

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

# St James Primary School Newsletter

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## Don't forget...

To visit your ParentPay account and check if you have any outstanding items

### Welcome to the Spring term at St James Primary School.

As usual, we have much planned for this term. We will be celebrating Chinese New Year in style with a fantastic display of dancing and insights into Chinese culture which will be followed by martial art and dance workshops for our KS2 children. As part of our Science studies, the whole school is taking part in the national RSPB birdwatch programme and we will be undertaking bird counts and workshops with the Rangers in Highgate Woods. We'll also be taking part in Safer Internet week and sharpening our minds with some forensic workshops!

This term, Year 3 Lime have started Rock Steady sessions on Mondays and Year 4 Oak are going swimming, whilst Ash and Oak are taking part in classical music workshops with Apollo music.

Finally, at the end of the term the school will be taking part in a Do Something Different Day!

**Ms Carol O'Brien**

**Head teacher**

## Here are a few reminders for the start of term...

### Punctuality

School starts at **8.50am**. Please be in the school playground by 8.45am in order to walk into class when the bell rings. Registration is taken as soon as the children have hung up their coats and lessons are underway by 8.55am. If your child is late not only do they miss important information regarding the day ahead but the start of the morning lesson when their teacher explains what they will be doing. Uncertainty about the day can

## Dates For The Diary

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January – Apollo music workshops**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5 Rangers bird workshop in Highgate woods**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Chinese New Year celebrations and workshops**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Year 6 Rangers bird workshop in Highgate woods**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Do Something Different Day**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – half term**

**INSET day planned for Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February and school will be closed**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February – drama workshops for KS1**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Tennis taster workshops**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 to Apollo music concert**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – KS2 forensic workshops**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Year 2 to Kew Gardens**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Easter service at St James Church – parents are very welcome**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Height and weight checks for Reception and Year 6**

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be unsettling for children and can lead to a lack of confidence in their ability. Lateness also disrupts the rest of the class who are already working which can be unfair on other children.

### **So, for the rest of the school year we will be making punctuality a priority.**

We will be monitoring lateness very closely and children who are late to school more than twice a week will usually be asked to make up the learning time they have missed in their break or lunch time.

#### **PE kits**

All our children have PE at least twice a week. Additionally they may need their kit for dance or drama workshops we have arranged in school. It is very important that every child has the correct kit in school on their peg **every day**. These can be taken home to be washed at half term and end of term.

To remind everyone our PE uniform is:

- KS1 – black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings and a white T shirt. Fleece or school cardigans can be worn outside if cold. KS1 children should have black plymsoles or any colour trainers
- KS2 - black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings and a house colour T shirt. Fleece or school cardigans can be worn outside if cold. KS2 children should have black plymsoles or any colour trainers.

Sports branded clothes (apart from trainers), football strips, skins or any other type of clothing is not our uniform and cannot be worn during school PE lessons.

Starting from this term, children who do not have their PE kit will be asked to borrow a spare from the box in Mr Saunders' room. If there is none available they will not be able to take part in PE with the rest of their class and will have to spend their PE lesson in another class finishing work.

#### **ParentPay**

If you haven't already this term, please visit your ParentPay account to check you have nothing outstanding from last term or new this term such as school lunches, after school clubs and PE T shirts.

#### **Voluntary Contributions**

Thank you to everyone who has paid their voluntary contribution this year. It makes a huge difference to us and it is very much appreciated. If you haven't already paid yours you can find it on your ParentPay account. Alternatively information on how to set up a standing order is outside the School Office or if you would like to write a cheque or give cash, please hand it into the Office.

#### **Playgrounds**

Please can you make sure that your children are supervised in the playground before and after school. For their own safety, they are not allowed on any of the play equipment during this time.

**Thank you for your help and support with all of the above.**

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### After School Football Club

This is a very popular after school club and we are aware that places for it go very quickly. In order to avoid disappointing anyone we have spoken to Premier Sport and they are looking at potentially running two clubs next term – one from 3.30pm – 4.30pm and the other from 4.30pm – 5.30pm. More information on this will be coming home after half term

### After School Fencing Club

Our Fencing after school club run by FightingFit has proved to be extremely popular and they are thinking of running another session from 4.30-5.30pm. If you are interested, please email [admin@fightingfitfencing.com](mailto:admin@fightingfitfencing.com). Places will be allocated in on a first come first serve basis. For those that already fence and are super keen you are more than welcome to book a second session for them.



### Our School Values Tree

Each week, the names of the children who are in our golden book – where we recognise children from every class who have really shone that week at upholding our school values of **Kindness**, **Wisdom**, **Respect** and **Joy** - will go onto apples on the tree.

### Congratulations to the following children...

Year 4 Ash – **Nandor** for always making the right choices and **James** for making a real effort to be respectful at all times  
Year 3 Elm – **Rufus** for his positivity in Mandarin and **Mia** for her enthusiasm for her new topic  
Year 3 Lime – **James** for a positive attitude to a new school, especially in PE and **Zita** for always being respectful of others  
Year 5 – **Rosie** for showing a positive attitude and **Niall** for making an effort to make the right choices and work hard  
Year 6 – **Rokas** for coming back to school and making a real effort and good choices and **Edith** for a really positive attitude for the whole year

### Class Assemblies

The following dates have been set for class assemblies this term. If you have a child in this class, you are very welcome to come and watch. It starts at 9am in the school hall and usually last about 15-20 minutes.

Our values that we explore in assemblies this term are **courage** and **forgiveness**

Year 1	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 3 Elm	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February

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Year 3 Lime	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 4 Oak	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 5	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 6	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 2	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
Year 4 Ash	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March

### St James Church Big Weekend

Is for children in Year 6 and aims to encourage and challenge young people as they seek to follow Jesus with engaging teaching, exhilarating activities and loads of laughter. During the weekend away they spend time taking part in tons of great activities - from raft building to high ropes; kayaking to climbing. There will also be plenty of time to chill out and relax too. It's at Fairthorne Manor, just outside of Southampton and everything is organised, including transport to and from St James Muswell Hill.

The cost for the whole weekend, including food, travel, hoodie and activities, is £129, but they don't want money to stop anyone joining them, so if it is a problem, speak to Dave Cornes in confidence as there is a bursary fund available. For more information on The Big Weekend contact Dave Cornes, Head of Youth Ministry at St James Muswell Hill on 020 8442 2824 or [david.cornes@st-james.org.uk](mailto:david.cornes@st-james.org.uk)



Our Governors would like to wish you a Happy New Year and welcome you back to the Spring term.



### After School Clubs

Here's a quick reminder of the clubs we have after school.

Please see our website for full details and the latest information.

**Monday – Chess (Y3 – Y6) and Rock Band Squad training (Y5 – Y6)**

**Tuesday – Football (Y3 – Y6)**

**Wednesday – Acting Up Drama (Y2 – Y6) and Multisports (Y1 – Y3), Mandarin (Y3- Y4)**

**Thursday – Gymnastics (Y1 – Y6)**

**Friday – Fencing (Y3 – Y6), French (Y3 – Y6)**

**Word on the Hill @ St James Church (Y5 and Y6)**

**School starts at 8.50am and ends at 3.30pm.**

**Please make sure your children are here for the start of the school day. Thank you.**

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