

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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2023



Doug Stitcher

Mr D Stitcher, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you all for joining us at our first parents' evening of this academic year. It was lovely to see so many of you and we hope that you found it an informative and useful meeting.

We have once again noticed an increase in inconsiderate car-use around school; ranging from unnecessary beeping of horns to parking dangerously and illegally.

After half-term, we will be increasing our vigilance and we would ask that everyone considers other road users but, most importantly, the safety of the children. In the last three years, there have been two people knocked down by vehicles as well as a large number of near-misses and damage to property and other vehicles. We would really appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

This week in Celebration and Achievement worship, we celebrated the stars of the week as usual, but we also celebrated some children's achievements outside of school. If your child achieves something significant outside of school (from scoring a goal to winning a dance medal or learning an instrument) please let the school office know and send us some photos that we could include in the newsletter!

We much prefer celebrating children's achievements over ranting about car parking!

Finally, I would like to wish you all a pleasant and safe half-term. We re-open on **Monday 30th October 2023**.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Sticher



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Autumn Term Events:

- **30th October 2023 - Deadline for Secondary Admission**
- **31st October 2023 – 1st payment for Robinwood Residential**
- **29th November, Winter gathering, KS2 hall**
- **5th December, Pantomime in KS2 hall**
- **7th December, Christmas lunch**
- **11th December 2023 at 2:15pm, Year 1 and 2 carol concert, KS2 hall - £1 per ticket**
- **12th December 2023 at 2:15pm, Year 3, 4 and 5 carol concert, KS2 hall - £1 per ticket**
- **13th December 2023 at 2:15pm, EYC and Reception nativity, KS2 hall - £1 per ticket**
- **14th December 2023 at 2:15pm, Year 6 production, KS2 hall - £1 per ticket**
- **21st December 2023 at 10:30am (KS1) & 11am (KS2), Church service**





This year we have arranged for children to watch a **Pantomime** in school performed by SPLATS Learning to Learn company on Tuesday 5th December 2023.

Join Splats circus help Marion get Robin out of another fine mess. We are asking for voluntary contribution of £3.50 per child, there is no obligation to contribute, and children will not be treated differently according to whether their parents have made any contribution. However, if we receive insufficient contributions the event may have to be cancelled. There is no limit to the level of voluntary contribution, nor is there any restriction on the way in which such contributions may be used.

Please submit your contribution via the School Spider app by Tuesday 28th November 2023.



Christmas Lunch Menu

Thursday 7th December 2023



Available to book on School Spider now



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attendance ~~MATTERS~~



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS 4J WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FOR LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

| | | | |
|---------------|----|-------|---|
| 95% and above | RS | 87.0% | |
| | RJ | 90.5% | |
| | 1S | 88.4% | |
| | 1J | 88.4% | |
| 90% - 94.9% | 2S | 96.0% | |
| | 2J | 96.0% | |
| | 3S | 95.0% | |
| | 3J | 96.4% | 🥈 |
| | 4S | 94.7% | |
| | 4J | 98.3% | 🥇 |
| Below 90% | 5S | 93.3% | |
| | 5J | 95.6% | |
| | 6S | 94.2% | |
| | 6J | 91.0% | |

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 | | Sedra A & Hiba H & Ahmed C & Aasiyah R | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| RS | Yusha D & Juwairiyah P | RJ | Amnah H & Zala M |
| 1S | Hawwa A & Humaira M | 1J | Mohammed Dawood A & Ayat Ali A |
| 2S | Haris A & Fatimah Zahra R | 2J | Radwan B & Aaminah P |
| 3S | Muhammad M & Nafia Z | 3J | Zoya A & Mohammad Umar M |
| 4S | M Zayn B & M Eesa F | 4J | Zainab H & Tabraiz M |
| 5S | Ar-Rayyan A & Haider A | 5J | Angel R & Hasan S |
| 6S | M. Rashid & Dima | 6J | Khadijah P & Humaira S |



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YEAR GROUP *updates*

Forest Pre-School & Nursery

We are so impressed with all of the children in Pre-School and Nursery this past half term. The new starters have settled so quickly and so many are starting to build friendships. We look forward to welcoming you all back after the half term break for one of the most exciting terms.

Action

- Have a lovely break.

Reception

This week we have been exploring Nursery Rhymes, we have made duck puppets and performed Five Little Ducks for our class! It is French week and we have learnt how to count to 10 and sing a hello song in French.

Action

- Have a fabulous half term :)



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

"We have reached the end of our first half-term. Well done to all the children for working extremely hard and making us proud. This week, we had French ELO week. We learned about the famous French artist Henri Matisse. The children created their own collages using various shapes and colours. We also sang the famous French song Frere Jacques in French and English. We cannot wait to share our amazing work with the rest of KS1 on Friday. It was great to meet so many parents during Parent's Evening and share your child's amazing achievements over this half-term."

Action

- Please remember to read with your child and practice spellings over the break. Also, if there is a change in who is collecting your child at the end of the day, please could you notify the office as soon as possible. Have a lovely break!

Year 2

"Year 2 have had a brilliant half term and all deserve a relaxing and fun break! As everyone have worked so hard, there will be no maths homework this week. We have been looking at famous buildings in France this week as part of our French ELO activities. We have also enjoyed looking at French songs too. "

Action

- Please ensure **your child's planner is signed three times a week and they regularly read at home.**



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

The children have had a fantastic half term of learning in Year 3. All children have settled in exceptionally well. The children have secured their understanding of how to add and subtract 3 digit numbers crossing the tens barrier, using the formal method of column addition. In English, they have learnt and performed poem, 'Earth Day.' The children have particularly enjoyed our French ELO where they performed their animals song to the rest of KS2!

Action

- Please take time this half term to relax and recharge with your children... maybe over their reading book and Maths homework.! We will see you all back in school on the 30th November.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant half term! They have worked exceptionally hard! We wish you have a restful break during the half term holidays.

Action

- Please practise times tables during the holidays.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 5

What a fantastic half term year 5! You have all worked so hard this term and we are so proud of you all for making a fantastic start to Year 5. This term we have looked at place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division in Maths. In English this week we wrote a newspaper about an Earthquake which included lots of facts and sources.

Action

Please make sure your child logs into century tech over the half term and complete the nuggets assigned. Remember Miss Hussain and Mrs Vali can see how long you have spent on each question and video. Have a lovely relaxing week off :)

Year 6

A huge congratulations to 6J on their fantastic Class Worship performance - you were wonderful! All year 6 have enjoyed French week and have completed some beautiful artwork to depict WW1 inspired by the French artist Georges Seurat using the technique of pointillism. The children have also created their own poetry recordings of 'In Flanders Field'.

Action

- Please ensure your children read over the half term holidays.



PRAYER

for the week

Dear God

Thank you for all our achievements and talents.
Thank you for giving us the determination and resilience to
succeed in so many things.
Help us to continue to strive to be the best that we can be.

Amen



After School Clubs

- **Monday**
Dodgeball club
- **Tuesday**
- Year 1/2 Multi-skills club
- Year 1 Phonics club

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

Facebook: [@StJamesCofEBlackburn](#)

Twitter: [@st_blackburn](#)

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

