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ST JAMES' C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - 27th May 2022

Message from Mrs Boland-Bourne Headteacher



Where does the time go? It does feel like this half term has flown by! This could well be attributed to the increase in events and opportunities that are populating this term-a welcome return to a fuller looking diary that most parents/carers and pupils were familiar with pre pandemic.

A perfect time then to thank all those members of staff who have supported our pupils this half term. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school after the half term break.

In 2022, Her Majesty the Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, seventy years of service, having come to the throne on 6th February 1952 when Her Majesty was 25 years old. Classes across the school marked today with special lessons, bouncy castle and picnic lunch outdoor. Most of our children wore red, white or blue (or all three colours) to help commemorate this very special day.

A big thank you to all entries for our cake completion - Your generosity and artistic flair stood out and it was greatly appreciated.



Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 celebrations



International Day



This year we are celebrating International Day on Thursday, 7th July 2022.

Children and staff can wear the national costume or colours of their national flags, if they wish. Please remember children must not wear sandals or strappy shoes for health and safety reasons.

Junior Maths Challenge Success 2022 The results are in!

In April, pupils in year groups 5 and 6 took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. Over 270,000 pupils from across the UK sat the Junior Maths Challenge with roughly the top 6% receiving a gold certificate, the next 13% receiving a silver certificate and the next 21% receiving a bronze certificate. Congratulations to the following pupils for achieving certificates in this year's challenge.

Bronze certificate - Ras Y5, Khadeeja Y6, Ihsaan Y6 & Alisa Y6

This competition is designed for pupils in Years 7 to 8, so to get a certificate this early is a huge personal achievement.

Some pupils were just one or two marks away from getting a bronze certificate so also did really well.

Well done to:

Safa, King, Sahaan, Yusuf, Rumana, Imteaz, Hima, Amirah, Aritz, Iqlas, Mahdi, Kayla-May and Aistis.



Sports Day

Your child will be competing in their school sports day on 6th July 2022. All children must wear a plain T-shirt, based on their house colour (see table below) and navy shorts or leggings and trainers. (non-uniform day)
House colour T-shirts are available to purchase from Ian Howard's uniform shop. In order to keep hydrated, please send a refillable, plastic bottle labelled with your child's name into school.

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| Nelson Mandela | Yellow |
| Mohammed Ali | Blue |
| Rosa Parks | Green |
| Neil Armstrong | Red |

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| <p>After school clubs All after school clubs will finish on Thursday, 16th June 2022. Our children have learnt many new skills during this school year</p> | |
| <p>Attendance and Punctuality The class with the highest attendance, last week, was Poppy class with 98.6%. The most punctual pupils last week were in Ivy class. Well done to everyone in those classes</p>  | <p>Achievement assembly Every week we celebrate our children's achievements. Certificates are presented by the class teachers, club leaders and mid-day staff</p>  |
| <p>Parent Governor Vacancy Are you interested in becoming a parent Governor at St James' C of E Junior school. If you are interested please let the office staff know, and they will arrange for you to meet with our chair of Governors Miss Ellen Kemp. As we already have one interested parent we would hope to finalise the arrangements by the end of term</p> | <p>Online safety tip If your child plays online games:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.  |

Dates for your Diary

| Event | Date / Time |
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| Half Term | Monday, 30 th May - Friday 3 rd June 2022 |
| Parents Evening | Thursday, 30 th June 2022 3:30PM - 6PM |
| Sports Day | Wednesday, 6 th July 2022 |
| International Day | Thursday, 7 th July 2022 |
| Y6 Graduation | Monday, 11 th July 2022 |

The school's 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 and to ensure that you are aware of planned school closures.

Enjoy the half term.

Mrs R Boland-Bourne