



St. James' Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 8th December 2017

Star Pupils Of The Week (week ending 1-12-17)

Rec T- Layla-Rose Duggan		Y3N- James Powell
Rec S- Erin Baron		Y4W- Imogen Coulthard
Y1R- Nevaeh Ashcroft		Y4FH-Ben Cook
Y1C- Alistair Myers		Y5CO- James Johnson
Y2H- Emily Woods		Y5CH- Maisie Catterall
Y2B- Hollie Atkinson		Y6B- Ben Connor
Y3T- Nellia Holland		Y6M- Ben Hodge

Attendance Update (week ending 1-12-17)

Current academic year	Weekly Attendance											
<p>Whole School = 97.35%</p> <p>Comment This is still is an excellent figure even though it has fallen in recent weeks. Thank you for your support with our high levels of attendance so far in academic year 2017-18)</p>	<p>Whole School= 96.49%</p> <p>Comment This is the third weekly attendance in a row that has been below 97%. Whilst there will be many genuine absences, we must all seek to avoid unnecessary absences if we are to maintain our outstanding levels of attendance.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>1st</td> <td>Y4W</td> <td>99.67%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd</td> <td>Y6B</td> <td>99.05%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3rd</td> <td>Y3T</td> <td>98.46%</td> </tr> </table> <p>Congratulations also to the following class for their excellent (98%+) weekly attendance:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>No qualifiers</td> <td>No qualifiers</td> </tr> </table>	1 st	Y4W	99.67%	2 nd	Y6B	99.05%	3 rd	Y3T	98.46%	No qualifiers	No qualifiers
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House Points (week ending 1-12-17)

1 st = St Patrick	
2 nd = St. David	
3 rd = St. Andrew	
4 th = St. George	



Christmas Fair- A Thank You

Our Christmas Fair was a big success. A big thank you to all who supported this event both by attendance on the day as well as the donation of prizes etc. If it is to be a success and run smoothly, an event such as this takes a lot of preparation beforehand and commitment on the day. We are once again humbled by the level of dedication and support shown by all who organised this event as well as those who volunteered on the day- some of whom were here from 8.00am in the morning until 2.50pm in the afternoon. A special mention must go to the chairperson of our PFSA, Nicola Ainscough, who put tens of hours into ensuring that the day was a success- thank you Nicola for all your effort and dedication as it is truly appreciated.

The St. James' community once again showed itself to be something to be proud of and to cherish. Many thanks.

Y1-2 Nativity Play

Arrival time for the Afternoon Performance- sometimes in the past we have had queues of people waiting at the front entrance from 1pm onwards. This can lead to issues with staff and other visitors accessing the school building. Can we please remind you that our school hall is a dual use hall also used for school meals. It can be after 1.15pm before the Kitchen Staff have packed away the tables and swept the floor etc. Staff and pupils then have to prepare the Hall for the performance. Therefore, it is not possible for us to admit spectators much before 1.45pm. Whilst we would always encourage people to arrive early (and appreciate their efforts to do so) for our performances, please be aware that if you arrive excessively early then we have nowhere to accommodate you. *Many thanks in anticipation of your continued support on this matter.*

Tickets- please ensure that everyone has their ticket with them in order to gain entry.



Uniform

As you are aware, we are extremely proud of the very high standard of uniform that we maintain here at St. James'. With this in mind, we would just like to issue as general reminder over the following points:

Hair Accessories- Our uniform policy does not allow for overly large hair accessories in Girls hair. Please ensure that any accessories worn are small in size and, preferably, match our school uniform colour scheme.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Shoes- There have been some issues recently with younger pupils tripping over their own laces at breaktimes and hurting themselves. Whilst school staff will always look to assist where possible, they cannot constantly monitor this for all pupils. Therefore if your child's sensible black school shoes have laces, then can we please ask you to ensure that your child knows how to tie their own laces or consider purchasing 'slip on' or 'buckled' shoes for your child until such time as they can tie their own laces confidently.

We would like to thank you for the fantastic support that we receive with our high expectations of Uniform and ask for the ongoing support of all members of our community.



Winter Weather

As we are in the winter months, it is an appropriate time to remind you of what would happen if we were to experience heavy snowfall. As always, we would do what we could to keep school open taking into account the safety of all members of our school community both on the school site as well as travelling to and from school. In instances of snow and heavy frost, then our priority would be to clear a path around school grounds that everyone would be advised to use for their own safety.

If a decision was made to close the school, then it would be broadcast via the following means:

- School Website (www.orrellsaintjames.wigan.sch.uk)
- Wigan Council Website (www.wigan.gov.uk)
- Local Radio Stations (Wish FM)
- Via our Twitter Feed @orrellstjames
- We will send out a Text Message to Priority 1 Contacts ***please ensure we have an up to date mobile number for Priority 1 contacts**

Reconciliation Service

Congratulations to our Y4 and Y5 pupils who made their first confession this Wednesday (6th December) evening. Thank you also to Father Gerry and all the Parish Catechists involved for their efforts to make the evening so special.



MacMillan Cancer Support- Signed MUFC football Shirt

A magnificent £353 was raised for MacMillan Cancer support from the raffle organised by Mrs Crusham and Mrs Wilson. The winner of the Manchester United jersey was Sam Jones in Y4. Congratulations to Sam and thank you to our office staff for organising the raffle as well as to all who supported the raffle.

St. Peter's Christmas Tea Party

St. Peter's Catholic High School are holding a Christmas Tea Party on Thursday 21st December from 4-6pm. Father Christmas will be present and there will be a Christmas raffle and a picture bingo. Tickets are £5 each or £17.50 for 4. Your ticket include cakes and refreshments along with the entertainment. Please contact St. Peter's on 01942 747693 or email maloneyn@saintpetershigh.wigan.sch.uk for more details.

Diary for School Week Beginning Monday 11th December 2017			
	Before School	Day Time	After School
Monday 11th December		Y3N & Y3T Swimming Sessions (am)	French Club *until 4.30pm
Tuesday 12th December		KS2 Tuck Shop (am) KS2 Choir (lunchtime)	
Wednesday 13th December		KS1 Nativity (2pm)	
Thursday 14th December		KS1 Choir (lunchtime) KS2 Carol Service Dress Rehearsal (pm)	Y6 Hockey Training *Until 4.30pm (GM Games Squad Only) KS1 Nativity (6pm)
Friday 15th December		School Council Meeting (lunchtime) KS2 Carol Service (2pm)	KS2 Judo Club *until 4.30pm (last session)
Dates and times are correct at the time of publication of this newsletter and may be subject to some alterations or additions			

<u>Upcoming Events</u> (correct at the time of publication of this newsletter and some may be subject to alteration)		
18 th December 2017	KS2 Carol Service (6.30pm)	
18 th December 2017	Reception Christmas Party	
19 th December 2017	Y4 Wider Opportunities Music Presentation to Parents (9.30am)	
19 th December 2017	Y3-4 Christmas Party	
20 th December 2017	Y1-2 Christmas Party	
21 st December 2017	Y5-6 Christmas Party	
22 nd December 2017	Wear a Christmas Jumper Day	
22 nd December 2017	Autumn Term Finishes (3.30pm)	
23 rd December 2017- 8 th January 2018	Christmas Break	
9 th January 2018	Spring Term Begins	
15 th January 2018	Closing Date for Applications to Primary School for September 2018	Application packs are available from the school office
19 th -23 rd February 2018	Spring Half Term Break	
2 nd to 4 th March 2018	Y5 Robinwood Residential	
29 th March 2018	Spring Term Ends (3.30pm)	
30 th March – 16 th April 2018	Easter Break	
17 th April 2018	Summer Term Begins	
May 2018	Y2 SAT Period	
7 th May 2018	Bank Holiday	
10 th to 11 th May 2018	Y4 Coniston Residential	
10 th May 2018	Polling Day	Reception pupils do not attend school on this day
14 th – 17 th May 2018	Y6 SAT Week	
25 th May 2018	School INSET Day	
28 th May-1 st June 2018	Summer Half Term Break	
11 th – 15 th June 2018	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week	
20 th July 2018	Summer Term Ends (3.30pm)	