't had the time to review these, so we will send them out on Monday.

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful weekend,
Maria Soulsby



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.

Cake Sale next Friday—Helen Fallan is organising a cake sale to raise money for a St James' Football Kit for school matches and tournaments - can you help support her either by running the stall with her, or (more importantly) donating any cakes which could be sold? Please bring any donations to the office on Friday morning. Thank you so much!



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Coming Up...

Wednesday	Inter-school rounders competition KS2
Friday	Peacocks Assembly 3.00
	Cake Sale after school
Weds 2nd May	Quad Kids Athletics Y3&4
Friday 4th May	Zoolab
	Green Jays Assembly 3.00

New Dates

Friday 27th	Cake Sale—after school
Mon 7th May	BANK HOLIDAY!
Weds 23rd May	Jumble Sale for Syria 3.30
Tues 5th June	New Parents meeting 6.00
Thurs 7th June	Class Photos
13-15 June	Y5 Residential

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