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ST JAMES' C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - 11th February 2022

Message from Mrs Boland-Bourne
Headteacher.



This time last year, we could not go anywhere - now we are as active as can be! Clubs up and running, educational visits, participation in competition and many games and laughter on the playground - without many restrictions.

As always, the support from our parents/carers has been outstanding. You have enabled us to do the best we can for our pupils every day. As we approach the 'old normal', we will be using a hybrid approach, a mix of the old and the new. Keeping everyone safe remains our priority, so hygiene protocols such as regular hand washing will remain the same.

This week is Children's Mental Health Week (February 7 to 13). This year's theme is 'Growing Together'. Please encourage your children, friends and family to consider how they have grown and how they can help others to grow.

Have an enjoyable half term break.

Handball

On 19th January, our Year 3 and 4 Boys handball team competed in a handball tournament at Langdon School. Ten teams competed. Our team did very well, considering



the fact that they had not been practising together for very long. We made it to the quarterfinals where they narrowly lost a very tight game 2-1. St James is very proud of you boys, well done and thank you for being great ambassadors for our school.

Crocheting club

Well done to all our Crochet/Sewing Club pupils. We started our club in the autumn term; the aim was to teach pupils a new life skill and to introduce a different way of unleashing their creative sides. They surpassed all expectations. Items such as lunch bags, hats, pencil cases, scarves & hair bands just to name a few have been made. We are so proud of your effort.



Home Learning Assembly

Well done to all the pupils who received recognition and a certificate for their home learning project this week. The projects were of a high standard. We would also like to congratulate all the children who submitted home learning projects. These can be viewed in all classes and in the main hall. Please keep up your fantastic work effort and we are looking forward to the many and varied presentations of this half term project.

Athletics

This week, Year 3 & 4 boys and girls attended an athletics tournament at Langdon Academy. They did a fantastic job of representing St. James and finished a very creditable 8th out of 16 schools. Highlights of the day included winning 3 races and picking up a second place in another. Congratulations well done!



Achievement assembly

Every week we celebrate our children's achievements.



TT Rockstars

A special congratulations to our first ever class tournament champions - Violet!

Second place went to Daisy and third to Ivy. We now have many more Rock Heroes at St James. A big well done to all the children who have now achieved this status!

Our most improved winners this week were:

1st place - Rozana

2nd place - Samantha

3rd place - Joseph

Continue to log on during the half term.

Cycle Training

This week, 21 year 5 children had an amazing opportunity to achieve their level 1 and 2 bike training. Cycle Confident provided training. The aim of this training was to make our children confident riders and practice road safety. Children also had the chance to ride their bikes on roads supervised by the trainers.



Online safety tip

Here are some safety tips to remember when you are using the internet:

- Do not give anyone your name, password, address, the name of your school or any information about your family.
- Talking to strangers on the internet or agreeing to meet anyone in person that you have met online is not allowed.
- Do not fill in a profile that asks for your name and address.
- Do not visit any chat room without an adult's or your parent's permission.
- Parents' permission is needed before you post pictures of yourself online.

Attendance

The class with highest attendance for this term is Daisy class with 96.6%

The class with the highest attendance for the week ending 4th February was Ivy class with 98.9%.

The most punctual pupils for the week ending 4th February were in Lily class.

Well done to all classes.

School Clubs Timetable

After school clubs continue this spring term.

Day	Club
Monday	Knitting / Sewing
Tuesday	Bug club
Tuesday	Mandarin
Tuesday	Netball
Tuesday	Basketball
Tuesday	Creative writing
Tuesday	Art club
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Tuesday	Maths challenge
Wednesday	TT Rockstars
Wednesday	Mandarin
Wednesday	Multisport
Wednesday	Gymnastics
Thursday	Fencing / Archery
Thursday	Football
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Retirement

It is always sad to say goodbye and this term, we say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Muir.

Mrs Muir started working at St James' in 2002. As a teaching assistant, she has corrected many mistakes; countless times spent encouraging children with words of hope and support. The children have learned a lot from you. Mary, you will forever be an inspiring figure in the hearts of many. Thank you for everything you did for us!
Thank you for your endless patience, motivation, and persistence.

You will be missed but never forgotten.

Happy retirement!



Dates for your Diary

Event	Date / Time
Half Term	Monday, 14 th - Friday, 18 th February 2022
Easter Half Term	Monday, 4 th - 19 TH April 2022
Bank Holiday	Monday, 2 nd May 2022
SATs Week	Monday 9 th - Thursday 12 th May 2022
Half Term	Monday, 30 th May - Friday 3 rd June 2022

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

www.st-james.newham.sch.uk

Please check this before booking holidays.

Enjoy the half term

Mrs R Boland-Bourne
Headteacher