



St James' RC Primary Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

Last week we were visited by representatives of HSBC to present us with an HSBC Smart Money Award 2023 trophy. The members of HSBC, who deliver our workshops, joined us for our assembly and the children completed an interactive activity finding out about the features of payment cards. We are looking forward to this term's class workshops which take place in March. Thank you to Mrs Richards.



Year 5 had a fantastic time at their sleepover at The Natural History Museum last week. The children had great fun designing their own dinosaur t-shirt, taking part in an educational science show learning about dinosaurs from a palaeontologist and exploring the museum by torchlight! Well done to all the children for their outstanding behaviour. They were a credit to St James'. We know that it will be a sleepover they will never forget! Thank you to Mrs Wilson for organising this and Mrs Ferrari and Miss Spencer Boyce for accompanying the children. What an amazing experience!



The theme of this week's Children's Mental Health Week is 'Let's Connect'. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. When our need for rewarding social connections is not met, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely which can have a negative impact on our mental health. Children in Year 5 thought about things that make them happy. They wrote things down in their 'bucket full of happiness' to see if they could fill it up.

On Tuesday we highlighted Safer Internet Day by holding an assembly and teaching the children about how to stay safe online. This year the theme is making space for conversations about life online. It is hoped that this theme will be a springboard for conversations that shape how we talk about and respond to online issues. Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Year 5 created a timeline showing which tech milestones they had used in their online experience so far.

This week has been a busy week for Year 5. They visited the Memory Café where they sang songs including songs from the musical Matilda. Thank you to Mrs Wilson and Miss Atkinson for taking the children.



Year 5 also took part in an art workshop lead by the National Art Gallery. The children studied art work displayed in the gallery that portrayed different myths and legends. They enjoyed learning about the stories behind the paintings.



The children in Year 1 had a fantastic time at Pizza Express on Wednesday, they got to make their own pizza and learnt all about the different ingredients that they would need. The chef showed them how to roll dough correctly and he even spun his in the air although it got stuck to the ceiling! Thank you to Miss McCarthy.



On Thursday we welcomed parents into school to see learning in action. I hope that you found the session interesting.

Please see the attached Student Council Minutes. It was a real pleasure to meet with the children this week.

On Friday each class had a Philosophy for Children session on the theme of diversity. The stimulus used to promote this discussion was a book called: The Great Big Book of Families by Mary Hoffman illustrated by Ros Asquith. This introduces children to the fact that not all families look the same. The book represents a lovely diverse mix of different types of families, reminding us that families come in all shapes and sizes. The children had an opportunity to discuss the diversity of families and although families can look different they should all be respected.

We ended the week with a very informative assembly confidently led by Year 2. Thank you Mrs Martin.



I hope that by the time you read this newsletter the children will be telling you about how amazing the staff panto was! Fingers crossed!

As you know the Coronation is taking place on 6th May. To celebrate this, we will be holding a whole school family picnic on the school field on Friday 5th May from 12noon until 1:15. We will of course

hold this inside the school if the weather is not kind to us on that day. The children are asked to dress up for the day as a Queen, a King, a Prince or a Princess. Alternatively, they could wear red, white and blue if they prefer. If families would like to join us for our picnic we would ask that families arrive in school at 12 noon with their lunch. Further details will be sent to you nearer the time but please try and keep the date free.

Finally, in school this week we have been praying for the people of Turkey and Syria after the series of devastating earthquakes that hit the region. As you are aware, people have been left without shelter in freezing winter conditions and desperately need blankets, emergency shelter, food and clean water. Please keep these people on your prayers and see <https://cafod.org.uk/> for more information and how you can donate.

I hope everyone is able to have a restful half term break.

God bless

Mrs Weeks

Dates for your diary

February

Monday 13th –Friday 17th Half term

Monday 20th Start of Fair-Trade Fortnight

Monday 20th -Friday 24th Science Week in school

Tuesday 21st Year 5 and Year 6 Choir Rehearsal for Bromley Proms

Wednesday 22nd Ash Wednesday Mass

Thursday 23rd Year 3 visiting The National Gallery

Thursday 23rd Bank of America talk to Year 6

Friday 24th Year 2 Visiting Petts Wood Library

March

Tuesday 1st Year 6 National Offer Day for secondary schools

Thursday 2nd World Book Day (Children may dress up as a book character)

Friday 3rd CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day

Friday 3rd: 9:05 Y3 Class assembly (Parents are welcome)

Friday 3rd Year 3 Visiting Petts Wood Library

Monday 6th Open evening 3:30-6:30 (Parents only -not children)

Tuesday 7th Open evening 3:30-6:30 (Parents only -not children)

Tuesday 8th International Women's Day

Thursday 9th 9:15 Spring walk (All welcome)

Friday 10th Year 5 Visiting Petts Wood Library

Friday 10th Year 2 Visiting Bromley Synagogue

Monday 13th Start of British Science Week

Tuesday 14th 5:30 EEDI Committee

Thursday 16th 9:05 Year 3 Class Mass in school (Peace and Reconciliation)

Friday 17th Red Nose Day (Children may wear red noses)

Friday 17th Year 1 Visiting Petts Wood Library

Tuesday 21st World Poetry Day

Wednesday 22nd Y4 visiting Dulwich Picture Gallery

Thursday 23rd Bank of America talk to Year 6

Friday 24th Oscar Romero Feast Day

Tuesday 21st World Poetry Day

Tuesday 21st Reception Class HSBC Money Workshop

Wednesday 22nd Y3 HSBC Money Workshop

Thursday 23rd Y2 HSBC Money Workshop

Thursday 23rd Y6s JTA visiting Bromley

Friday 24th Y6 HSBC Money Workshop

Friday 24th KS2 Reading Passports in

Friday 24th Reception Class Visiting Petts Wood Library

Tuesday 28th Reading Passport Assembly KS2

Tuesday 28th Y5 HSBC Money Workshop

Wednesday 29th Y4 HSBC Money Workshop

Wednesday 29th Rec and Y6 NHS Health Screening

Thursday 30th 9:15 Year 5 Passion Play (Parents welcome)

Thursday 30th Y1 HSBC Money Workshop

Friday 31st PTA KS1 Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 31st End of spring term at normal time

April

Monday 17th Children return for summer term

Word on Wednesday

This Week's Word is TEACHER. In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus teaches us how important it is to follow God's laws. We asked the children about which people teach them about God – at home, at school or in the community. They were able to tell us about what they had recently been taught about God. We talked to the children about how we can show appreciation for our teachers by really listening to what they have to say.

Safeguarding

Please see the following for information on using the internet safely:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023>

Sports News

Last Friday ten of our Year 5 children took part in a Tag Rugby tournament at Bromley Rugby Club. In the group stages, we finished top of the group with 1 win and 2 draws. The semi-final was a fierce battle against Marian Vian which we lost by one try. However, we had scored enough tries to be placed third overall and we came away with bronze medals! Thank you to Mrs Connolly for taking the children.

Year 3 and 4 Running Club got off to a flying start this week with twenty children signed up to be put through their paces by Mr Kelly. There were lots of fun running activities and plenty of mud to go along with it. If your child is interested in joining the running club there are still places available - please contact the office.



Library News

Please find posters attached for the Half Term events at Orpington Library. They have a fun Animal Storytime and Craft Event on Mon 13th Feb from 2-3pm and also a fantastic author event with Margaret Bateson-Hill on Friday 17th Feb from 11-12. Booking is via Eventbrite: <https://orpingtonlibrary.eventbrite.co.uk>

Below is a link to the What's On rolling story on their web site showing lists of all the activities taking place over the next two weeks in all Bromley Libraries: <https://www.better.org.uk/library/london/bromley/news/what-s-on-in-bromley-libraries>

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK AND SAFETY **INTERNET DAY**



This week, Year 3 wrote secret positive affirmations for the class. They described what they liked about them, why they are thankful for them and how they support them at school. They had to guess who they were describing!

Year 3 also went on a well-being walk to Jubilee Park. They spoke about the importance of adventuring into nature with their friends and the positive effects this has on their mental health.

In Year 6 the children have been spending time thinking about the people that they connect with. They have created some mindfulness drawings to help them reflect on these connections.



To acknowledge Internet Safety Day in Year 6 the children talked as a class about what the internet industry can do to help children with safety. As a class they came up with ideas that will be added to the Safer Internet Day Charter that will be sent to government and industry to help make worldwide changes.

PARENT PAY

A reminder to parents to sign up to parentpay. You should all have received an email with log in details by now and if they have not please contact Mrs Garlick after half term.

PARENT EVENING APPOINTMENTS

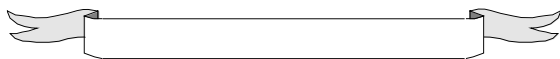
This is the link to book your Parent Evening appointment on 6th and 7th March. It will go live for you to book slots on Monday 20th February at 7pm. Please copy the following link into your browser:

<https://stjamesprimarypettswood.schoolcloud.co.uk>

HEADTEACHERS AWARDS



Year	ICT
Rec	Perla
Year 1	Leonard
Year 2	George
Year 3	Perry
Year 4	Daniel
Year 5	Daniel
Year 6	Iona



KS1 AWARDS

Year	Gold Sticker Award		Golden Promises
Rec	Orla	Louie	Orlaith
Year 1	Patrick C	Mia	Maria
Year 2	Amy	Patrick	Alistair

KS2 AWARDS

Year	Respect in class	Pride in work
Year 3	Camille	Benedict
Year 4	Xanthe	Mia
Year 5	Lola	Lea
Year 6	Ed	Ava

Congratulations to Dylan who is the winner of the Courtesy Cup this week.

ATTENDANCE

Class	Attendance (%)	Occasions Late
Rec	96.95	0
Y1	93.67	0
Y2	95.0	0
Y3	96.56	0
Y4	98.13	1
Y5	94.1	2
Y6	94.69	1

Congratulation to Y4 who had the best attendance last week.

WEEKLY WINNERS

Year	Number of wins
Rec	
Y1	1
Y2	3
Y3	1
Y4	1
Y5	
Y6	

PTA NEWS.

Tickets are selling fast for the 80s Family Disco Night.

The 80's brought us music from a-ha to Toto, films like Back to the Future and The Goonies. Whatever your inspiration, pick out your 80's outfit and come to the best party since Ferris Buller had a day off!

To secure tickets for this event, please email the PTA with the following details along with the payment no later than Friday 24th February.

Childs name and School Year

Parent's name

Email address

Number of tickets required

Total Payment

pta.stjamesprimary@gmail.com

Payment to be sent by bank transfer to

St James School PTA, Lloyds Bank

Sort code: 30-67-72

Account number 10062963

Please add your child's school year followed by your surname and 'DISCO' as a reference e.g. 4COLONNESEDISCO

We will be having a preloved school uniform sale on Friday 24th February. This will be immediately after pick up in the KS2 Gazebo.

Dates for your diary

Preloved school uniform sale - Friday 24th February
3:15pm

80's Disco – Saturday 4th March 2023 6pm -
9:30pm