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ST JAMES' C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - 11th November 2022



Message from Mrs Boland-Bourne Headteacher

I hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable half term break and you are looking forward to the half term ahead at St James'. It will be a very busy one with year group educational visits, parents' assemblies, Christmas performances and celebrations as well as lots of fun and learning. Please do check the 'dates for your diary' and make a note of the dates.

Reminders:

Footwear: Please ensure that your children are wearing sensible shoes to school. Not wearing the right shoes can lead to children falling over and having accidents.

P.E Kits: PE is a compulsory lesson and it is essential that ALL children take part. All pupils must wear their P.E. kits to take part in P.E. Please make sure the kits they wear are suited for the weather.

Cold Weather: Winter is almost upon us. Please make sure your child is suitably dressed for the cold, with a warm coat, sensible shoes, and gloves and hats (when they need them). Please label all items of clothing.

Attendance

The class with the highest attendance for week ending 11th November 2022 is Daisy class with 98.3%. Please ensure that your child attends school every day.

Persistent absence is where a pupils attendance falls below 90%. Severe absence is when a pupils attendance falls below 50%. In cases where persistent and severe absence continues for unauthorised reasons, it can be viewed as neglect and becomes a safeguarding concern. Schools and the Local Authority have a duty to take action in these cases. Many pupils will have gaps in their learning due to the effects of COVID 19 so they cannot afford to miss a minute of learning time. **Our Attendance Target: 100%**

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Classes attendance and Punctuality (week ending 11/11/2022)

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality
Ivy	96.7%	23
Sunflower	96.7%	35
Iris	97.6%	14
Lily	96.1%	15
Daisy	98.3%	21
Poppy	95.9%	43
Clover	97.2%	30
Violet	96.4%	38

Merit Winners (week of 31st October & 11th November)

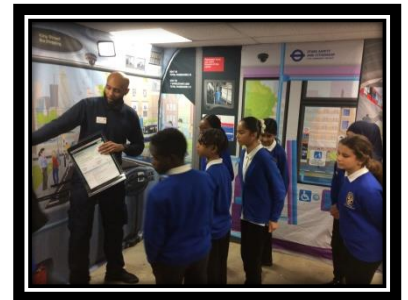
Ivy	Richard, Mohammed, Safa and whole class
Sunflower	Seydina, Asher, Stella and whole class
Iris	Usman, Zoe, Yaseen and Andrea
Lily	Adriano Aadam, Mamadama and Malique
Daisy	Jaclin, Heeba, Emerson and Shanel
Poppy	Carolina, Khadijam Grace and Ayesha
Clover	Amanda, D`equan, Qailah and Suhaan
Violet	Nimra, Yousuf k, Ras and Millie

Next week, as part of our PSHE curriculum and personal development we will focus on Anti-Bullying Week. We will start the week off by everyone wearing odd socks on Monday. This is a visual symbol that we are all different. (Celebrating our differences). Children will take part in different activities to help them to understand how to make a stand against bullying. National Anti-bullying week helps schools across England to shine a spotlight on bullying and encourage all children, teachers and parents/carers to take action against bullying throughout the year.

Anti-Bullying Week Monday 14th November - (Odd Socks day Monday 14th November).

Year 6 visit to Tate & Lyle

This week Year 6 visited the Tate and Lyle Factory to take part in a 'Junior Citizens' workshop. The children met staff from the Police, the London Fire Brigade and RNLI. During these workshops, the pupils learned about how to be a positive role model in the community and how to keep themselves safe. Throughout the activities, the pupils were scored on their participation, knowledge and attitudes. Well done to 'Hufflepuff' who scored the most points and earned themselves a medal! A great afternoon was had by all and everyone learned something new!



Diwali Assembly

Last week Year 3 children took part in the Diwali assembly. They presented The Story of Rama and Sita to parents and teachers. We are extremely proud with effort and presentation from all children. Happy Diwali for those who celebrate!



Home Learning Project Assembly

As ever, the home learning projects completed by the children were of a very high standard. We are proud of all the effort that was put into these projects.

Three children from each class will receive certificates in Home Learning Parents' assembly on Friday 18th November. Well done

Cookery club

This week the children in Mrs Bibi's cookery class baked short bread biscuits.



Year 3 & 4 'Pizza Making (Thanks to Juniper for hosting the workshops for children)

Today, Year 3 and Year 4's had the opportunity to cook their own pizza with the Juniper team.

They learnt yeast is a key ingredient to make bread rise.

Firstly, they mixed yeast, water and flour with their hands to create soft dough and kneaded it for five minutes.

Once the base was ready, they added the tomato sauce, cheese, peppers, olives and pineapples to create their yummy pizzas.



Something to be proud of:

Jaclin has lots to be proud of! Last week, she was able to apply her knowledge of gravity and use this to explain how a cyclist can perform tricks in the air as well as why it is important for many athletes to consider the effect of gravity. All of this was accompanied by scientific drawings to demonstrate her explanation. Well done!



Before and after school clubs

All clubs will finish for this term on Thursday, 15th December 2022.

Clubs will resume January 9th 2023. We currently have spaces available in Dance Y3 & Y4 and Choir club Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6. If you would like your child to participate in an after school club, please speak to Miss Grech in the school office.

Letters home

- Board games club - cancelation
- Y3 Science Museum visit

Dates for your Diary

Event	Date / Time
Y6 Guru Nanak assembly parents/carers invited to watch	Thursday, 17 th November 2022
Y5 St James' assembly 9.am parents/carers invited to watch	Thursday, 24 th November 2022
Pupils Christmas dinner	Wednesday, 14 th December 2022

<p>Christmas Assemblies Y3& Y4 9.15am Y5 & Y6 2pm parent / carers invited to come along</p>	<p>Thursday, 15th December 2022</p>
<p>Christmas Jumper Day</p>	<p>Friday, 16th December 2022</p>
<p>Christmas class parties (pupils to bring in their own snack)</p>	<p>Tuesday, 20th December 2022</p>
<p>Last Day of term</p>	<p>Wednesday, 21st December 2022</p>
<p>First Day of term</p>	<p>Thursday, 5th January 2022</p>
<p>Y6 SATS parent meeting 9.15am and 5pm</p>	<p>Wednesday, 11th January 2023</p>

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.
Mrs Boland- Bourne