



# St James CE Primary Academy Newsletter

'Growing and learning together with Faith'

'Planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish.' Psalm 92:13.

*Together through faith we will aspire to grow in our understanding of ourselves, in our abilities and in our knowledge of God's wonderful diverse world.*

## NOTICES

### THANK YOU

The staff have asked for us to thank you again for the kind gifts and messages that they received for Christmas. They were all overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and we wish you a very happy new year.



### TERM/HOLIDAY DATES

Now that the Christmas festivities are over it may be that you're thinking about your annual holiday. If you would like a copy of the School Terms & Holiday Dates just ask at the school office.

### ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY SCHOOL - A REMINDER

The deadline is approaching for the closing date applications for primary school. If your child's 5th birthday is between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, and haven't already done so, you will need to make sure you've applied for a place, (even if you're in catchment & have a sibling at your preferred school.) All applications should be completed online (go to Staffordshire County Council, Admissions) by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.



### PAPERLESS

It's official, we are as paperless as possible! Our first letter was emailed this week to the parents in Class 2. Initially, just until we get into the 'swing' of things, we'll send a text letting you know that an email has been sent.

### SCHOOL MEALS AND CENSUS DAY 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020

On two days every year we have a school census where we complete data about the numbers of children in school and whether they are having a school meal or are eligible for an income based Free School Meal (FSM). Funding for our school is then paid to us from this information.

We therefore need as many children as possible to have a school dinner (hot dinner, jacket potato or school sandwiches) on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January**. Please note that children can have the vegetables and the potato of the day or salad with their sandwiches if they wish. You will notice from this week's menus that our popular 'Fish & Chip Friday' has changed to 'Fish & Chip Fursday!'

### PANINI STICKERS

Collecting stickers in books is a popular pastime for children and they love to do 'swaps' when they have duplicates. This week, we were sent 40 Premier League sticker albums and enough fun worksheets for everyone which include a free packet of stickers. But, we had a predicament - would parents want their children started off on the road to filling the book?

So we have made the decision to keep them in the school office and parents are welcome to come and get a book and pack of stickers if you're happy for your child to start collecting. Please collect by the end of this month and if there's lots of worksheets left we will share the stickers out between the pupils who have started collecting them.



## ATTENDANCE AWARD

You may recall, from a newsletter back in October that our supply agency were sponsoring an attendance award for a pupil who achieves 100% attendance during the term. Well, earlier on this week, 21 children were asked to stand up in assembly. Each had been present at school every day for the last term. All their names were put into a hat and Ivy Gregory was drawn as the recipient of a £15 voucher of her choice. Well done Ivy and well done to the other 20 children who had fought off all the bugs, coughs and colds that were doing the rounds last term.



## What's happening this week?

13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### Monday

- Am Class 3 swimming
- Pm Music lessons
- 3:30pm - 4:30/5:30pm After School Club

### Tuesday

- 3:30pm - 4:30/5:30pm After School Club (incorporating Art Club until 4:30pm)

### Wednesday

- Pm Music lessons
- 3:30pm - 4:30/5:30pm After School Club

### Thursday

- 3:30pm - 4:30/5:30pm CENSUS DAY  
After School Club (incorporating a sports sessions until 4:30pm)

### Friday

- All day Class 2 trip to Fire & Police Station
- 3:30pm - 4:30/5:30pm After School Club

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 17<sup>th</sup> January Class 2's trip to Bloxwich Police & Fire Station
- 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> January Bikeability for Year 5
- 11<sup>th</sup> February 'Bring your Family to School' day - see letter being emailed today
- 17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> February Half term holiday
- 25<sup>th</sup> February Shrove Tuesday Celebrations
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March Year 6 parents notified of admission to secondary school
- 5<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day - Get your thinking caps on!
- 13<sup>th</sup> March 2nd instalment due for Class 3 ODE trip
- 13<sup>th</sup> March Sport's Relief
- 18<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> March Mother's Day Lunches - more info soon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April Easter Service at Church 9:30am
- 6<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> April Easter Holiday
- 20<sup>th</sup> April 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment due for Class 4's ODE trip