



St James' RC Primary Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone enjoyed The PTA Irish Night on Saturday. It sounds as if it was lots of fun. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it a success.

We started the week with a whole school assembly presented by the Harlequins Street Dance teacher. She is offering a free taster session this Monday morning before school. If anyone is interested please book this via Harlequins.



Year 6 celebrated the end of their SATs with a picnic in Jubilee Park this week. The weather was kind to them and they seem to have had a great time. Thank you to Mrs Connolly for organising this and to the staff who accompanied them.



This week it has been 'Walk to School Week' and children have been telling me how they enjoy walking to and from school or how they use their bikes or scooters.

We thank Father David for coming to school this week to speak to staff and Governors about Saint James. It was an extremely informative talk and it gave us all an opportunity to think about how our school Mission Statement links to the work of Saint James. We know that he was a good friend of Jesus and was not only with Jesus in joyful times but also in the darkest of moments. This is something that children can think about when thinking about the meaning of true friendship. Our Prayer Day with the children later on this term will focus on Saint James. Flavio in Year 6 this week generously gave the school a beautiful statue of St James which will be kept in the Y6 Classroom. Thank you to Flavio's family.



On Tuesday Year 2 were visited by their friend Arlo who was celebrating his birthday. It was lovely to see them play games and eat lunch together.



I held a Student Council meeting this week and the minutes are attached.

On Thursday it was Outdoor Classroom Day and children spent some lessons outside.



Year 2 made clocks outside and told the time to 5 minutes



We all attended Ascension Day Mass and I want to say thank you to Year 4 for preparing the Mass for us. It really was an uplifting Mass and the singing was truly amazing. What a wonderful start to the day!

This week our Mid-Day Supervisors attended their second day of training on de-escalation.

Can I ask that parents remember that grapes need to be cut lengthways so that they are not a choking hazard. Thank you.

On Friday, Year 3 and Year 5 took part in Recycling Workshops led by Veolia. Year 3 learnt how to become recycling heroes and Devaan was so impressed with how much the children already do to help the planet. Year 5's focus was on how we can all reduce, reuse and recycle. The children looked at different scenarios on how they can recycle and reduce their waste at home.



Year 6 held a KS2 cake Sale for CASPA and The Diabetic Society



On Friday Year 4 visited Petts Wood Library

I hope that Year 4 enjoy their sleepover in the school hall and manage to get some sleep!

God bless,
Mrs Weeks

Dates for your diary

May

Monday 22nd CAFOD Workshops

Thursday 25th Whole School Mass May Procession (Year 3)

Thursday 25th Y2 visiting Southmore Court

Friday 26th Y6 visiting Biggin Hill Museum

Friday 26th Reception Class visiting The London

Aquarium

Friday 26th Year 5 visiting Petts Wood Library

Friday 26th: 9:05 Y1 Class assembly (Parents invited)

Friday 26th P4C afternoon

Monday 29th- Friday 2nd Half term

June

Monday 5th INSET day

Word on Wednesday

This Week's Word is **FRIENDSHIP**. In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about Jesus praying for his friends. This is after the last supper and before leaving his friends he is preparing them for the difficult time to come. We talked to the children about how friendship is one of life's great blessings and Jesus' friendship is offered to us all. When we have good friendships, we feel happy and fulfilled because we know that we are loved and supported. We also discussed the qualities that make a good friend such as kindness, honesty, trust and loyalty. Through friendship, we can show that we are part of God's family, loving and working together to make the world a better place. We asked the children how they can deepen their friendship with Jesus and we prayed together for our friends.

Safeguarding

When introducing young children to road awareness it is important to bear in mind that they perceive traffic in different ways to adults. They cannot always judge the speed or distance of vehicles or where the sound is coming from because their peripheral vision is two-thirds that of an adult. Children can also be easily distracted.

What you can do:

- set an example: stop, look and listen, do not take risks and avoid using your mobile phone when crossing the road
- bend down to their eye level to get an idea of what they can and cannot see
- find a safe place to cross where you can see easily, ideally at a crossing or away from parked cars and when it's clear, walk straight across in quiet areas, gradually allow your children to practice making decisions about where and when to cross the road.

For more information and advice about road safety, visit The Department for Transport's Think! Education site.

OAKIES

We are pleased to announce the winners of our poster competition. Layla in Year 6 and Amy in Year 2 produced some fantastic artwork to advertise the wonderful Oakies club and they have both been awarded with a lovely gift for their winning entries.

We will hold further competitions in the future so look out for more information regarding this.

We are sorry about the ongoing problems with the gate, please could you phone the breakfast and after school club mobile phone if there any issues with the gate or the intercom - 07340 961024.

Have a good weekend
Oakie dokie



SPORTS NEWS

Well done to all of the girls who played in the cricket tournament. The morning started with a loss against Highfield in what was a very close game. We then got comprehensively beaten by the other team in our group, the eventual tournament winners, Clare House.

Not winning our group meant we were placed into the plate contest, where we won against a Hayes Junior and Keston Park. So we topped our plate tournament!

Given some of our girls had never played cricket before, they did amazingly well and all improved throughout the day. It was a fun day and the girls really gave an exceptional representation of St James. Bring on next year!

Well done to Mia, Emily, Alessandra, Heidi, Ava, Rosie, Ashley, Rebecca and Phi Ann.

Cricket Coaches



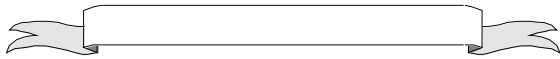
OTHER NEWS

Cameron in Y4 competed in the Crystal Palace Triathlon on Sunday. He completed the Swim 150m, Bike 4K and Run 1.2k in 24mins and helped to raise nearly £3,000 for The Brain Tumour Charity.

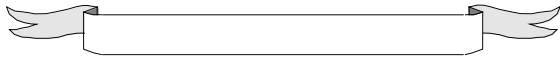


AWARDS

Headteacher Awards



Year	Sharing our love of God, every day in all that we learn, do and say
Rec	Henry
Year 1	Jimmy
Year 2	Chimamanda
Year 3	Luke
Year 4	Ekiana
Year 5	Natalia
Year 6	Herkus



KS2 Awards

Year	Respect in class	Pride in work
Year 3	Aiyla	Maddie
Year 4	Ivan	Delphine
Year 5	Florence	Maddie
Year 6	Ava	Ed

Congratulations to **Florence C** in Y4 who was the winner of the Courtesy Cup this week.

ATTENDANCE

Class	Attendance (%)	Occasions Late
Rec	100	0
Y1	97.08	0
Y2	98.33	0
Y3	94.92	0
Y4	94.53	0
Y5	99.61	0
Y6	97.66	0

Congratulations to REC who had the best attendance last week.

WEEKLY WINNERS

Year	Number of wins
Rec	2
Y1	0
Y2	1
Y3	0
Y4	0
Y5	0
Y6	1

PTA NEWS

BIG SHOUT OUT FOR HELP!

We have many exciting fundraising events coming up and the PTA team simply cannot do this with your help whether this be support for a particular event or if you are able to give an hour or two. Remember none of us are specialists in fund raising but together we are stronger. Ideas for sub committee roles:

Sorting out the school uniform donations or helping on stalls to sell.

Organising raffles, at an event such as the summer fair. The PTA will organise the prizes but would need someone to present them.

Helping to organise the Summer Ball

If you have a Costco card or similar and are happy to purchase food/ drinks for an event. Monies will be paid back to you straight away as long as you have a receipt

Designing Flyers/ Posters

Stock taking

Helping to clear away/ set up/ clean at events

Donations wanted- we are fully aware that people have busy lives and donating time isn't always possible. Another way you can help is if you can donate raffle prizes.

Remember without your support there would be no PTA.

Please contact us if there is anything you would like to do to help pta.stjamesprimary@gmail.com

Irish Night was a fantastic night, with talented musicians, Irish dancers, Guinness and good Craic.

Thank you for all the helpers that got involved in serving drinks, standing on the door, clearing up and especially thanks to Laura, Bernice and Rioco, who not only organised the successful event but covered some of the cost themselves to increase profit to the school. Also to Laura's dad who entertained us all and her mum even rolled her sleeves up and served drinks. Your generosity is amazing! Here are some photos of the night.

