



# St James' RC Primary Weekly Newsletter

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## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

I hope that last weekend you managed to spot some birds if you took part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch.

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA own clothes day at the start of the week. The children loved wearing their own clothes.

On Monday we were given a talk in assembly by The Catholic Children's Society. This charity supports disadvantaged children and families across the South East. They work with individuals of all faiths and none and their sole aim is to help those in greatest need. The charity has supported some of our families in the past and we are very happy to be fundraising for them during Lent this year.



This week Year 1 have been very busy. On Tuesday they travelled to Bromley to visit Pizza Express and make pizzas.





Then on Wednesday, Y1 visited Father David at the church.

Father David visited the school on Tuesday after school to facilitate discussions with staff on the different parts of the Catholic Mass, the Liturgical Calendar and Prayer. This was an extremely informative session and ended with Taize music. Thank you to Father David for giving up his time.

Lolly Bell visited the school and led a KS2 assembly to promote the Faith in Action Award. The award recognises and rewards the efforts of young people doing good things for others as they explore how faith affects their everyday living. We are looking forward to hearing how many of St James' pupils have signed up to take part.

**“An important challenge in life is found in a personal and committed relationship with God which at the same time commits us to serving others” Pope Francis, 2014**

‘Faith in Action’ is a National Catholic Award Scheme that allows the Church to celebrate, recognise and reward all that young people of faith already give to the Church. It also challenges young people to do more to form themselves, deepen their relationship with God and change the world in which they live. The scheme recognises young people as the experts of their own lives, giving them a sense of responsibility and valuing them as having something unique to offer. It helps them connect their life and faith in a tangible manner. It is for children who are aged nine and over. Please see the attached leaflet.



We were delighted to welcome Father David back to school on Thursday to celebrate the Y5 Class Mass with us. Thank you to Year 5 for leading this beautiful mass.

We were very proud of Y4 as they planned and led the collective worship this week on the theme of ‘Invitation’.



Y2 visited the library on Friday and had a wonderful time choosing books.

I hope that you found the Open Classroom session on Friday useful and that you were able to see either Phonics in KS1 or RE in KS2.



Next week parents are very welcome to come into school on Monday after school from 3:20 to 4pm so that children can show you their work in their trays. Please go straight to the classrooms at the end of the day.

God bless and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Weeks

### Word on Wednesday

The Wednesday Word is HEALING.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read how Jesus healed Simon's mother-in-law. Difficulties, worries and sickness can sometimes be part of our lives. St Thomas More reminds us that, "Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal." God still heals today, through the sacraments of the Church and through people. At differing times and in differing ways, we all need the healing touch of God. We asked the children to think about people who bring healing to them, bringing comfort when they are ill, hurt or upset. We explained that it is good to be a 'healer'. We can hurt people by unkind words but we can heal people with a smile or a kind word.

### Safeguarding

If children are worried they can always talk to Childline on 0800 1111 where they can get support if they are scared or worried about anything. No problem is too big or too small and they can get in touch every day of the year at any time. We always remind children of this and I know that some of our children have called Childline for advice. Please talk to your children about Childline.

### Dates for your Diary

#### February

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Children's Mental Health Week**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Rec and Y6 Health Screening**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> 3:20-4pm Open Classroom to look at trays**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day (Information will follow next week)**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 9:05 Y2 Class Assembly (Parents are welcome)**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Y1 to Petts Wood Library**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> P4C afternoon**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> -Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Half term and Buzzers Holiday Club**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>-Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Lenten Reflection Week**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Start of Fair-Trade Fortnight**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Maths Day**

#### March

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> National Offer Day for Year 6**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup>: 9:05 Y3 Class assembly**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Y1 Visiting National Gallery**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Open evening 3:30-6:30**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Open evening 3:30-6:30**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Y4 online talk on 'Redraw the balance'**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> World Book Day (Dress up as a character)**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> KS2 Talk on 'Jobs behind the books'**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> International Women's Day**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Start of British Science Week**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> am Y5 and Y6 STEM jobs talk**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Class Mass Peace**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Red Nose Day**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Spring Walk**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 6:15pm Moon Watch Led by Orpington Astronomical Society**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> pm Oscar Romero Mass at St George's Cathedral  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> World Poetry Day  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> KS2 Reading Passports in  
Tuesday 26th Reading Passport Assembly KS2  
Wednesday 27th 9:15 Year 5 Passion Play  
Thursday 28th End of term at normal time

### PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION

I have been asked by the Bromley Director of Education to share some information from Public Health and the Metropolitan Police concerning some harmful vapes in circulation. Please see the attached letter.

### OAKIES

We have had a great Dodge Ball session this week, enjoyed by all. There has also been lots of dancing and playing in the hall. We wanted to reassure parents that we do use the ICT suite but that each child is only able to use the computers for 30 minutes and that they are always supervised.

If any families are having a sort out this weekend, please think of us at ASC as we would be happy to receive any donations of toys, games and puzzles etc that you no longer play with at home.

Thank you very much

Oakies email is [breakfastclub@st-james.bromley.sch.uk](mailto:breakfastclub@st-james.bromley.sch.uk)

Oakies mobile number is 07340 961024



### SPORTS NEWS

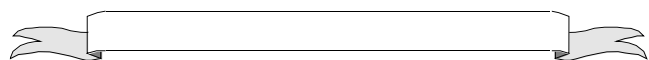
Our Year 5 and Year 6 Boys Football Team had a game on Wednesday against Farnborough Park at home. Both sides played incredibly well however Farnborough Park won. A huge thank you to Mr Kelly, Mrs Kelly and Mr Cadagon for helping to organise this and to all of the parents who came to watch. Well done St James'.

Mrs Martin

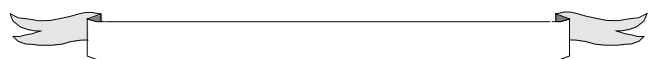


## AWARDS

### Headteacher Awards



Year	EFFORT/ PARTICIPATION
Rec	Leo
Year 1	Thaara
Year 2	Leonard
Year 3	Patrick
Year 4	Emilia
Year 5	Finn
Year 6	Lola



### KS1 AWARDS

Year	Gold Sticker Award		Golden Promises
Rec	Natalia	Celina	Max
Year 1	Noah	Orlaith	India
Year 2	Lucas	Naomi	Julius

### KS AWARDS

Year	Respect in class	Pride in work
Year 3	Claudia	Olivia B
Year 4	Sophie	James
Year 5	Ethan	Joey
Year 6	Julia	Douglas

Congratulations to **Benedict** (Y3) who was the winner of the Courtesy Cup this week.

## ATTENDANCE

	Attendance (%)	Occasions Late
R	98.0	1
1	94.33	0
2	95.0	1
3	95.94	0
4	99.35	0
5	91.56	0
6	97.42	0

Congratulations to Y4 who had the best attendance last week.

### Weekly Winners

Year	Number of wins
Rec	1
Y1	0
Y2	0
Y3	0
Y4	1
Y5	0
Y6	1

The winners of the best attendance this term will win an 'Own Clothes Day'.

## PTA NEWS

Happy February!

For those of you who drive to school we hope you haven't been hit too hard with the roadworks this week.

But like the annual roadworks the PTA budget is put towards major projects which ultimately benefit us (a tenuous link I know!)

One of the ways the PTA is helping our children is to pay for online safety talks as well as fixing the flooring of the KS2 gazebo.

We would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs McMullan for kindly spending time sorting through all the book donations and to Mr Jawad for taking them to a charity shop.

Also, a thank you to those who have approached us about being on the PTA committee next year.

Last year a parent suggested that we have a system to recycle World Book Day costumes by donating old ones. We are sure that you are all aware that world book day is on the...

"Alexa, when is World Book Day?"

"World book day is on Thursday 7th March 2024"

Therefore, please can you donate any costumes in the week beginning Monday 19th Feb– the first week back after half term. The PTA will be in the office each day and will provide you with a ticket to buy a donated costume on Thursday 29th Feb.

The remaining costumes will then be sold on Friday 1st March at 3:20.

We will also be having our spring term preloved school uniform sale on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 3:20.

The PTA Committee

## Dates for your diary

Donate World Book Day costumes: 19th-23rd February

Donated Early bird World Book Day costume sale: Thurs 29th Feb at 3:20

World Book Day costume sale: Friday 1st March at 3:20

Preloved school uniform sale: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 3:20