

## ST JAMES' C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - 8th September 2017

### Welcome

We warmly welcome you to a new school year at St. James' and are especially pleased to welcome our new year 3 children and their families. At St James' we aim to be as supportive and approachable as possible, so please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

### Year 3 Art Activities

Parents of pupils in Year 3, please provide an old t-shirt or shirt for your child to use when participating in art activities.



### Attendance and Punctuality

At St James' the expectation is that every child attends school every day. If your child is unwell, please let the school know by calling the office on **020 8534 4030** before 9.15 am on the morning of the first day of absence. On your child's return to school, please give them a note explaining the reason for their absence. This will enable us to keep accurate records of your child's attendance. Children are expected to arrive in their class by 8.50am. Any child arriving after the gates are closed at 9am will be recorded as late.

### Holidays in Term Time

As you are probably aware, the London Borough of Newham has strict guidelines on attendance. Schools are unable to authorise in-term holidays. Holidays during term time or poor attendance may incur a fine of £60 by Newham Council which if unpaid after 28 days will rise to £120. All children are expected to attend school every day unless they are unwell.

For further information visit [www.newham.gov.uk/attendance](http://www.newham.gov.uk/attendance)

### Data Collection Forms

Data Collection forms have been sent home with your child this week. Please ensure that you check the information on these and update them if necessary. Please return the form to Mrs Davis in the school office by Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017.



### Online safety tip

If your child plays online games:

- Check the age rating before they play.
- Make sure you know who they are playing with.

Limit the amount of time they spend playing online

### Jewellery

With the exception of small stud earrings, please do not send children to school wearing jewellery. Jewellery, and other loose accessories, can be a health and safety hazard in school, especially in the playground and during PE lessons. There is also a risk that it will get broken or lost. For these reasons, children wearing earrings will be asked to remove them, before taking part in PE lessons. If your child is unable to remove the earrings themselves, please provide them with tape or plaster for them to cover the earrings. They will be unable to join in with PE lessons unless this is done.



### Letters home

Whole school - Data collection forms

Whole school - End of day arrangements

Y3- St Saviour's church

Sunflower class

Y6- 'Every Child a Theatre Goer'

### Dates for your Diary

The school's term dates and holiday dates have been published on the school's website: [www.st-james.newham.sch.uk](http://www.st-james.newham.sch.uk)

Have a great weekend.

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