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# St James' Newsletter

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023**



### Headteacher's Message

This is an exciting half term with lots of educational visits, year group assemblies and our home learning project assembly. This along with many festive events in December including the Year 3 & 4 Nativity performance, and other year groups Christmas performances and not to be missed our Christmas disco.

If your child brings a packed lunch to school, we advise that these should be well balanced. Please see the guidance below.

INCLUDE: A portion of fruit  
 A portion of vegetables  
 A portion of carbohydrates  
 A source of dairy e.g yoghurt or cheese  
 A source of protein e.g. meat, fish, beans or hummus

DO NOT INCLUDE: Nuts, Sweets and chocolate Sugary soft drinks.  
  
 LIMIT: Pastry products e.g. sausage rolls, pies, cakes, biscuit, salty



We are a 'nut free school' due to severe allergies. Please be aware that Nutella/Chocolate Spread does contain nuts and therefore it should not be in any lunchboxes or on sandwiches.

### **Attendance - how close is your child to 100%?**

Our whole school attendance for the Autumn term was 96.4%, which is a very good. However, we know that there can sometimes be exceptional reasons why children cannot attend school, such as illness. You can demonstrate your commitment to your child's education by not taking holidays during term time. The attendance ladder image is a useful tool for you to understand attendance percentages attendance.

The weather is getting colder, Please go on the links attached (NHS) to help you through the winter:

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2023/09/08/a-parents-guide-to-keeping-kids-healthy-this-school-year/>

Please contact the school office for support.



## Being Brilliant

If your child has a talent, and you would like to share it with the school please get in touch. We will be introducing a Wall of Fame in the front reception entrance to showcase our talented superstars!

## Non Uniform Day

Children in Need is Next Friday 17 November. We would love for everyone to take part by wearing silly or brightly coloured or spotty clothes to school for the day. There will be collections £1 on each site at the gates in the morning and at the main offices throughout the day. This is a really important charity that raises so much money and awareness to help children in many, many different ways.



## Anti-Bullying Week

Next week, as part of our PSHCE curriculum and personal development we are focusing 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. Throughout the week, 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 is organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and the theme for this year is 'Make A Noise About Bullying.'



## YEAR 6 – ARMISTICE DAY MEMORIAL CEREMONY

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023, our head boy, head girl, deputy head girl and prefects represented St James' C of E Junior School at a ceremony to mark Armistice Day at the Cenotaph in Central Park, East Ham. As part of the ceremony, a wreath, created by our Art and Craft club, was laid as part of the service. Children from across Newham took part and were joined by members from Newham Council, including our governor, Neil Wilson. Our pupils represented us with solemnity and respect and it was a very moving ceremony.



## Medication in school

Reminder that school cannot administer any medication that has not been prescribed by a Doctor, Please do not send any medication in with your child in their bags as this is a health and safety issue.

If your child has been prescribed medication and they need to take this during school time, please come into the school office to see Miss Grech and collect a medication consent form.

Medication falling into the wrong hands and being taken by the wrong person could be lethal. At St James' we may seem to you to be over cautious, but I am sure you will understand all medicines are controlled substances and we all must ensure safeguarding of the children in all instances.

<u>Achievement Award</u>		<u>Reading Award</u>		<u>Maths Award</u>		<u>Pen Licence</u>	
Kelvin	Ivy	Nylah	Sunflower	Anuki	Ivy	Chad	Lily
Davi	Ivy	Maryam	Iris	Jagnoor	Sunflower	Sakina	Violet
Jenabou	Sunflower	Blake	Lily	Asher	Iris	Sayerr	Violet
Bianca	Sunflower	Isha	Daisy	Alice	Lily	Emerson	Violet
Liyana	Iris	Jeziah	Poppy	Edrice	Daisy	Jaclin	Violet
Kasjana	Iris	Kiyan	Poppy	Ali	Poppy	Sarah	Violet
Inaaya	Lily	Ruwayda	Clover	Angel	Clover		
David	Lily	Naeemah	Clover	Nino	Clover		
Malique	Poppy						
Sheikh	Poppy						
Usman	Daisy						
Anaya	Daisy						
Robert	Clover						
Aaliyah	Clover						
Whole class	Violet						

Term Dates

Year 3 Diwali Assembly

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November at 9.10am (parents are welcome to attend)

Home Learning Project Assembly

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 at 9.15am

Year 5 James the fisherman Assembly

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 9.10am (parents are welcome to attend)

Year 6 Guru Nanak Assembly

Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 9.10am (parents are welcome to attend)

Children's Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Christmas Performance's

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Year 3 & Year 4 at 9.15am

Year 5 & Year 6 at 2pm

Last week of after school clubs

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Christmas Break

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

Return to school

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024