

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Doug Stitches

Mr D Stitches, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful break and that you've settled back into the usual routine.

This is only a short half-term with just five weeks of school before the half-term break; but that just means we are even busier than usual!

Next week, we are hosting our special **'Afternoon Tea'** event on **Wednesday 17th January 2024 in the KS2 hall**. To make it easier for parents, we are asking you to arrive between 2:15 pm and 2:30 pm, stay for some (free) refreshments, have a chat with members of staff and then we will finish by about 3 pm in time for you to collect your child.

We would love to see as many of you as possible! There is no charge to attend this event and we will not be selling anything!

You will also see in the newsletter that we have scheduled our book fair for early in February. The flyer includes a QR code so that you can also purchase books using your phone on the day or with in the "old fashioned" way of using actual money!

As the weather gets colder, please keep an eye out for alerts on our app and website for any issues caused by snow or ice. Wherever we can, we will try to open (if that means starting a little later!) so please make sure you can access our alerts.

And finally, we say a temporary goodbye to Mrs Bristol who has started her maternity leave. We wish her all the best.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Stitches



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SPRING TERM DATES:

Wednesday 17th January – Afternoon Tea @ 2:15 – 3pm

Tuesday 30th January – GB Athlete Visit to school

Wednesday 31st January & Thursday 1st February – RS Parents Evening

Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th February - Parents Evening

Thursday 8th February - Book Fair

Friday 9th February – School Closure

Monday 19th February – School open



Afternoon Tea Event

Wednesday 17th January 2024

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm

Join us for our afternoon tea event next Wednesday! Free refreshments and time to slow down and chat to each other and staff! There is no charge to attend this event!



This image is for representation purposes only! It won't look anywhere near as posh as this!

But it's still free!



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BUDGETING SKILLS

Family Hub Livesey
Friday 12th January 2024
9.30 - 11.30 am
5 weeks
Multiply@blackburn.gov.uk
01254 585000

Blackburn with Darwen
ADULT
LEARNING

Managing money
Shopping and cooking on a budget
Understanding bills and finance
Employment Skills



Childcare
Choices

To keep your 30 hours place
check your details are up
to date every 3 months.
gov.uk/childcareaccount

HM Government

Preparation for Parenthood group programme

Support during
pregnancy and
for life with
your new baby
- free group
programme

Come
along!

henry
Healthy Start, Brighter Future

Starting Solids

Free workshops

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Healthy Start, Brighter Future

Introducing solid
foods is the start
of a whole new
chapter for you
and your baby

Come
along!

Come to a Starting Solids workshop to help
you get your baby off to a great start. The
workshop will help you to think about:

- When your baby is ready to try solid food
- What foods to start with
- When your baby is hungry and when they've had enough
- How to make mealtimes an enjoyable experience for both of you

Get in touch to find out more

Scan our QR code to
send us a Whatsapp
message



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Hub
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A POP-UP BOOK-STORE WITH HUNDREDS OF BOOKS FROM JUST £2.99

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER £5.3M BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

NEW **CAT KID COMIC CLUB INFLUENCERS** Save £3 **DAV PILKEY** £12.99 **£9.99**

NEW **George Webster Why Not?** **Clare Taylor** **£7.99** Why not about EVERYTH From CBeebies presenter **George Webster!**

NEW **DIARY of a Wimpy Kid DIPER OVERLODE** **Jeff Kinney** **£7.99**

NEW **LUNA WOLF CODE DANGER** **ALESHA DIXON** **£7.99**

NEW **NINA PEANUT IS AMAZING** Available from 5th February **£8.99** **£7.99**

NEW **THE PANDAS WHO PROMISED** **£7.99**

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Date:
Thursday 8th February 2024

Scan the QR code to pay online!



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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?

RS	97.5%
RJ	85.7%
1S	96.3%
1J	93.4%
2S	89.6%
2J	95.0%
3S	80.0%
3J	83.2%
4S	90.0%
4J	91.4%
5S	82.6%
5J	88.9%
6S	87.5%
6J	94.6%

95%
and
above

90% -
94.9%

Below
90%



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 & Mohamad Azaan Y & Khadijah B & Noman A	
RS	Juwarriya M & Ayaan M	RJ	Maryam P. & Aisha P.
1S	Hassan A & Abu-Bakr V	1J	Ahmed K K & Sienna S
2S	Anaya P & M.Issa P	2J	Musa R & Shehryaar S
3S	Mohammad Anas A & Marius I	3J	Abdullah V & Inaya M
4S	Ismaeel A & Annaya N	4J	Zidan S & Faheemah P
5S	Tooba Y & Medina S	5J	Phoenix Mc & M. Raihaan P.
6S	Suleman S & Sharjeel A	6J	Mohammed Zayn A & Ali Ali



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Forest Pre-School & Nursery

We have had a wonderful week back at Pre-school and Nursery. This week we have started learning the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. We have been so impressed with the children's sitting and listening for this story. It is lovely to see the children back with their friends and we have observed lots of new friendships blossoming.

Action

- Please talk to your child about who their friends are at Pre-school/Nursery

Reception

It has been lovely having all the children back in school this week after the holidays and hearing about what they have been up to. In school the children have enjoyed lots of time outdoors exploring the different areas and working on their gross motor skill. We went on a scavenger hunt to find our new story 'Little Red Riding Hood' and have enjoyed listening to this as well as other traditional tales during story time.

Action

- This week the children will be sent home with their new reading books, it is vital that you support your child with reading at home on a regular basis. Book bags need to come into school daily with children so that books can be changed when needed. Thanks for your support.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

Welcome back and Happy New Year (2024). We hope you had a relaxing break and looking forward to brighter days. PE has changed to Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child comes in their PE kits on these days. Reading books will be given out on Friday, some child will have the opportunity to re-read previous books.

Action

- Please ensure that your child is not wearing any jewellery to school, especially on days we are doing PE, for safety reasons

Year 2

It has been lovely seeing everyone back in school this week! We have enjoyed reading out new text Lila and the Secret of the Rain and making Maasai Jewellery! Y2s PE days have changed now. We will now do PE on TUESDAY and THURSDAY. As we are doing gymnastics this half term, please ensure your children wear appropriate clothing and pumps. If your child wears trainers, they will be expected to take these off to complete gymnastics.

Action

- PE Kit Tuesday and Thursday



YEAR GROUP updates



Year 3

Happy New Year! Thank you to everyone for your Christmas wishes and gifts. We have had a brilliant first week back and the children have settled in well. In PE, we have enjoyed starting Gymnastics, we will be learning to travel and balance in different ways. Year 3 are currently reading Hansel and Gretel in our English lessons, we are looking forward to writing our own fairy tale with a moral in the next few weeks.

Action

- Please send your child to school with school pumps with their names on them, on their PE day. Please read 3x a week. Practise spellings and times tables, daily.

Year 4

Welcome back. We hope you had a lovely break. The children have made a great start to the new term. This week we have been reading a new book called 'Journey to Jo'burg'. The children shared some great predictions and were able to explain their ideas. In Maths, we continued to look at multiplication using different methods to help multiply a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number.

Action

- Please continue to read, sign and date planners at least four times a week. Thank you.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 5

Year 5 have had a lovely week settling back into routine. In Math's we are continuing looking at fractions, learning how to add and multiply mixed numbers with different denominators. In English we have started to look at our new class novel, Boy in the tower written by Polly Ho-Yen. We have started our new topic in Science for this term Earth and Space.

Action

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Year 6

Hope you had a lovely break. This is a really busy term for Year 6 as we get ready for our end of Year SATS. The children has started well looking at Ratio in Maths and at the book of Holes in English.

Action

- Please can you sign your child's reading record if you don't already. Homework is due on Wednesday.



PRAYER

for the week

Dear God

As we begin this new year, we thank you for new hopes & beginnings as we look forward to the year ahead.

We pray that you are with us every step of the way.

Let's all pray for the safety of everyone and peace all around the world.

Amen



After School Clubs

- **Monday**
Y4 Multiplication Club
- **Tuesday**
 - Year 1/2 STEM Multi-skills club
 - Year 1 Phonics club
 - Year 5/6 Girls' Football Club
- **Thursday**
KS2 tag Rugby

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.

