



St James' RC Primary Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9th June

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a well-deserved half term holiday.

A huge thank you to the PTA for funding the work that has been carried out in Year 1 and Year 5 and in the area between Year 1 and Year 2 where these areas have been painted over the half term break. It really does make a huge difference and classrooms look wonderful.

This week Y6 worked with Bank of America. They played a giant sized Monopoly type game using all of the knowledge that they have learnt over the last four weeks. The children were also treated to a fun photo shoot to finish off their last school session.



This week Y4 have been busy visiting a Roman Villa and having a Roman feast. They had an amazing time.



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On Thursday we celebrated Empathy Day. Empathy Day encourages people to try and step into someone else's shoes. This can be done through reading stories when we empathise with characters.

As the weather finally gets sunnier we recommend that parents apply once a day 10-hour sun cream protection to their children before school. If parents feel that this is not enough they are welcome to send in a named roll on sun cream for their children which can be kept in a box in the classroom and children can self-reapply their named sun cream before they go out to lunch.

Thank you to The Bromley Hygiene Bank who donated toothbrushes and toothpaste to all Reception children this week to mark National Smile Month. Please see the following:

<https://www.dentalhealth.org/national-smile-month>

It is starting to get very busy towards the end of term so please do take a look at the list of dates and see the attached letter about Sports Morning. Please remember that Class Photographs will be taken on Thursday.

We already know that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Stewart as she retires at the end of this term and we are also sad to be saying good bye to Mrs Pearce who has worked at St James' for 7 years and will be greatly missed.

Please keep the Year 3 children who are making their First Holy Communion on Saturday in your prayers. We hope that they have a day that they will always remember and that the sun shines for them.

God bless

Mrs Weeks

[Dates for your diary](#)

June

Saturday 10th Holy Communion at St James'
Monday 12th pm Y6 Junior Citizen
Tuesday 13th PTA Own Clothes Day

Tuesday 13th 5:30 EEDI Meeting
Wednesday 14th Y4 Architecture Trip
Thursday 15th Class photographs
Thursday 15th 1:30 Y2 Library visit
Friday 16th Prayer Day with a focus on St James
Saturday 17th Holy Communion at St James'
Monday 19th NSPCC Assemblies this week to be shown in classes
Tuesday 20th Y3 Ancient Greek Day
Wednesday 21st 6:30 pm New Reception Parent Meeting
Thursday 22nd Windrush Day
Thursday 22nd Canon Victor Darlington visiting
Thursday 22nd Y6 to Bank of America, Bromley
Friday 23rd Y5 cooking
Friday 23rd 11am Rec to Library
Saturday 24th PTA Summer Fair 12-3
Monday 26th Y5 Money Workshop
Monday 26th pm Rec to Church
Tuesday 27th Y4 Cooking
Tuesday 27th Year 5 and Year 6 NSPCC Workshops
Wednesday 28th 2pm New Reception children visit and Meet your teacher for all children
Thursday 29th 2pm New Reception children visit and Meet your teacher for all children
Thursday 29th Whole School Mass St Peter and St Paul (Year 3)
Thursday 29th Y6 Norman Park Athletics
Friday 30th 9:05 Rec Class Assembly (All parents welcome)
Friday 30th Y6 Money Workshop
Friday 30th Gareth Bacon MP visiting
Friday 30th 11am Y1 to Petts Wood Library
Friday 30th Y6 Career Day
July
Monday 3rd Y2 Money Workshop
Tuesday 4th Rec Money Workshop
Wednesday 5th Y1 Money Workshop
Thursday 6th am KS1 Drama Workshops
Thursday 6th Y4 Money Workshop
Thursday 6th and Friday 7th Yr 6 Production 7pm
Friday 7th Y3 Money Workshop
Friday 7th Y3 KS2 Cake Sale
Friday 7th Reports to parents
Monday 10th Sports Day
Monday 10th –Friday 14th Sport Week
Wednesday 12th 1:15 Helen O'Grady Performance for parents
Thursday 13th Summer Walk 9:15
Friday 14th Reserve Sports Day
Friday 14th KS2 Reading Passports in

Friday 14th 3:30-5:30 Walk Around Evening (All parents welcome)

Tuesday 18th KS2 Reading Passport Assembly

Tuesday 18th 11 am Meet the Teacher for all children

Thursday 20th 10 am Whole School Mass Leavers (Yr 6)

Thursday 20th Last day of term and school ends at normal time

Word on Wednesday

This Week's Word is NOURISH. We spoke to the children about how nourish means to feed and help grow. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is offering to nourish us. He offers us eternal life through the gift of himself which we receive in Holy Communion. With Jesus' love we will always be nourished. Just as we eat bread to nourish our bodies, Jesus in Holy Communion nourishes our souls. This helps us to keep growing in goodness and love.

Safeguarding

Ofcom's research has shown that 86% of 3-4 year olds have access to a tablet at home and 21% have their own tablet. Children of all ages enjoy using technology. We now see young children going online to play games, talk to family, watch videos and even learn to use voice enabled technology such as Alexa and Siri to find out about their world. Please see the following link to find 8 top tips that you can put in place at home, to help keep your youngest children safe online.

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/keeping-young-children-safe-online/>

Sports News

On Tuesday the parents who run the Cricket Club arranged for a Y3 and Y4 match against Braeside. For some of our children this will have been the first time they had played a proper match. The sun was shining in true cricketing fashion and there were some fantastic first performances. The match finished in a wonderful 68 all draw with everything coming down to the final ball. Thank you to all the parents and Mr Evans at Braeside for organising this. Next week we will be taking Y5 and Y6 for the second and third matches in our test series.

Mrs Connolly



Spotlight on a Club

On Friday morning we welcomed Karen into school to do a Yoga Workshop with the children. It was such a wonderful way to start the day and the children absolutely loved it. Please see the attached information if your child would like to join the Yoga Club on Friday lunchtimes.



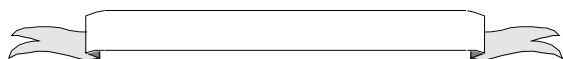
OTHER NEWS

We are proud to tell you that Aidan (Y3) won the 'Best Under 12's Bake' category in The Passage's Coronation Baking Competition. Well done Aidan.

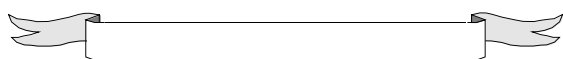


AWARDS

Headteacher Awards



Rec	Alice M
Year 1	Clara
Year 2	Jenna
Year 3	Emmanuel
Year 4	Edith
Year 5	Lea
Year 6	Harry & Alexander



KS1 AWARDS

Year	Gold Sticker Award		Golden Promises
Rec	Federico	Isabella	Chloe
Year 1	Joseph	Felix	Jaimie
Year 2	Lottie	Claudia	Lorenzo

ATTENDANCE

Class	Attendance (%)	Occasions Late
Rec	95.33	0
Y1	99.0	0
Y2	100	0
Y3	94.38	0
Y4	97.5	1
Y5	97.5	0
Y6	97.19	0

Congratulations to Y2 who had the best attendance the week before half term.

WEEKLY WINNERS

Year	Number of wins
Rec	2
Y1	0
Y2	3
Y3	0
Y4	0
Y5	0
Y6	1

PTA NEWS

We hope you had a lovely half term break and got to enjoy the sun at last.

You should have received raffle tickets by now for the Summer Fair. If you need anymore tickets there are more available from the school office. You should also have received a letter about what donations are needed. We will send out reminders each week. The first week will be raffle prize donations.

We have already had some very kind donations and wanted to thank Sabina Ricci for Personal Training sessions, Pink and Blue Beauty Salon for a £30 gift voucher and a kind offer from a parent who is cooking rice for the Summer Fair BBQ. The generosity of businesses and parents, means that money can be spent towards equipment and improving our lovely school. Thank you!

We are still looking for helpers for stalls at the Summer Fair. Your Class Rep will be reaching out. Please do not be shy, without you we cannot run these events.

You may have noticed Year 1 and Year 5 classrooms have been repainted. I hear they look neat and fresh. I am yet to see myself however Mrs Weeks is very satisfied with the results and we will be looking to get a few more rooms painted during the summer break. If anyone would like to volunteer to do some painting please let us know. Otherwise we will pay for a professional to cover the additional works needed.

We will be sending out details for the Summer Ball this week so start thinking about who you want on your tables of 10 and get ready to nominate someone to collect the ticket money.

Please note that Tuesday will be Own Clothes Day and NOT break the rules day as previously announced.

The PTA Committee

Dates for your Diary

Own clothes day (not break the rules day) -
Tuesday 13th June
Summer Fair – Saturday 24th June – 12-3pm
Summer Ball - Saturday 8th July