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This week at St James'...

We've had a lovely week this week, with lots going on and lots to look forward to. Your children have really got into the Royal Wedding spirit, and look great today in all their wedding outfits and red, white and blues. Green Jays enjoyed their trip to Queen's Park earlier this week, visiting a Temple, Mosque and Church on their Faith Tour—they came back with loads of newly learnt information and had clearly enjoyed their day. We are ever so grateful for all the volunteers who have welcomed us into their communities and shared so much with us.

On Wednesday, we waved farewell to Kingfishers, who set off for their residential visit. They have had a wonderful time canoeing, biking, sailing, archery-ing (arching?) - and have been complimented by all the centre staff for their fantastic attitude and great manners—I can't wait to hear all their news when they return later today. Of course, we're very grateful to Mrs Hawkins and Mr Kelly for giving up so much of their time to accompany the children.

Today, we say goodbye to Miss Williams, who has completed her first placement as part of her teacher training with Year 3. We're really pleased to be able to support the upcoming generation of new teachers here, we're able to share our good practice and hopefully inspire new teachers, but also we're able to learn from them as they bring new ideas and energy into our school. We wish Courtney-May every success as she continues her training.

Next week is 'International Week', where we come together to celebrate all that is wonderful about our diverse world and all the cultures which make up our country and town. Our focus next week is the continent of 'Africa', and each class will be focusing on a different African country and exploring its cultures, customs and history. It should be a great week!

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful weekend,

Maria Soulsby

Coming Up....

Tuesday	Year 5 Multi Sports @ Biddenham
Wednesday	UNICEF Jumble Sale—please support Mary & the Pupil Governors
Thursday	Year 5 Girls Football Finals @ Kings-field
Friday	Maths Open Morning
28th May-1st June	HALF TERM
4th June	INSET DAY



I am very proud of you!

This week's Rainbow Moment goes to Mary—Mary, I am blown away by your compassion and care, and your determination to help people who need extra love and support. I think your jumble sale will be a huge success and I

Class Photographs – 7th June 2018

On the morning of the 7th June, Tempest Photography will be taking photographs of your child's class. Under the new Data Protection rules due to come into force later this month, we will need your consent to include your child in these photographs. Please therefore complete and return the consent form included in this newsletter. If we do not receive signed consent, your child will not be included in any group photographs.



Twitter users.....Follow St James': [@StJamesHead](https://twitter.com/StJamesHead)
(daily updates on the build!)

African Mask Making Workshop

As part of International Week, the school has invited a member from the Educational Group to come to St James' on Tuesday 22nd May. The group will lead a workshop on African Mask Making, helping children to decorate their own African mask with printing and paint.

Thank you to The PSA which has kindly subsidized 50% towards the cost of the workshop. In order for the visit to take place, we are asking for a contribution of £3.00 towards the cost of the booking – at present there are still at least 60 replies still outstanding. Any child who has not made a voluntary contribution will not be able to bring their mask home. Thank you to those who have already signed the consent form and made the £3.00 contribution.



Help Mary raise money for UNICEF



About a month ago I was watching a programme on CBBC called 'My Life'. It was about Syrian refugees. A civil war has been going on in Syria for over 7 years which means there are families who are having to flee to safer places for example: Jordan, Greece and France. Their homes are getting bombed and a lot of people are getting hurt or dying. This results in them having to leave their country. When I saw this it made me want to help the refugees especially the children and families.

My plan is to hold a jumble sale in the school hall. This will take place on **Wednesday 23rd May 2018 after school. This date is during 'International Week'**. St James Pupil Governors are going to help me organise and run the stalls.

But I need your help!

Please bring into school donations of clean, good quality items such as ...

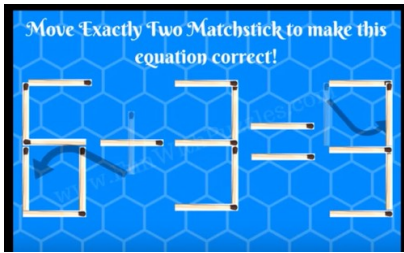
- Books
- Clothes
- CDs and DVDs
- Kitchen and homeware
- Toys
- Games
- Candles
- Toiletries etc.

Thank you in advance!
Mary in Year 3

Praying for all our Muslim families and friends who are observing Ramadan—we wish you a blessed time of fasting and prayer. Ramadan Mubarak!

Ms Soulsby's Maths Challenge

Last week's answer....



This week's puzzle

A magic square is a square where each line of 3 numbers (vertical, horizontal and diagonal) adds up to the same amount.

1) Write the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 in the correct place so that each line (vertical, horizontal and diagonal) adds up to 15.

1 2 3 4 6 7 8

Total must be 15



9	5	

Our New Classrooms...

Monday



Thursday—roof beams going in



Class Photographs—7th June 2018

All children are invited to take part in class photographs on 7th June, 2018. The photographs will be taken by Tempest Photography; all photographers have enhanced DBS checks, and the school has confirmed that appropriate Data Protection measures are in place, in line with the GDPR. This means that pupils' personal details and photographs will not be distributed, processed or handled in any other way than those intended by the School.

All parents will have the opportunity to purchase a class photograph—this means that your child's photograph will be available to the wider school family. Although we ask families not to publish photographs of other children on social networking sites, we can not guarantee that your child's photo will not appear elsewhere. The School will not publish class photos on any website or social media site, but will display the photographs in the school building.

If you would like your child to be included in these photos, you must give your written consent. If we do not hear from you, then we will assume that you do not want your child to be part of the photographs. You can give written consent by either completing this form, or by sending a written letter or an email to office@stjamesvaschool.co.uk. You can withdraw your consent at any time.

I give my consent for my child to have his/her photograph taken as part of a class group by Tempest Photography on 7th June, 2018.

Signed..... (Parent/Carer)

APEX
You're only Young Once

Multi-Activity Holiday Camp at Wootton Lower School

Friday 1st June

Come and join us during the May half term for an action packed, fun filled day of sports games, inflatables, battlezone and much more...

- For Reception to Year 6/7 children
- From £20 (9:30am - 3:00pm)
- Optional extended hours (8:30am - 4:00pm @ £3/hr)

Book Online Now:
www.apex360.co.uk

Wootton Lower School
Bedford Road
Wootton MK43 9JT

Early Bird Discount
applied automatically at checkout

Contact: Anna Jacobs on 07714 514741 or anna.jacobs@apexmultisports.co.uk

Trials to be held @ The Eyrie, Meadow Lane, Bedford, MK44 3LW

Contact Sam Manners for more information
Tel: 07739 552977
Email: samaldo1974@yahoo.co.uk

Bedford Town FC
2018/19 Football Trials
facebook.com/BTFC EaglesYouth

Age groups are from 2008/19 from September 2018!

Under 8's	Saturday 2nd June 9:00am - 11:00am	Wednesday 6th June 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Under 9's	Saturday 2nd June 9:00am - 11:00am	Wednesday 6th June 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Under 10's	Saturday 2nd June 9:00am - 11:00am	Wednesday 6th June 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Under 11's	Sunday 3rd June 9:00am - 11:00am	Thursday 7th June 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Under 12's	Saturday 2nd June 2:30pm - 4:30pm	Friday 8th June 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Under 13's	Sunday 3rd June 2:30pm - 4:30pm	Saturday 9th June 10:00am - 12:00pm
Under 14's	Saturday 2nd June 11:30am - 1:30pm	Saturday 9th June 2:30pm - 4:30pm
Under 15's	Sunday 3rd June 11:30am - 1:30pm	Sunday 10th June 11:00am - 1:00pm
Under 16's	Saturday 2nd June 5:00pm - 7:00pm	Sunday 10th June 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Boys and girls welcome to attend.
No financial requirement at trials.
No need to book - just turn up!

Don't forget
Wear shinpads & boots!
Bring a drink!

Dawn Until Dusk News

During the last two weeks children have enjoyed playing with the Paw Patrol theme night box, treating the patrol team to a tea party and dressing up as the characters. They also made beautiful sunflowers using paper plates, seeds, tissue paper and paint and have planted their own sunflower seed to take home to grow and look after.

The week beginning 21st May our theme night box will be Toy Story. Keep an eye on our board for the date of this.

From 11th June we will have a Minion theme night and Super Splash night W/B 25th June.

Please come and see either myself, Cathy, or Sharon if you are interested in booking your child/ren into the club for any of our theme nights or club sessions.



Monday 21st May – Friday 25th May International Week

We would like to take this opportunity to invite families in to volunteer their time to enrich the life of the school, sharing with us their culture and connections across the world. This year, we are focussing on the diverse continent of Africa.

Would you be interested in helping the children say simple greetings in an African language, sharing some artefacts from an African country, or something else? It could be with just the children in your child's class, or you may choose a wider audience. Please speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible if you would like to contribute in any way.

We would like to invite the children to take part in an art and design activity, run by some special visitors on Tuesday 22nd May. We will be creating masks and learning more about the history and culture of some of the African tribal groups.

Have you visited Africa or have relatives who live there? If so, and you would like to bring in photos or pictures to add to the school Africa display, then please do!

On Friday 25th, we are inviting parents to come and see the maths and humanities work produced from the week's learning. This Open Morning will start at drop off, and finish at around 10.00—do join us in classes if you are able!