



Headteacher Message

Happy New Year & Welcome Back.

ATTENDANCE – AUTUMN TERM

Even though this time of year is difficult with the weather and dark mornings, we still all have a legal duty to ensure our children will reach their potential by attending school if they are able. All the evidence clearly shows that pupils with excellent attendance achieve better at school.

Like all parents, you will be wanting your child to do the best they can at school, and we are grateful for the crucial role you play in supporting them to do this. In particular, supporting them to attend on time each day, as well as supporting them to complete homework is part of the reason our children achieve as well as they do.

However, families that have taken holidays in term time, for whatever reason, are having a significant impact on attendance and therefore on the achievement of some pupils. As a school, we have always had excellent attendance but we are now showing a worrying downward trend for some. **We need your support to reverse this.**

Before Christmas you received the school holiday dates up to July 2023, (you can also view them on the school website). I hope that this will help you book holidays during school holiday periods in advance. Holidays in term time will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Central government are expecting local authorities to fine families who have more than 5 days unauthorised absence in the school year. This is per child. This is not something we want to happen to any of our families, especially after Christmas, but this data is collected from our attendance registers on a regular basis.

If you are having any problems with attendance or arriving on time, please speak to me as soon as possible to resolve this.

RBoland - Bourne (Headteacher)

This week's whole school attendance is 93.9%

Ivy 94.2% Sunflower 93.7% Iris 96.2% Lily 94.2% Poppy 92.9% Daisy 93.8%
Clover 93% Violet 94%

LET US KNOW WHEN.....

● **There has been change of contact details:**

If anyone has been lucky enough to have a new phone for Christmas, please make sure that the office has the details so that we can update our contact systems. Also if you have any changes to your address or email details.

● **Changes in medical needs:**

Has your child been recently diagnosed with anything that school should know about? Are they now Asthmatic and require an Asthma Care Plan? All these things the school should be aware of. If your child requires medication (antibiotics), a form must be completed, before school can administer it.

●**Changes in circumstances:**

If you feel there has been a change within the family, which you think could affect your child and we should be aware of. By us knowing, this helps us to monitor your child and offer help and support for families if required.

PE

Year 3 – Friday

Year 4 – Thursday

Year 5 – Wednesday & Thursday (Swimming – started 12/01/2023)

Year 6 – Tuesday

All PE kits should be in school on Monday.

PARENTS GUIDE – ONLINE SAFETY

With many children receiving new gifts of technology for Christmas, this is a timely reminder to monitor the settings and content on all devices that children are using at home. Please be aware of our E-Safety Policy is available online. <https://st-james.newham.sch.uk/our-school/policies/>

This policy details how we keep children safe when using the internet and mobile technology and considers their safety during times of learning from home. St James' Junior School will emphasise the importance of a safe online environment and encourage parents and carers to set age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices and use internet filters to block malicious websites.

Please be aware, that social media sites including Facebook, TikTok, Instagram and Snapchat are not appropriate for primary aged pupils. Most have an age restriction of 13 due to content, which can be inappropriate for younger children. For more information, please visit: 'Thinkuknow' <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> which provides advice from the National Crime Agency (NCA) on staying safe online



CONGRATULATIONS OF THE WEEK

English (Writing/Reading) STARS: Nicoleta, Ruwaydah, Shanel, Raisha, Idris, Jannat, Kevin G, Inaaya, Gabriella & Ras.

Maths STARS: Ansh, Jayden, Robert, Heeba, Usman, Naaman, Mariam & Amelia.

ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES: Naija, Tomas, Eman, Angel, Tafari, Nino, Yunus, Wafi, Jeziah, Adriano, Seydina, Iqraa, Zaraan, Alice, Hafsa & Stefania.

MATHS TT Rockstars OF THE WEEK: Hafsa, Sayeda & Stefania.

Gentle Reminder

Please collect children at 3:15 daily. If they are in a club collection is at 4:30