

# ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Date: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024



*Doug Stitches*

Mr D Stitches, Headteacher

## Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you so much to everyone who has helped contribute to keeping Earl Street safe. The difference is amazing. Of course, we realise that it means a bit of extra planning on your part, but there is no doubt, without selfish parking, your children are safer.

We will be keeping up the initiative indefinitely as the impact is tremendous. We were really pleased that the positive comments far outnumbered the negative ones.

This morning, three vehicles did attempt to drop off either stopping in the middle of the road or on the double-yellow lines. So, if you are the driver of vehicles beginning with **MA60**, **SU07** or **MW68**, please can you park more considerately next week? Remember, it is your children we are trying to protect!

In other news, our Rock Steady Bands put on a fabulous performance in KS2

on Thursday! We are really hoping some more children sign up and you will be getting a flyer about this shortly. We might even put a staff band together to help encourage more children to take part!

Have a lovely weekend, and once again, sincere thanks for your co-operation this week!

Mr Stitches

## PLEASE NOTE:

**Don't forget it is INSET day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 school will be closed for pupils and re-open on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024**



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## ROBINWOOD RESIDENTIAL

The children at Robinwood had a fabulous time. They took part in many activities which tested their fear of heights, cold water and tight spaces. They showed superb qualities such as teamwork, communication and perseverance. The children were also fantastic role models for the school and showed the staff at Robinwood what kind, hardworking and respectful children they are. These memories will be cherished forever.



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# attendance ~~MATTERS~~



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS 3S WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FOR LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

95% and above	RS	94.1%	
	RJ	93.6%	
	1S	96.8%	🏆
	1J	95.0%	
	2S	95.3%	
90% - 94.9%	2J	91.0%	
	3S	93.0%	
	3J	92.6%	
	4S	94.3%	
	4J	93.7%	
Below 90%	5S	92.8%	
	5J	93.2%	
	6S	90.3%	🥈
	6J	92.3%	

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		Fatimah I & Zidan H & Amina K & Aasiyah R & Mohammed Khizar K	
RS	Melissa F M & Unaysah R	RJ	Maryam B. & Aaisha P.
1S	Hassan A & Kiswa H	1J	Yerusalem D & Ayat A
2S	Ilhan N & Fatima K	2J	Maaria H & Muhammad Umar I
3S	Mohammed Hadi A & Haniya R	3J	Inaya M & Hosino S
4S	Hareth J & Annaya N	4J	Moez I & Saifan R
5S	Anayah A & Yusuf A	5J	Kimberley C & Hashim H.
6S	Ibrahim S & M. Aariz	6J	Inaya M & Hosino S



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# YEAR GROUP *updates*

## Forest Pre-School & Nursery

This week we have been continuing to look at animals in the jungle. This week have been focusing on snakes and looking at different snake patterns. The children have been learning to make their own repeating patterns.

## Action

Ask your child to finish the pattern; red, yellow, red, yellow, red...

## Reception

We have had a wonderful week exploring in the sunshine and making worry wands in the discovery area! Thankfully the weather has stayed nice so we have been able to make assault courses and play carnival games outside. Continuing with our outdoor topic we have learnt how to make simple map. Why not see if you can make a map of your house or local area!

## Action

- "Please send children in appropriate PE kit on Fridays - sports trousers, trainers and a white top. We are still in need of wellies if anyone has an spares :)"



# YEAR GROUP *updates*



## Year 1

"In Design Technology, the children have been learning about mechanisms with pivots and levers. They had fun creating see-saws and birds. For Geography ELO, we served our community through litter picking and tidying up our local environment, keeping it safe."

## Action

- "Please see link below regarding the Phonics screening <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/units/56> Please use the link as guidance for pronouncing the Set 1, 2 and 3 phonics sounds.- How to say the sounds- The Phonics Screening Check If you have any questions about the Phonics Screening please let one of the Year 1 team know. "

## Year 2

We've had another wonderful week of learning in Year 2. The children have worked extremely hard to partition 2 digit numbers in different ways and have used a whole part to reason and problem solve. In Design Technology we have thoroughly enjoyed designing our hummus boards and cannot wait to make and eat them! Well done to 2S on their brilliant parent worship and thank you to all of those parents and guardians who attended. We really do appreciate it! We wonder what we will be learning about next week?

## Action

- Please remember the church garden visit for 2J (group 2) will be on Thursday 9th May. We've noticed many children are forgetting to read their books and sign their planners so please can we ask for this to happen at least 3 times a week. Thank you.



# YEAR GROUP *updates*



## Year 3

This week we have enjoyed acting out some playscripts and then planning our own, ready to write next week. In Maths, we have been learning about 2-D shapes and parallel and perpendicular lines. We enjoyed helping our local area by completing some litter picking.

## Action

- "It is getting to that time of the year where the weather is getting warmer (fingers crossed) please ensure that your child has their name and class in all their uniform and coats, e.g. jumpers and cardigans. Please read 3x a week and record in your reading diary. Please practise times tables and spellings."

## Year 4

"This week the children helped the community by picking up litter around the school. They did an excellent job at making sure there was no litter left! In English, we continued reading 'The Water Horse' and started to plan our own stories. The children made some excellent vocabulary choices. In maths, we learned how to partition decimals and looked at tenths and hundredths. Well done to 4S for a great performance during their worship and thank you to all parents and carers who were able to watch this."

## Action

- ""Thank you for your continued support with reading. Please ensure your child is reading at least three times a week and their planners are being signed. Please continue to practise times tables with your child."



# YEAR GROUP *updates*



## Year 5

"Year 5 have started Statistics in their Math's lesson and have started to understand how to read line graphs. In English, they have enjoyed reading Kensuke's Kingdom and have developed their writing skills, using AP sentence types, to write from a different characters perspective. They have also participated in litter picking, hopefully this will enable our children to the concept of environmental responsibility from an early age. They have also learnt that their small efforts can make a big difference in keeping their surroundings clean and preserving nature."

## Action

P.E will be on Monday and Tuesday next week. Please continue to support your child on Century Tech and also with reading at least 3x a week.

## Year 6

What a fun packed week! Half of the year went to Robin Wood whilst the other half carried on in school and thought about spirituality.

## Action

- Two more weeks before our SATS! Please can you be really encouraging to your children, they are all working really hard!



# 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 Phonics Club  
Years 3/4 Athletics Club  
KS2 Computing Club  
Y3/4 Film Club

### Thursday

Rec/Y1 Gardening Club  
Y5 Art 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.



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