

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Doug Stitches

Mr D Stitches, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are now very nearly at the end of another very busy and successful year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout the year – it really is appreciated.

Additionally, I would like to thank all of our staff who have continued to work tirelessly to help make St James' the welcoming and warm school it is.

This week saw our pre-school graduation ceremony; and I have to say, it is one of my favourite events of the year. There is something special about being there to witness our youngest children take the big step in to starting school in Reception. It was a beautiful ceremony and lovely to hear about all of the children's successes.

At this time of year, we often have to say goodbye to staff members who are moving on to new and exciting things.

Two of our teachers are leaving us for new schools this year. Mr Grogan is relocating to Liverpool and will start at St Matthews'

Catholic Primary School in Liverpool in September; whilst Mr Grant has secured a position locally at The Redeemer C of E Primary School. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the best for their new roles.

We are also saying goodbye to four of our teaching assistants – Miss Bibi, Miss Akram, Mrs Hussain and Mrs Ravat. Again, we would like to thank them for all their hard work and commitment during their time with us and we wish them all the best for the future.

Next week sees the culmination of the academic year, and is a chance for us to say goodbye to our amazing Year 6 children who have worked so hard this year.

We are really looking forward to a week of celebration and reflection.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Stitches



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Key Dates & Information

Swimming/After school clubs

There will be no clubs or swimming sessions taking place next week

End of Year Service @ St James' Church

Thursday 20th July 2023 @ 10:30am for KS1 & 11:00am for KS2

Y6 Leavers Worship in the KS2 hall @ 1:30pm

We ask that only 2 people attend per child. This will allow enough space for all children to have parents/carers to attend

Final day of the school year -Friday 21st July

Children will be released at 3:05pm

School Re open – Monday 4th September 2023

Children return to school @ 08:35am



Meal Cost for September 2023

The cost for all school meals will be £2.35 per day, payable in advance. All KS1 children are entitled to Government funded Universal Free School Meals. Meals should be ordered in advance via the School Spider App

GUIDE TO OUR APP FOR PARENTS & CARERS

School Spider allows you to receive and return information directly to and from the school. Receive instant messages, complete surveys, book your parents' evenings and make payments.

Select your school to get started!

LOGGING IN

Once you have selected the school, you will see posts from the school website. Click parent dashboard to login or create an account. Create an account by pressing "create account" and enter your email address. You must have your email linked with the school

TAKE A LOOK AROUND

See all action items on your dashboard

Click to respond or book for each child

Click the envelope to see your recent messages

Click these 3 lines to:
- Switch between areas
- Edit your profile
- Logout

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BLACKBURN LIBRARY 22ND, 23RD AND 26TH AUGUST

DARWEN LIBRARY 24TH AND 25TH AUGUST

ALL CHILDREN CENTRES ALL SUMMER

RUMMAGE RESCUERS (CANTERBURY STREET) ALL SUMMER

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BLACKBURN & DARWEN YOUTH ZONE
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SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

BOOK NOW! AGES 8-16

31ST JULY - 25TH AUGUST

Unleash Summer FUN at Blackburn & Darwen Youth Zone's Holiday Club! Join us for an incredible adventure filled with arts, crafts, sports, music, dance, and so much more!

Don't miss out - book your child's place today and let the summer fun begin!

SCAN ME

Scan me to book your place or visit:
<https://www.blackburnyouthzone.org/summer-2023/>

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Online relationship support for parents

Parents in this area can now access THREE ONLINE COURSES from the relationship experts at OnePlusOne. Learn to cope with stress and communicate better, wherever you are in your parenting journey.

<p>FOR ALL PARENTS</p> <p>Arguing better</p> <p>Disagreements are a normal part of life. How you approach them can make all the difference to you, your partner, and your children. You will learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to recognise stress and how it can affect you. How to support each other through difficult times. What causes arguments and how to stop them. 	<p>FOR NEW PARENTS</p> <p>Me, You and Baby Too</p> <p>Learn how to navigate the changes that happen in a relationship when a baby arrives, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How you and your partner can support each other. How to talk to bring up difficult topics. How arguments start, and how to stop them. 	<p>FOR SEPARATING PARENTS</p> <p>Getting it right for children</p> <p>When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle. Learn how to manage conflict to minimise the impact it has on your children, as well as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to stop a discussion from turning into an argument. How to stay calm and listen as well as talk. Skills for finding solutions and making compromises.
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To access the courses, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. They are all FREE to use, so you'll just need to select your local authority area and create an account with a username and password. You can get started by scanning the QR code or visiting: www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents



The Oaks

Money Advice Centre Drop-In Money Advice

Are you struggling with your money?

Do you think you should be entitled to more benefit income?

Have you got unmanageable debts?

Come and see one of the Oaks Money Advice Centre advisors for free advice.

1st Friday of the month.
Little Harwood Children's Centre,
Robinson St, Blackburn BB1 5PE
13:00-16:00
NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED!



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WHOLE SCHOOL updates



St. James' Stars of the Week!

Well done everyone, we are very proud of you. Who will be receiving a certificate next week?

Pre-School & Nursery		Muhammad Ayaan M & Mustafa S & Muhammad Ruhan P & Muhammad- Hassan S	
RB	Khadijah M & Aaysha C	RK	Amna A & Amyra M
1F	Muhammad Taha I & Mohammed Aslam D	1G	Ahmed I & Amreha F
2P	Maaryiah P & Mohammad Umar M	2W	Ibrahim P & Haleema M
3A	Tabraiz M & Zakariyya F	3G	Mitzie-leigh R. & Safa M.
4AC	M.Jabir & Ayesha Z	4B	Hira M & M.Raihaan P
5G	Sarim A & Baktash M	5H	Mehreen A & Ibrahim N
6M	Yasin Z & Zainab P	6VW	Khadeejah J & Uthman P



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Forest Pre-School & Nursery

"What a fantastic week we have had in Nursery and Pre-School. We would like to say a big well done to all the Pre-school children who showed courage during the Graduation on Wednesday! You were all fantastic and showed that you are more than ready to move up to Reception. We look forward to our last week together before the holidays. "

Action

- "Sports day is on Monday 17th. 9am for Pre-School & 10:30am for Nursery. We hope you can join in on the fun! "

Reception

This week we have been practising our writing and maths skills ready for year 1, we can now write our own date and learning objectives! We have loved exploring in the discovery area and are very excited for our farm visit on Friday.

Action

Please bring a strong bag into school before Thursday for your children's books.



YEAR GROUP updates



Year 1

As we are nearing in to the end of an amazing, very busy and memorable year the children have still been very busy. They have continued to learn arrays in maths (multiplication) of numbers. In English, they have continued to innovate and write their own stories with a focus on adjectives. There has been an abundance of practise around a very important competition next week (A St James Eurovision contest). Things are starting to get a little intense.

Action

- Please remember next week to send your child in with a heavy duty plastic bag as this allows them to take their books home for the year. Please continue to encourage your child to be reading, practising handwriting and their phonics and incorporate some opportunities for maths work. Thank you for all your support and guidance with the children especially 1F's parents this week for attending their class worship. Don't forget, if you have any phonics books at home please send them in with the children as soon as possible.

Year 2

The children have had a fantastic penultimate week in Year 2 this week. In Maths they have been looking at the properties of shapes and are beginning to use the new key mathematical vocabulary that they have learnt in their answers. In English they have been retrieving answers from a text, based on Lighthouses.

Action

- "Please continue to read regularly and complete your weekly maths homework. You may also want to begin learning your 3,4 6 and 8 times tables in preparation for next year. "



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

"3G were really excited to have their grown ups in for parent worship, it was lovely to see so many faces! I think you'll agree they did a fantastic job. In school we have been learning mass in Maths and have finished a non chronological report on flowers and plants. "

Action

- Please send children with a strong bag for Wednesday as they will be bringing their school books home on Thursday! On Wednesday we will also be having a song contest in school so Year 3 children are invited to wear green, white or orange for our country-Ireland! Please don't buy anything especially- their white school shirts will be fine if you do not own the other colours of clothing. Thank you.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant week this week especially playing rounders against each other.

Action

- As the final week of school approaches. Please ensure you give your child a strong plastic bag to take home books from school.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 5

This week we have been busy practicing for the Eurovision next week. 5H have also been practicing for their church service which is next Thursday. We have had time to reflect, and thought about all the things we have achieved this year as well as setting personal targets for Year 6.

Action

One more week to go till the Summer holidays. Make sure to come to school everyday and don't forget to read 3x at least.

Year 6

Parents are invited to year 6 Leavers Service next week in the KS2 hall at St James, times will be allocated and a text will be sent out.

Action

- Please could you send your child with a strong carrier bag to be used for their exercise books. Thank You.



PRAYER

for the week

May God's blessing go with us today,
At the end of this school year we pray.
That you keep us safe and give us rest
So we start again renewed and refreshed.

Full of health, full of fun
Ready to come and learn again.

Amen



Swimming Timetable for Year 4 & 5

Tuesday

Year 4AC & 4B

Thursday

Year 5G & 5H

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keep up to date on what is happening
in and around school!

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media pages.

