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ST JAMES' C of E JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - 31st March 2023



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This term has flown by and I cannot believe we are now at the Easter break. I am extremely proud of all the children at St James' over the last term. During the week of March 20th Ofsted and SIAMS inspected the school - we await results. I am sure that you will agree all staff and children are very tired and after a restful break will be ready for a busy Summer term in school. I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you a very happy and healthy Easter. Mubarak to all families celebrating Ramadan.

A is for attendance

Our whole school target is 96%. This week's whole school attendance is 94.5%. We have had 50 lates this week. One of the most important ways in which you can support your children and us is to ensure that your children attend school every day. **Each day missed can really have a negative impact.**

The class with the highest attendance, last week, was Iris class with 100%. The most punctual pupils last week were in Lily class. Well done to everyone in those classes!

Child of the Term

We are very proud of all our pupils. Their class teachers nominated these children 'Child of the Term'

Inaaya in Ivy class, Ismaeel in Sunflower class, Zoe-Hallel in Iris class, Idris in Lily class, Duaa in Daisy class, Zaim in Poppy class, Amanda in Clover class and Imteaz in Violet class. Well done to those children!



Online Safety

KEEP CALM
AND
STAY SAFE
ONLINE

What would you do if this happened to you? Think about it and post your answer on google classroom.

A friend of yours is obsessed with an online game and plays it late into the night. Their parents do not know. They are tired and irritable at school but don't want to stop. What should you do?

- Tell their parents
- Talk to them about it
- Tell your teacher



100% Attendance

67 pupils were presented with certificates for the Spring term for **attendance -100%**
Well done!

TTRockstars: So far this term it has been great to see a number of children beginning to gain certificates by showing commitment to learning and solidifying their understanding of their times tables through their use of Times Tables Rockstars. Winners are

Week of 3 rd March 2023	
Class with the most points	Top TTRockstars achiever
1 st Iris	1 st Ivalya
2 nd Poppy	2 nd Nabil
3 rd Sunflower	3 rd Caliph

Week of 10 th March 2023	
Class with the most points	Top TTRockstar achiever
1 st Sunflower	1 st Nafiz
2 nd Daisy	2 nd Nabil
3 rd Violet	3 rd Rozana

Week of 17 th March 2023	
Class with the most points	Top TTRockstars achiever
1 st Sunflower	1 st Nabil
2 nd Iris	2 nd Imran
3 rd Sunflower	3 rd Caliph

Week of 20 th March 2023	
Class with the most points	Top TTRockstars achiever
1 st Sunflower	1 st Nabil
2 nd Iris	2 nd Imran
3 rd Ivy	3 rd Caliph

Week of 27 th March 2023	
Class with the most points	Top TTRockstars achiever
1 st Clover	1 st Alicia
2 nd Sunflower	2 nd Isam
3 rd Violet	3 rd Nabil

Merit Winners (week of 3rd- 31st March 2023)

Ivy	Alice, Al Araaf, Tanae, Gabriella, Faizaan, Monroe, Yaqub, Umajjah, Madina, Yolanda, Melania, Yaseen, Richard, Habibat,
Sunflower	Keeba, Ziaah, Aisha, Ismaeel, Samera, Hana, Tanae, Tayba, Kevin A, Araf, Darius, Nabil, Iqraa,, Hanaa, Stella, Asher, Mohammed, Sawdah, Anaya, Usman, Yunus,
Iris	Usman, Andreaa, Mohamed, Anaya, Ivan Edwin, Edrice, Natalie, Joesph, Wafi, Zariah, Jordan Mohamed,

Lily	Malique, Idris, Zarah, Adriano, Dawud, Jeziah, Jayden, Mustafa, Malachi, Mamadama, Dawud, Sheikh, Adam, Naaman, Tommy Adriano, Khadija, Malique, Anthony.
Daisy	Tafari, Sayerr, Naeemah, Nafiz, Amanah, Duaa, Idrees, Heeba, Aaliyah, Heeba, Antonia, Naeemah, Yaser, Hayate, Idrees, Adedayo, Nino, Junior, Aiden
Poppy	Grace, Enzo, Shayaan, Ivayla, Safwana, Ahmadshah, Ayesha, Khadija, Ion, Lucia, Rashane, Eman
Clover	Lydia, Ibrahim p, Safa, Tomas, Mehak, Taibah, Aman, Oliver,
Violet	Kaylen, Victoria, Samira, Millie, Gabriel, Ras. Stefania, Rachel, Kayla-May, Millie, Ras, Maria Aronas, Stefania, Farhan. Rozana, Maria,

Dates for your Diary

Event	Date / Time
Y6 Easter school 8.30am - 12.30pm	Monday 3 rd - Thursday 6 th April 2023
First day of summer term	Monday 17 th April 2023
Y6 SATS	Tuesday, 9 th - Friday, 12 th May 2023

Extremely Important Message

We are a Nut- Free school and restrict any nuts, sesame seeds and nut- based or nut- containing products. Children with allergies to tree nuts and/or peanuts can have an allergic reaction through contact, airborne particles and/or ingestion. Therefore, we need to ensure that we make every effort to reduce this risk. We need to remind you that. WE DO NOT allow nuts or nut products within our setting for snacks, in lunch boxes, or treats. These MUST NOT be sent into the school for the safety of ALL. This includes products such as cereal bars with sesame seeds, nuts, peanut butter, or chocolate and hazelnut spreads such as Nutella.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children safe in school.

As you know, it has become custom for many parents to ask if their child can share sweets/chocolates with the whole class as a celebration of their child's birthday.

We politely request that 'birthday treats' should no longer brought into school, for the reasons set out below:

- Many confectionary items do not comply with the school's 'No nuts' and 'No sesame' policy and we have a responsibility to safely manage the children with allergies in school.
- This conflicts with the 'healthy eating' message we are promoting to the children and takes choice away from families who would rather their child does not eat sugary snacks.
- Disruption at the end of the day, this is a key time for teachers to safely release their pupils and speak to parents.

To avoid any sense of 'expectation' for children or families that they 'should' bring in 'birthday treats'

We do not intend to cause any upset. When we make any decision in school, we always take account of what we feel is right. for our children, staff and families. We acknowledge that birthdays are special days for children in school and they are often marked in class by singing Happy Birthday.

Did you know?

- Figures show that more than 100 children a day have to have a tooth removed because of decay in England
- Nine out of ten tooth extractions in under-fives are preventable, according to Public Health England, who say that the average child consumes about eight cubes of sugar more than they should per day.

Children's Mental Health

Children's Mental Health Week's theme this year was 'Let's Connect'. The campaign led by the Place2Be charity recognises that parents and carers are important role models to their child and how they connect with friends and family influence their child to develop their own friendships and relationships.

Place2Be have shared a few simple tips for helping the child make meaningful connections under the following headings

1. Connect with your child in everyday ways
2. talk to your child about important connections
3. talk to your child about their friends
4. connect by taking an interest in your Child's world
5. find time to connect as a family
6. try to resolve conflict and reconnect after arguments

Further resources are available at:

[UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
[Childnet](#)
[Every Mind Matter - NHS](#)
[Child Mental Health - NSPCC](#)

Self-Care & Mental Health

for Kids

Share your own feelings to encourage self-awareness.

Find social groups that help them feel like they belong.

Set aside time for low-stress or solo activities.

Practice self-care for yourself to set the standard.

Focus on articulating feelings. "I am angry," "I am sad."

Encourage journaling and diaries.

Encourage your child to focus on the moment.

Establish a self-care routine.

Recognize toxic stress events.

Blessing/Manifesting

Cultivate interests and hobbies.

