

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Doug Stitcher

Mr D Stitcher, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

We've had a very exciting end to the week with our fabulous House Talent Competition this morning. It was so wonderful to see our children performing and sharing their talents with the whole school.

I'd like to remind you that we will be hosting our coffee morning on Wednesday 7th February at 9:00 am. We hope as many of you will join us as possible! We expect it to last for about 45 minutes.

Next week is our Parents' Evening for all but RS (who had theirs this week). Please do your best to stick to your given times. Our staff love meeting with you and talking about all the wonderful things your children have achieved, but it is

frustrating for them to have to wait around for missed appointments!

Members of the Senior Leadership Team will be available on both nights in both halls should you wish to ask us anything.

And finally, just a reminder that school closes for half-term at the usual time on Friday 9th February 2024 and re-opens on Monday 19th February 2024.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Stitcher



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SPRING TERM DATES:

Wednesday 7th February at 9:00 am – Coffee morning

Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th February - Parents Evening

Thursday 8th February - Book Fair

Friday 9th February – School Closure

Monday 19th February – School open

Tuesday 20th February -Stuart Robinson, a GB Para-Olympian visiting school



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ONLINE SAFETY DAY

On Tuesday 6th February we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2024. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to help to create a better internet. This year the campaign will be focusing on change online, this includes covering:

- **Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology**
- **Using the internet to make change for the better**
- **The changes young people want to see online**
- **The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline**

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, for the UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for parents and carers which are available at:

saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents.

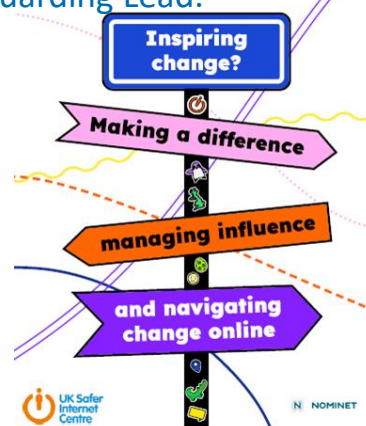
https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_uk/interland

<https://parentzone.org.uk/>

https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/parents/

Whether you have 5 minutes to start a conversation or hours to spare, there are top tips, quizzes and films which you can use at home with your child.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher or our Designated Safeguarding Lead.



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GB WHEELCHAIR RUGBY PLAYER **STUART** **ROBINSON** is visiting this school

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Most
important
role
model?

My son George

Greatest
high?

Winning Gold at the
Tokyo 2020 Paralympics

Top tip
for life?

Never tell anyone they
can't, they will prove you
wrong

Favourite
book?

Legacy by James Kerr

What are you
most grateful
for?

The ability to take my
life forward after life
changing injuries

Who would
you like
to meet?

Denzel Washington

Most
important
subjects at
school?

Science, Maths, and
English. Obviously, P.E.
too!

Stuart Robinson

Stuart grew up with a love for sports and was involved in many different activities from a young age, but he especially loved playing rugby. While serving as a corporal in the Royal Air Force, Stuart sustained an injury and from then on could no longer take part in able bodied rugby. Determined not to give up playing the sport he loved, Stuart discovered Wheelchair Rugby and has been playing at various levels ever since.

Some of Stuart's achievements include:

- ★ 2020 Tokyo Paralympics - Gold
- ★ 2019 IWRF Championships - Gold
- ★ 2017 IWRF European Championships – Gold
- ★ 2017 Invictus Games Wheelchair Rugby – Silver
- ★ 2016 Invictus Games Wheelchair Rugby – Bronze
- ★ 2014 Invictus Games Wheelchair Rugby – Gold



Tuesday 20th February 2024
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20th FEB



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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 2S WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FOR LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

95% and above	RS	89.5%	
	RJ	95.2%	
	1S	86.5%	
	1J	93.0%	
90% - 94.9%	2S	98.0%	🏆1
	2J	96.0%	
	3S	94.0%	
	3J	96.7%	🏆2
	4S	94.3%	
	4J	94.0%	
Below 90%	5S	93.7%	
	5J	95.9%	
	6S	94.8%	
	6J	88.3%	

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		Sedra A & Rimsha F & Rayan Miah & Jannat I & Sarah J	
RS	Zayn P & Zoya N	RJ	Firdaus H. & Amnah H.
1S	Hawwa A & Raabia H	1J	Aysha K & Mohammed Dawood A
2S	M.Eesa M & Bareera B	2J	Mohammed D & Issa P
3S	Judyta A & Farhan A	3J	Khadija B & Rayyan G
4S	M. Siddiq M & Javeria Y	4J	Moez I & Alexandru P
5S	Hassan S & Limar A	5J	Fayha S & Yasa A
6S	Sarim A & Muhammad I	6J	Pariza W & Ali-Akbar K



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YEAR GROUP *updates*

Forest Pre-School & Nursery

This week the children have been learning the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. The children have been great at remembering the order of the story. Well done everyone!

Action

- Ask your child to tell you what happens in the story of 'The three little Pigs'. Can they remember which houses the wolf blew down and which house didn't move?

Reception

The children have enjoyed exploring numbers beyond 10 this week and continuing work on number bonds to 10. In literacy we have read our new class text the Three Billy Goats Gruff and the children have enjoyed acting out the story in our small world area, using arts and crafts to make trolls and building bridges!

Action

- Please remember to read regularly with your child. Lots of children are not returning the books to school, please can you make sure they come back or there may be a charge for them. Thank you.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

"Next week, we will be exploring how to stay safe online during our Internet Safety day on Tuesday 6th February. Please talk to your child about what technology they use and how to keep themselves safe at home. It was lovely to see everyone's talents today and we look forward to sharing more of your talents next time! We had a fantastic English ELO day. The children explored books and presented and performed the story of 'We're going on a bear hunt' by Michael Rossen."

Action

- "We look forward to seeing you all next week during Parent's Evening. We will be looking at your child's writing and preparations for the Phonics Screening in Summer term. If you have any question please let a member of the Year 1 team know and we will be happy to support you."

Year 2

Year 2 have had a super week displaying their talents in the whole school talent competition! We have also been focusing on money this week in our maths lessons, where we have been looking at using different amounts of money for different items.

Action

- A reminder to book Parents' Evening appointments for next week. Also to complete maths and spellings in purple homework books.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

Year 3 have had another busy week. On Monday, we had a brilliant ELO day with a lots of learning and fun. We enjoyed word games, tongue twisters and finding out about the author Zanib Mian. We had a great time watching the talent show.

Action

- "Please continue to read at least 3 times a week. Practise timetables and spellings daily. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>"

Year 4

"What another busy week! On Monday, we had a whole day dedicated to English. The children had lots of fun with word games, learning about a new author and taking part in the spelling bee. Well done to those who competed in this. In Maths, we moved on to length and perimeter. The children used their knowledge of kilometres and metres to work out the answers. Well done to the children who took part in the talent show and performed in front of the whole school. "

Action

- Thank you for signing planners.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 5

"Year 5 have worked really hard multiplying up to 4 digits by 2 and have understood the steps required to get the final answer. Now, they have moved on to short division in which they will be using their times table knowledge to complete their answers. In English, Year 5 have started to read 'Votes for Women' by Jill Atkins. The book is a fictionalised version of events leading to the suffrage of women in 1918. Whilst it is a fascinating read in its own right, the book offers opportunities to understand the effect of key aspects of British history, such as the impact of World War I on the movement for women's suffrage."

Action

Please listen to your child read at home and ask any questions which will enhance their comprehension skills. Thank you for your continued support with your child's assignments on Century Tech.

Year 6

This week, the children in Year 6 have been working hard on their decimal calculations and their writing of non-chronological reports. They are really enjoying the book 'Holes' which is full of plot twists and cliffhangers that have got the children's full attention.

Action

- Collins homework books to be returned daily, please.



PRAYER

for the week

Dear God

Help us to love the world we live in.
Help us to have the courage to be exceptional in all we do.
Help us to respect the people around us
Thank you for making our school your home.

Amen



After School Clubs

- **Monday**
Y4 Multiplication Club
Year 6 SATs Booster 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.



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