

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Doug Stitcher

Mr D Stitcher, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

Firstly, I'd like to thank everyone for coming to and supporting our Summer Fair! It was a wonderful afternoon and we raised almost **£1900!!** I think about 50% of that was from all the people who very kindly paid to throw sponges at Mr Grogan and me!

I would also like to thank all the staff who helped on the stalls, organising it and making sure it was such an enjoyable day for everyone!

Yesterday, the children met their new teachers during our transition day – hopefully, they told you all about it and didn't just say 'good' when you asked how their day was like my two do!

We are now just two weeks away from the Summer Holidays, so I have left the last few dates opposite to help you plan.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Stitcher

KEY DATES!

12th July 2023 at 10:30am and 2:15pm, Early Years Graduation, KS2 hall

17th July 2023, Nursery/Pre-school sports day

20th July 2023 at 10:30am (KS1) and 11:00am (KS2), End of year church service, St. James' Church

20th July 2023 at 1:30pm, Year 6 leavers worship, KS2 hall



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Summer Fair Donations

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Summer Fair. We are pleased to inform we have raised £1900. Can we take this opportunity to thank all the contributors for their kind donations:

BARKATS CASH & CARRY



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Summer Raffle

Tickets on sale from Monday 10th July to Monday 17th July 2023.

20p a ticket, 5 for £1.00

We are holding a Summer raffle in school to raise money for the school fund. The school fund has a huge impact on the children's learning as it subsidises many out of classroom opportunities from educational trips to extra-curricular activities. Previous funds raised have supported experiences such as; residential trips, class trips, and celebrations within school.

Thank you very much for your support.

Lomas Office Supplies – Canon HP Printer

Kebabish - £30 Voucher

Mi Chaii – Afternoon Tea or Thava for 2

Chaayne Paani – 12 doughnuts

Bowland Wild Boar Park – Family Pass

Waheeds Buffet & Banqueting Hall – Voucher for meal for 2

Blackburn Rovers – 2 Adult Tickets

Harry Potter Trivial Pursuit Game

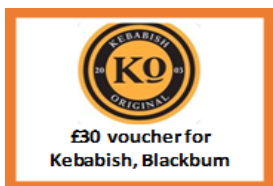
X2 Double Goose Feathers & down duvet

Viking Direct - Puma Ruksack

Donated Gift Hampers

Holland's Pies – 1 year supply

PLUS MANY MORE EXCITING PRIZES UP FOR GRABS



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Charity Collection

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far to this term's charity collection for The Guide Dog Society and Blackburn and District Blind Society. The final day for donations will be Monday 10th July.

Every little helps!



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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		Ajwa F & Muhammad P & Juwarriya M & Rayyan A	
RB	Ayat A & Sireen B	RK	Amna A & Amyra M
1F	Zain J & Maryam I	1G	Faris C & Fatima K
2P	Nma A & Rayyan G	2W	Ali A & Aisha U
3A	Nazir S & Fatimah M	3G	Umaynah A. & Javeria Y.
4AC	Limar A & Aysha I	4B	Afraz M & Malayeka H
5G	Ibrahim N & Aizah S	5H	Adam N and Ayaan A
6M	Kashma B & Nadia J	6VW	Saliha B & Zayn A



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YEAR GROUP *updates*



Forest Pre-School & Nursery

This week in Pre-School and Nursery we have been following on with our topic of Dinosaurs. The children are soaking up so many facts about Dinosaurs and have even learnt an educational song all about different kinds of Dinosaurs. See if your child can sing this to you!

Action

- Can you follow a step by step youtube video on how to draw a dinosaur?

Reception

We have had a fabulous week, thank you to all children who have participated in online learning. The children had lots of fun meeting their new year 1 teacher and exploring their new classrooms.

Action

It is our farm visit next Friday so please make sure children are wearing suitable footwear and have a coat.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

"We have had a very busy and exciting week. Thank you to you all for support during the Summer Fair. It was an outstanding turnout! I hope your children enjoyed meeting their new class teacher and are looking forward to starting Year 2. We can't believe how much the children have all grown. They have all made us extremely proud and we look forward to the last couple of weeks in Year 1."

Action

- Thank you for all your support this year. We couldn't have done it without you 😊

Year 2

We've had a wonderful, eventful week in Year 2. Well done to all the children for demonstrating an exceptional effort at making scrumptious sweet cones to sell at the summer fair. They were thoroughly enjoyed by all, young and old! We've had a fantastic end to the week whilst meeting our new teachers for next year and cannot wait for September to come! The final few days to end this academic year are now in sight!

Action

- "Please continue to read regularly and complete your weekly maths homework. You may also want to begin learning your 3, 4 6 and 8 times tables in preparation for next year."



YEAR GROUP *updates*

Year 3

This week we had an indoor sports day which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We also had our Summer fair and it was great to see so many families and meet parents. As well as this, Year 4 have enjoyed their transition day in to year 5 and met their new class teacher for September.

Action

- A final reminder that 3G will be holding a parent worship next Thursday 13th July at 2.40pm, we look forward to seeing you there!
- final week for swimming.

Year 4

This week we had an indoor sports day which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We also had our Summer fair, and it was great to see so many families and meet parents. As well as this, Year 4 have enjoyed their transition day into year 5 and met their new class teacher for September.

Action

- Next week is the final week for swimming.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 5

It's has been a rather busy and hectic week and will be nice to return to some normality during the penultimate week of the school year. This week the children have met their new teacher and written letters to be Head Boy or Head Girl. Candidates will soon be interviewed by Mr Stitcher so good luck to all who applied."

Action

Swimming returns for the final session next week so please remember full swimming kit. This will be the pupils final swimming session at St James.

Year 6

Year 6 have been visiting their new schools this week. We hope you have had a lovely time experiencing your next venture!

Action

- Keep rehearsing your leavers songs!



PRAYER

for the week

Dear God

Bless our School,

Thank you for looking after our school,
Helping us to learn, play & share together

Thank you for everything

Amen



Swimming Timetable for Year 4 & 5

Tuesday

Year 4AC & 4B

Thursday

Year 5G & 5H

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

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have an account to view our social
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