

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Doug Stitcher

Mr D Stitcher, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are now only two weeks away from the end of the Spring Term! I hope everyone is enjoying the longer days.

On Monday, our Girls Football Team attended a special tournament at Blackburn Rovers, and we were given some free kit courtesy of Nike for our girls' team to use in future matches. A big well done to everyone involved!

Please can we ask that you make sure we have the most up-to-date contact details for you in case we need to contact you in an emergency. Please contact the school office if your details have changed recently so that we can update our records.

Just a quick reminder of some important dates over the next couple of weeks:

26th March – Robinwood Residential Meeting @ 3:15pm in KS2 Hall

28th March – Easter Church service

28th March - Easter Egg Raffle

28th March - School Closure at end of day at 3:05pm

Please note that we close at the end of the day on Thursday 28th March as Friday is Good Friday and therefore a bank holiday.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Sticher



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SPRING TERM DATES:

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Are your
**CONTACT
DETAILS**
up to date?

Contact the school office
immediately to inform us of **any**
changes to your **contact details** or
childs medical details



Childcare
Choices

To keep your 30 hours place
check your details are up
to date every 3 months.
[gov.uk/childcareaccount](https://www.gov.uk/childcareaccount)



HM Government



Moved address?
New email address?
Have a new mobile phone?



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“Pools to Schools”

We are excited to announce that we will be having ‘Pools to Schools’ at St James’!



After all those years of children writing persuasive letters to Mr Stitcher to persuade him to get a swimming pool on the playground...he has listened!

In July, a 10m x 5m heated swimming pool will be set up on the KS2 playground! Year 4 and Year 6 pupils will have the chance to learn to swim and reach the end of KS2 Curriculum requirement of swimming unaided for 25m. Pupils will participate in daily swimming lessons with a registered swimming teacher and qualified lifeguard to help get the children water confident and educate them on water safety.

In preparation, please can pupils who are currently in Year 4 and Year 6 obtain the following the swimming kit:

- Swimming costume/ Swimming shorts
- Swimming Hat
- Goggles (if required)
- Towel
- Sliders/ flip flops (to be able to walk from the school building to the swimming pool on the playground)
- Old clothes/ dressing gown (to use as a cover up to walk back in to the school building after their swimming lesson to get changed)

If you would like to find out more, please visit the Pools to Schools website on:
<https://prosportcoaching.co.uk/school-support/pools-to-schools/>

Further information on dates and timings will be sent out nearer the time.



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Fox Foundation Football | Year 4 - 6 Girls ONLY sessions

At Fox Foundation Football we are launching a girls only session to children currently in Years 4,5 & 6.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on the details provided.

The Family Hub

Exciting news! The new Family Hub webpage has been launched by Blackburn with Darwen council. Please see the link below to access the new webpage for the Family Hubs which details the services and support for you and your family can access
<https://familyhubsbwd.org/>



Spare wellies & Waterproofs

If you have any spare wellies (sizes 6-13) and/or all in one waterproofs that you no longer need for your child, it would be amazing if we could have them in school as spares.

Thank you so much for your help!



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CELEBRATING EASTER

On Thursday 28th March (the last day of term) we will be focusing on the Christian celebration of Easter. As part of this day we will be attending Church for services at 10:30 (Reception and KS1) and 11:00 (KS2). As part of this service 4J will be delivering a presentation about Easter. All parents are invited to join us in Church for this. Please notify the office if you wish to attend so that we can ensure adequate space.

We will be holding an Easter Egg raffle to raise money for school funds. This is always a really popular event supported by staff donations. Tickets will go on sale from Monday 18th March priced at 20p each.

We are also inviting pupils to decorate an Easter bonnet at home to bring in for a competition on the last day of term. An Easter bonnet is a hat which depicts Spring, Easter and new beginnings. Please see the pictures for some inspiration! We look forward to seeing all your wonderful designs. Thank you for your support.





DEBT AWARENESS WEEK 2024


WHAT ARE WE DOING?

We will be dropping in to the below locations with our friendly debt advisors who will guide you through the essentials of budgeting and understanding your debt to help you better your financial situation.

- Any questions around debt and budgeting are welcome.
- Advice on numerous debt solutions including DRO and bankruptcy.
- Budgeting and managing money.

18  22
MARCH
2024

 10 AM - 2 PM

 *Blackburn and
Blackpool*



EXACT LOCATIONS

18th - Little Harwood Family Hub, Blackburn
10am - 2pm

19th - Blackburn Library
10am - 2pm

19th - Houndshill, Blackpool
10am - 2pm

21st - Houndshill, Blackpool
10am - 2pm



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attendance ~~MATTERS~~



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASSES RS,1J & 4S WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FOR LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

95% and above	RS	98.6%	🏆
	RJ	92.7%	
	1S	94.5%	
90% - 94.9%	1J	98.6%	🏆
	2S	97.0%	
	2J	97.0%	
	3S	96.3%	
	3J	97.5%	🥈
	4S	98.6%	🏆
Below 90%	4J	96.0%	
	5S	90.4%	
	5J	96.7%	
	6S	94.8%	
	6J	95.3%	

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		Khadija S & Fatimah I & Hamza P & Ahmad P	
RS	Zoya N & Rayaan M	RJ	Muhammad H S. & Muhsin P.
1S	All of 1S and M. Isa A	1J	Sienna S and Zareesh W
2S	Mahir K & Sakeena R	2J	Darius D & Aaminah P
3S	Marius D & Zoya H	3J	Muhammad Zain A & Haniya H
4S	Waris K & Asfa S	4J	Umar K & Robyn S
5S	Ar-Rayyan A & Medina S	5J	Angel R & M.Ismail A.
6S	Eesa U and Laurentiu C	6J	Ibraheem M & Khadijah P



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YEAR GROUP *updates*

Forest Pre-School & Nursery

This week we have been learning about the parts of a plant and learning about the life cycle of plants. The children have been enjoying watching the class Amaryllis Flower open up and see the changes everyday. The children have also been observing the flower when painting and drawing it.

Action

- Please ask your child to tell you the different parts of a flower e.g. stem, roots, leaves, flower, petals.

Reception

This week we delivered some magic beans! We have been doing some imaginative writing about where our magical beanstalk will take us. Children have planted their magic bean to take home. In maths we have been exploring patterns using two and three colours.

Action

- "Please listen to your child read at least 3 times per week. For your child to progress in reading and writing they must practise their books as often as possible."



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

"What an amazing week we have had in year 1! Well done to 1S for their amazing Parent Worship. We hope you thoroughly enjoy seeing your child sharing their learning with you! The children have written some amazing innovated stories based on the Gingerbread man. See if your child can retell their story to you. In Maths, we have been looking at fractions, we recapped how to find a $\frac{1}{2}$ of shapes and numbers. We have then explored how to find a $\frac{1}{4}$ of a shapes. What can you make into a quarter?"

Action

- "Next week 1J will have their Parent Worship, we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Please help your child practice their lines at home. Ramadan Mubarak to everyone who is celebrating this special time of the year! "

Year 2

This week the children have enjoyed painting their vehicles in Design Technology and thoroughly enjoyed making bread in RE. We have also worked extremely hard whilst innovating our stories and have wrote amazing non-chronological reports on Florence Nightingale.

Action

- Please remember to complete your homework and read at least three times a week.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

Year 3 have finished making their pneumatic toys this week and we are looking forward to going into the Reception Classes to test them out. In English, we have started to write our own adventure story based on the book, Cliffhanger by Jaqueline Wilson. Thank you Year 3 for another brilliant week.

Action

- "Please continue to read and sign your child's diary at least three times a week. Practise spellings and timestable facts daily. "

Year 4

Year 4 have had another brilliant week. In English, we have been analysing a persuasive text. In Maths we have been looking at adding and subtracting mixed fractions.

Action

- Please ensure children are reading regularly at home



YEAR GROUP *updates*

Year 5

This week we have been focusing on decimals in Math's. In English we have started our new book called 'Greta's Story, the schoolgirl who went on strike to save the planet'. We are going to continue reading this next week to find out how Greta persisted for change!

Action

Homework is on century tech. On Friday, as part of Math's ELO day, we will be having a timetable and division competition so it is important your child practices their timetables. Next week, P.E is on Tuesday only.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have completed their mock SATs in preparation for their upcoming tests in May.

Action

- We are proud of all the effort and perseverance they have put into these tests. The children have made great improvements all year and it is starting to show within these tests.



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
KS1 Well Being 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.

