



St James' RC Primary Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a good time if you went to the PTA Family Disco.

Hopefully, you found the recent Parent Evenings informative and you were able to discuss your children's learning and their targets. The new system for booking appointments seems to have worked very well.

As we continue our journey through Lent, the children are reflecting on The Stations of The Cross that we have in the hall where they are reminded of Jesus' Passion. The Stations of The Cross are more than the retelling of a story. They are a prayerful participation in the event that lies at the heart of Christianity – Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.

The chicks arrived on Monday and started to hatch on Wednesday. Thank you so much to the PTA for funding this project. They are available for adoption. If you think you may be interested please read the information leaflet attached to the newsletter. The school must be satisfied that you are ready to home the chicks by next Friday. Please speak to Mrs Richards if you are interested. Our chicks will return to the farm on Friday.



On Wednesday, we celebrated International Women's Day. This is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. It has occurred for well over a century, with the first one being in 1911 when it was supported by over a million people. We talked to the children about how we need to make sure that everyone is treated equally and that we must challenge stereotypes when we come across them. We also talked to the children about how we do not just celebrate the famous women that we read about but that we celebrate all the women in our lives.

Year 3 and Year 4 had a Bridges Workshop this week and had so much fun!





Arlo came to visit the school to see what a school was like as he is home schooled due to his medical needs. He enjoyed talking to the children and did some planting with Mrs Deasy and some children from Y2.



I met with our school improvement partner this week and she was delighted with our data, attendance data and our school improvement plan.

This Tuesday saw the commencement of Gardening Club! Regrettably we were not able to accommodate everyone who showed an interest but we have set up a waiting list for future opportunities. During their first session the children agreed a 'behaviour contract' and discussed what they would like to see their club cover in the 'growing' months ahead. All members created a unique wooden ornament to hang on the Club tree and began the first of our competitions sponsored by the Potato Council. The children have planted potato tubers and will monitor their growth as part of a nationwide contest not to be confused with our 'in house' school competition later this month. All members were very enthusiastic and a credit to their parents.



We are very aware that families are being asked to donate to many worthy charities at the moment. Next week, on Red Nose Day we are very happy to support Red Nose Day and for the children to wear a red nose to school but we will not be asking for donations in school.

Please remember that I hold a surgery every Wednesday morning from 9:00- 9:30 when I can meet you without you needing to make an appointment. If you need to contact me at any other time please contact the office and I will respond as soon as I can.

God bless

Mrs Weeks

Dates for your diary

March

Monday 13th Y5 and Y6 Choir to the Bromley Proms

Tuesday 14th 5:30 EEDI Committee

Tuesday 14th Year 5 to The Memory Cafe

Wednesday 15th Afternoon Fun Run

Thursday 16th 9:05 Year 3 Class Mass in school (Parents welcome)

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

Friday 17th Year 1 Visiting Petts Wood Library

Friday 17th Year 2 Visiting Bromley Synagogue

Friday 17th Year 5 and Year 6 Bromley y Workshop

Saturday 19th Crystal Palace Cross Country

Tuesday 21st World Poetry Day

Tuesday 21st HSBC Reception Money Workshop

Wednesday 22nd Y4 visiting Dulwich Picture Gallery

Wednesday 22nd Y3 HSBC Money Workshop

Thursday 23rd Bank of America talk to Year 6

Thursday 23rd Year 2 HSBC Money Workshop

Friday 24th Oscar Romero Feast Day

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 Year 5 HSBC Money Workshop

Wednesday 29th Year 4 HSBC Money Workshop

Wednesday 29th Rec and Y6 NHS Health Screening

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

Thursday 30th Year 1 HSBC Money Workshop

Thursday 30th Year 5 and Year 6 Bromley y 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 Words are GOD'S LOVE. The living water which Jesus talks about in this Sunday's Gospel reminds us of the powerful way that God's love flows into people when they are baptised. We can often see God's love at work through the goodness in people around us. We asked the children where they see God's love in action. Through the person he was, and through his teaching and miracles, Jesus showed people that God's love is for everyone. God shares his love with us and calls us to share it with others too. God has no favourites; we are all loved equally by God.

Safeguarding

Please see the attached leaflet about iPads.

Breakfast and ASC Club

At Breakfast and After School Club, the spring display has now been completed. The children have been very busy making butterflies and flowers. As you can see they have done a fantastic job. Next week at Oakies we will be preparing cards for a special day coming on 19th March.

Oakie dokie



Garden News

Please see attached flyer from our 'Friends' in Jubilee Park who will be giving a local history talk on the V2 rocket attack on the Crooked Billet Pub. This talk is not suitable for children. Do consider joining the 'Friends' to ensure that this wonderful, free, green space remains available for us all to enjoy. Please see the link on our school website.

Mrs Deasy

Sports News

On Tuesday this week our Year 5 and 6 football team took part in the National League Cup Competition at Bromley FC. The knockout stage was a really close run thing with one win, three draws and a loss. Unfortunately this was not enough to proceed to the next round. Many thanks again to the parents who helped with transport.

Mrs Connolly



Other News

West End for Schools

Today each class was treated to a dance workshop as a belated World Book Day celebration. The Key Stage 1 and Reception workshops were based around the book "How To Catch a Star" and the Key Stage 2 classes used "Alice in Wonderland" for their dances.



AWARDS

Headteacher Awards



Year	GOOD MANNERS
Rec	Noah
Year 1	Ninoshka
Year 2	Olivia R
Year 3	Mai-Linh
Year 4	Xanthe
Year 5	Florence
Year 6	Evangeline



KS1 AWARDS

Year	Gold Sticker Award		Golden Promises
Rec	Plivino	Federico	Finley
Year 1	Phoebe	Tadhg	Charlie
Year 2	Lottie	Lucas	Sophia

KS2 AWARDS

Year	Respect in class	Pride in work
Year 3	Aidan	Ruby
Year 4	Edith	Ivan
Year 5	Natalia	Darcey
Year 6	Ava	Tom

Congratulations to **Jacob** in Y5 who won the Courtesy Cup this week.

ATTENDANCE

Class	Attendance (%)	Occasions Late
Rec	93.56	0
Y1	97.67	0
Y2	97.67	0
Y3	98.13	1
Y4	94.06	0
Y5	96.25	0
Y6	95.31	0

Well done to Y3 who had the best attendance last week.

WEEKLY WINNERS

Year	Number of wins
Rec	
Y1	2
Y2	3
Y3	2
Y4	1
Y5	
Y6	1