

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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2023



Doug Stitcher

Mr D Stitcher, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

What a week it's been here at St James'! You may have seen that our local MP asked the Prime Minister a question on our behalf regarding the issues we have had trying to get a survey arranged on the possible RAAC in Key Stage 1.

I am delighted to say that following this, the Department for Education have worked with the Diocese to arrange an urgent survey on the building which took place this morning.

We now have to wait for about 7 days for the results of this which I will obviously share with you as soon as I know. If the survey reveals that RAAC is not present, we will return the children to their usual rooms immediately. If, and we hope this isn't the case, the survey confirms the presence of RAAC, we will then liaise with the Diocese and DfE to have it remedied as quickly as possible!

I would like to thank you all for your understanding and patience during this difficult time and I would also like to thank the staff based in that building for all their hard work and efforts in keeping the children safe and ensuring the disruption has been kept to a minimum.

We will be in touch as soon as we know any more.

I wish you all a pleasant and relaxing weekend!

Mr Stitcher

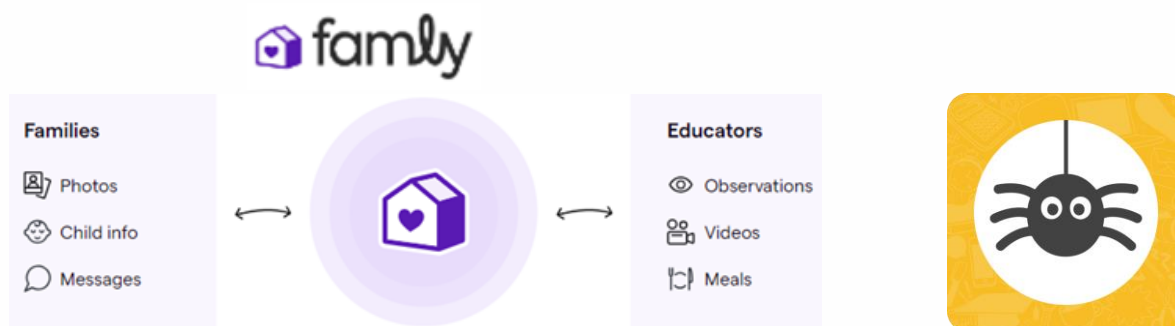


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Nursery Updates/New APP

For this forthcoming year, we will soon be launching a new app for nursery updates and sharing information. We will send out more information regarding this in the next few weeks.



The 'School Spider' App will still be in use for whole school communication. If you haven't already downloaded the app, this can be downloaded from the app store on your mobile device. If you have any problems downloading or using the app, please speak to the school office who will be happy to assist.

Due to the rising costs of produce, we will be increasing the cost of snack money to £1 per week. This will be collected half termly e.g. £7 for this half term which has 7 weeks. You will receive a notification via the app once setup to be paid electronically. This money contributes to fresh fruit, vegetables and healthy snacks, such as crackers and toast, which the children enjoy as part of their snack time in the morning and afternoon. However, if you would like to opt out and provide a healthy snack for your child whilst at nursery, then please do let us know.



HARVEST APPEAL

Each year we collect food for people who may need extra help, and we hold those for less fortunate. We are appealing for donations of non-perishable items. Donations should be brought into school before Monday 18th September.

HARVEST APPEAL

HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOOD BANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST

DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from the list to support people facing hardship.



DONATE MONEY

help to cover the costs of storing and distributing emergency food as well as delivering additional support and advice.



SHOPPING LIST TOP FIVE ITEMS

- Tinned Soup
- Custard
- Rice Pudding
- Rice
- Cereal

*Don't forget...
You can help transform more lives
with a financial donation too.*



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Autumn Term Parents Meeting

Parents Meeting will be taking place on the Wednesday 18th October 2023 & Thursday 19th October 2023 for Reception to Year 6 classes (5J parents meeting will take place Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th October)

The appointment slots for the Autumn Term Parents Meeting will be released on the School Spider App on Monday 12noon.

Walking To and From School Alone

From September 2023, children moving into Year 3 will not be permitted to walk to and from school alone.

The roads around school are very busy at the start and end of the school day so please make sure that your child is brought to school and collected by an adult or responsible older sibling from September.

Thank you for your co-operation!



attendance ~~MATTERS~~



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS 5J WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FOR LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

95% and above	RS	99.0%	2
	RJ	93.1%	
	1S	90.3%	
	1J	93.3%	
90% - 94.9%	2S	99.0%	2
	2J	86.7%	
	3S	98.6%	
	3J	94.3%	
	4S	96.2%	
	4J	89.7%	
Below 90%	5S	90.4%	
	5J	99.6%	1
	6S	86.7%	
	6J	90.3%	

If your child is absent due to illness, the office must be informed before 08:35 on that day.



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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 Shahzain S & Abeeha R & Maryam P & Zohan A	
RS	Melissa FM & Hawa I	RJ	Maryam P & Saraah P
1S	Emaan F & Abu-Bakr V	1J	Shifa P & Aaysha C
2S	Unaima I & Faris C	2J	Haadi F & Aiza R
3S	Rehan A & Zayn H	3J	Alisha W-A & Muhammad M
4S	Annaya N & Umar V	4J	Fatima T & Robyn S
5S	Aysha I & Limar A	5J	Iqra H & Hasan S.
6S	Farha N & Fahima A	6J	Oliver H & Pariza W



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YEAR GROUP *updates*

Forest Pre-School & Nursery

This week in Pre-School and Nursery we have welcomed lots of new children. We have been learning the importance of sharing and we have watched the children develop new friendships. This week we have started learning about the signs of Autumn.

Action

- Talk to your child about their 5 senses. Each week we will learn about a new sense. Next week we are going to learn about hearing with our ears.

Reception

This week we have been practising our accurate touch counting with numbers to 10! We have also been acting out our Goldilocks and The Three Bears story. Reception have been learning a Goldilocks song as well, ask your child if they can remember the words and sing it for you at home.

Action

- "We are in need of wellies for school, if you have any spare wellies which you could donate or if your child has a pair that they can keep in school please let the teacher know. We are still collecting harvest food bank donations. "



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

"Well done everyone for another amazing week. Thank you, for all your support this week, the children have been amazing! We really appreciate it! This week we have been learning all about Firefighters, we have looked at the jobs they do and described what they wear. We had the opportunity to use a firefighter hose to pretend to put out a fire! They are going to write a character description all about Firefighters. In Maths, we have been learning to identify numbers to 20 using groups of ten and ones. 1 group of 10 and 5 ones is....? "

Action

- Spellings and Maths homework will be put into the purple homework books for the children to practice throughout the week. Please continue to read with your child and sign once they have read their book. PE will be on Tuesday's and Friday's, please ensure that the children have the correct kit suitable for the weather.

Year 2

"Year 2 have had another superb week! We have enjoyed reading The Jolly Postman and writing some super sentences. A reminder that PE is on BOTH Wednesday and Thursday. 2J will be leading worship for Harvest in church where parents are invited on the 27.09."

Action

- "Please bring **tinned / dry food in for harvest.** Maths homework is to be completed weekly in homework books."



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

Year 3 have had another brilliant week. We enjoyed our first ukulele lesson, we had a lot of fun and learnt a lot about the instrument. In RE, we are learning about Harvest Festival and preparing for our school Harvest Festival.

Action

- "Please bring in cupboard food donations for the Harvest Festival. Remember to bring in your completed homework on Mondays."

Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic week of learning. They will be planning and writing their own fantasy stories so any support and help at home with ideas are welcome. Thank you for all the Harvest donations so far. If you haven't already brought it in you still have a chance next week.

Action

- "Write any ideas for your fantasy story in your homework books. Please remember any Harvest donations."



YEAR GROUP *updates*

Year 5

This week, in Math's Year 5 have been learning about comparing and ordering numbers up to 1,000,000. In English they have started to write a short story using their grammatical features. In Science, Year 5 are inquisitive in investigating into different materials and their solubility.

Action

Just a quick reminder, next week P.E will be on Monday and Tuesday, (every alternate Mondays) children need to come in their P.E kit.

Year 6

This week 6S worked hard to help develop the garden at the church. The children worked so hard as a team! All children have worked hard on their handwriting this week and class teachers have selected handwriting heroes!

Action

- Reading diaries must be signed. Please remember to bring in donations for the Harvest.



PRAYER

for the week

Dear God

Every child has a new teacher, new class, and a whole new world of learning ahead. Please guide them all as they transition to school.

May You give them confidence to make friends and be part of this new environment.

Help and pray for all those people affected in the earthquake and the floods around the world.

Amen



Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

Follow the school on social media to keep up to date on what is happening in and around school!

Facebook: [@StJamesCofEBlackburn](https://www.facebook.com/StJamesCofEBlackburn)

Twitter: [@st_blackburn](https://twitter.com/st_blackburn)

Please note that you don't need to have an account to view our social media pages.



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