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ST JAMES' C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - 3rd September 2021

Message from Mrs Boland-Bourne
Head teacher.

I hope you have had a wonderful summer and welcome back to St James. Welcome to our new pupils and parents, particularly those in year 3 classes. We hope you enjoy the years you will spend with us.



Staffing:

Welcome to Miss Stewart, who has joined us as a year 6 class teacher and Mr Morgan, who will be a year 4 class teacher .

Congratulations to Miss Williams who got married over the summer and is now Mrs Dempsey.

Covid 19 measures:

Last year, the stringent hygiene routines became our 'new normal'. This year as we approach the old normal we will be using a hybrid approach, a mix of the old and the new. As restrictions have eased, there will be a return to year groups mixing, though keeping everyone safe remains our priority so hygiene protocols such as regular handwashing will remain the same

Safety measures:

We will continue to follow many of the safety measures that parents, staff and children became used to last year with a focus on hygiene, cleaning and ventilation These include:

- Regular handwashing and use of hand sanitiser
- Staff continuing with their lateral flow testing routines
- Increased ventilation
- Stringent cleaning protocols
- Reinforcing the message of 'catch it, bin it, kill it' with children
- **Self-isolation for anybody testing positive for Covid 19**

Please contact the school office if your child is displaying any Covid symptoms.

Homework:

Please support your child with their homework. We are looking forward to reintroducing termly homework projects, now that we can have exhibitions and assemblies again. Weekly homework will continue and you should expect assignments set on My Maths each week. For English, please read a book with your child for 10-15 minutes daily. To find out more about how to support your child at home, please attend our Parent's Information Evening (date to be confirmed).

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.

School day times

The school gates open at 8:45am and will close at 9.am.

Should your child arrive at school after 9.am he/ she will need to come to the main entrance on Tower Hamlets Road. Any child arriving after the gates are closed at 9am will be recorded as late.

School finishes at 3:15pm

Year 3 & 4 pupils will be dismissed from the main playground.

Year 5 & 6 pupils will be dismissed from the pitch area.

Parents can now use both entrances into the school. (Odessa Road & Tower Hamlets Road gate)

School uniform

St James' school uniform items can be purchased from Ian Howard's uniform shop which is located at: 409 Barking Rd, East Ham, London E6 2JT

The opening times are:

Monday 9am - 5pm

Tuesday 9am - 5pm

Wednesday 9am - 5pm

Thursday 9am - 5pm

Friday 9am - 5pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

you can also go online and purchase uniform

<https://www.ianhowardschoolwear.com>

Nut - Free school policy

St James' is a nut -free school, we have pupils in our community who are allergic to nuts. Some children have severe reactions and symptom's if they come into contact with nuts. For this reason, we ask that you do not send in sweets, chocolates or cakes for children to reduce the possibility of children coming into contact with nuts or food with nut traces.



Letters home

- Home collection arrangements - whole school

The school's term dates and holiday dates have been published on the school's website:

www.st-james.newham.sch.uk

Enjoy the weekend.