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ST JAMES' C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - 9th September 2022



Message from Mrs Boland-Bourne Head teacher

A very warm welcome back!



It was lovely to welcome everyone back to a new Autumn Term. I trust that the children are rested and ready to immerse themselves into their new Year Groups, they certainly looked like it! Parents did look relieved to be dropping off their children!

I hope that you all had a good summer break with your children and families whatever you managed to do over the summer. I very much appreciate your support for sending your children in so smartly in their new school uniforms. They look lovely! The children seem to have settled well and we welcome our new families that have started at St James'.



School day times

The school gates open at 8:40am and will close at 9:00am.



Should your child arrive at school after 9am 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.

On days that it is raining, please collect your child from the classroom.

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 9.15am 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 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. You can also go online and purchase uniform

<https://www.ianhowardschoolwear.com>

Homework

Please support your child with their homework. We are looking forward to reintroducing termly homework projects. 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. Information can be found in your child's school homework journal. (Maths given Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Comprehension Tuesday, Timetable & Spelling given on Mondays)



Parents wishing to talk with the teacher

Communication with parents is very important to us and to work in partnership to support individual children in all aspects of their school life.

It is easier to have conversations with the class teacher at the end of the day when parents pick up their children from the classrooms.

Parents Information Newsletters – these contain lots of very useful information about what is going on in the school with dates to remember and details of the children’s learning. You can access this via the school’s website from the home page and they are also sent via School Ping e-mail. If emails have changed please let the school office know. If, of course, parents do not have an e-mail address paper copies will be available from the school office, but as a school we do want to cut down on the amount of paper the school uses. It is also uploaded to the school website.

Emergency Contact and Medical Information Sheet for 2022-2023 – this week you will receive an emergency contact and medical information sheet. It is very important that parents update their contact information sheets so please look out for them but please return immediately.



Presentations to Parents & Carers

Staff are busily preparing their Year Team Presentations to Parents to ensure that parents meet the team of staff who will be working with their child/children this year. The purpose of these are to inform parents about the work that their child/children will do during the year and the Year Team expectations for a successful year. The presentations will also enable parents to know how they can support their children at home with their home learning. A lot of effort is put into designing these so please support the staff and your child/children by attending.

Y6 parents to meet teachers	Monday, 3rd October 2022	9:00 – 9:30 am
Y3 parents to meet teachers	Monday, 10 th October 2022	9:00 – 9:30 am
Y4 parents to meet teachers	Tuesday, 11 th October 2022	9:00 – 9:30 am
Y5 parents to meet teachers	Wednesday, 12 th October 2022	9:00 – 9:30 am

Birthdays

Parents just a reminder that as we have so many children with varying dietary requirements and some with serious illnesses or allergies, so please do not bring in sweets or cakes to celebrate birthdays. We are unable to give these out and we hope you understand this.



The new term’s clubs letter is out and we are happy to be able to open up the clubs to more than one per year group. Make sure you sign up for the exciting range of activities we have on offer! Once you have handed your slip to the office we can allocate your child to the club.

We will only let you know if your child has got into an after school club via a confirmation letter.

Enjoy the weekend.