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ST JAMES' C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER - 11th September 2020

A message from our Co- Head Teachers

We warmly welcome you back to a new school year at St. James' and are especially pleased to welcome our new year 3 children and their families. This has been a very different start than what we are used to and we would like to thank parents and carers for your patience and understanding as we all get used to new procedures and routines.

Now that your child has settled back into school. We would like to give you the opportunity to see your child's classroom and to briefly meet your child's teacher.

Y5 9am Tuesday, 15th September 2020 (Tower Hamlets entrance)

Y6 9am Tuesday, 15th September 2020 (Odessa road entrance)

Y4 8.45am Wednesday, 16th September 2020 (Tower Hamlets entrance)

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.

You must inform the school if your child or a family member has coronavirus symptoms.

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste



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

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.

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Footwear

As your child will be regularly taking part in physical activities, we ask that you send your child to school wearing trainers or plimsolls that can be worn for these activities. This will also remove the need to bring in changes of clothes and footwear for PE.

Dates for your Diary

Event	Date / Time
Kittle photographers	Monday, 5 th October 2020
Half term	Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th October 2020

The school's term dates and holiday dates have been published on the school's website: www.st-james.newham.sch.uk

Here at St James' we aim to be as supportive and approachable as possible, so please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Enjoy the weekend.

Mrs Boland-Bourne & Mrs Hall

Co-Headteachers