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ST JAMES' C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - 21st October 2022



Message from Head teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of our first half term of the year here at St James'. It does not seem that long ago that we were opening the gates for the first time but, as they say, time flies when you are having fun!

This term we have had Parents' Curriculum meetings for all year groups, educational visits and year 4 Eid assembly for parents (they all did so well with their performance and it was so special to see how proud both the children, staff and parents were throughout the performance). Please check with your child's class teacher to find out when their class assembly is happening.

Thank you for all your continued support this half term. I hope you have a wonderful one week break (whatever you are doing) and I look forward to hearing all about it when we return on Monday 31st October.



Parents evening

Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to meet with their child's class teacher this week. If you were unable to attend parents' evening, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative date.

Exciting news to start next term

Friday 4th November Year 5 & 6 'Bake Off'
Friday 11th November Year 3 & 4 'Pizza Making'
Thursday 17th November SEND 'Sensory Taste' session
Wednesday 2nd November NHS Flu Jab
Wednesday 2nd November Year 3 Diwali assembly @ 9am

Reading – How I can help my child to become confident readers - Reading tips

What is happening? Talk about what is happening in the pictures before you read the text. What can you see?
Discuss alternative words (synonyms). For example, 'big.' Ask your child to think of other words that mean the same e.g. 'enormous.'
Fact or fiction? Is this book a storybook or a non-fiction book? How do you know?
Encourage your child to use expressions when reading, especially for the voices of different characters.
Discuss the punctuation on the page, for example, exclamation marks. Discuss what they are for and how these affect how you read the sentence.
Discuss feelings. How do you think the characters are feeling? What has made the characters feel this way?

School Stars!

We acknowledge that every child works hard throughout the week. Teachers are asked weekly who has been exceptionally, and we are delighted the following have been chosen:



Merit Winners Classes

Ivy	Virva, Chad, Inaaya, Melania, Yaseen
Sunflower	Kasjana, Hana Araf, Liyana, Khammoy
Iris	Caliph, Zoe, Edrice, Joesph
Lily	Jeziah, Albert, Naaman, Ebrahim,
Daisy	Ikram, Yaser, Caydon, Chloe, Taseen,
Poppy	Rashane, Ayesha, Robert, Ruwaydah, Zeliha, Eman
Clover	Evelina, Qailah, Zayan, Isam,
Violet	Kayla-May, Ansh, Stefania, Aronas

Harvest Festival

A very special thank you to all the children and staff at St. James' Junior School for the harvest (foods) collected for our Community Food Bank at the church. All contributions were gratefully received and have been passed on to St Saviour's church to be distributed. Rev Cornelius Henry, (school chaplain)
Vicar – St. Saviour Church

Classes attendance and Punctuality (week ending 21/10/2022)

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality
Ivy	96.2%	19
Sunflower	97.3%	22
Iris	95.7%	12
Lily	97.6%	10
Daisy	98.3%	10
Poppy	95.8%	26
Clover	97.6%	19
Violet	97.%	27

The school gates are open from 8:40 to 8:55 daily. School begins at 8:55, if children arrive after, then they will be marked as late. Please ensure that your child arrives on time and ready to start the day.

Homework Projects are out - due on the first day the children are back in school (31/10/2022)

PE kits

For health, safety and personal hygiene reasons, all pupils **must change** for PE lessons. Appropriate footwear (plimsole/trainers), jogging bottoms (for the winter weather) along with tops (no logo or hoodies). In the cold weather, shorts and T-shirts are not sufficient and pupils are expected to have arms and legs covered.

Year 6 – 7 Transition online application

Thank you to all the parents who have completed their child's secondary school application and returned their reference number to the school office.

Apply online: You must apply for a secondary school place for September 2023 through the eAdmissions website. If you have not yet completed your child's online application for transfer to secondary school, please be aware that this must be completed by Monday 31st October. Any online applications after this date will be considered 'late applications' and you may not receive any of the schools you have requested for your child.

Parking on Yellow Zig Zag Lines



We have noticed parents/carers parking on the yellow zig zag lines outside both Odessa's and Tower Hamlets Road during the hours school drop off and pick-up. Please do not park on the yellow lines. They are there for the safety of all our children. While we realise sometimes driving to school is necessary, we would encourage all children to walk, scoot, cycle or take public transport to school wherever possible. Also, please do not park in resident drives.

Children in years 3 & 4 need to be handed over to the class teachers in the mornings. They should not be left at the top of the road or at the school gates. At the end of the day, teachers will hand over the children to the named individuals given as per home collection.

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

www.st-james.newham.sch.uk

Watch this space!

OPEN HOUSE first coffee morning for vulnerable families, November 2022 (specific date to be confirmed). Families will be able to help themselves to good quality clothes, toys and household items, while enjoying a cup of coffee. The coffee mornings will take place at 10 - 11.30am at St Saviour Church, MacDonald Rd, Forest Gate, E7 OHE

Parents, we are collecting any outgrown clothing, shoes, toys, books and household items. These can be sent to St Saviour Church on Thursday's between 11:30 - 12:30 pm

Enjoy the weekend.

Mrs Boland- Bourne
Headteacher