

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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2023



Doug Stitcher

Mr D Stitcher, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

Well, nobody can say it is ever boring or dull here at St James'! I'm sure many of you will have heard that the fire alarm went off on Tuesday in KS1. This was a false alarm caused by a faulty sensor which we have now had replaced, but that doesn't make up for the fact it happened on a day when torrents of rain were coming down! Well done to all the children and staffed who coped with the situation brilliantly – and at least the children got to see a fire engine on a real call-out!

I am delighted to let you know that we have now received our RAAC survey back which has revealed that our KS1 building **does not** have RAAC. This means that we can completely re-open the building immediately.

All collection points and pick-up points will return to normal and we can get on with the year without having to worry about crumbling concrete.

Thank you to all the staff who moved their entire classrooms at a moment's notice two weeks ago, and thank you to all the parents and carers who've had to change their pick up points three times already this year!

I know it has been disruptive but nothing is more important than keeping your children safe so I hope you can understand why we responded the way we did to the initial inconclusive survey.

Hopefully, next week's newsletter will be filled with good news from all the amazing things we have done in school rather than focusing on the building so much!

I wish you all a calm and peaceful weekend! I'm taking my daughter to University tomorrow so we're expecting an emotional weekend!

Mr Stitcher

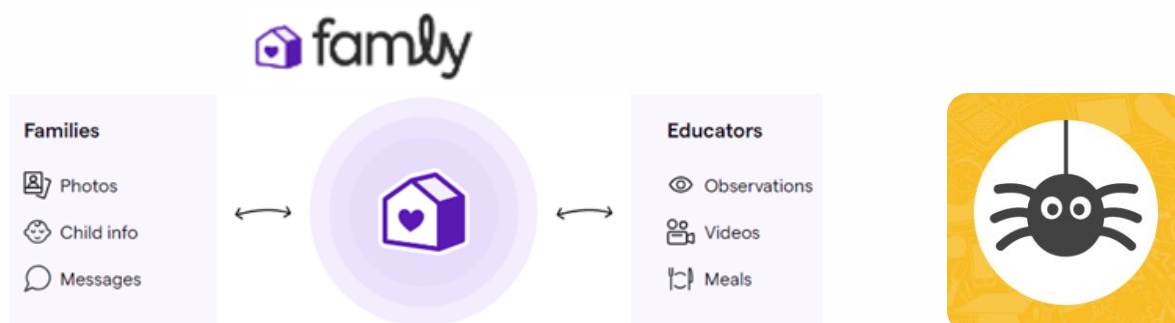


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Nursery Updates/New APP

For this forthcoming year, we will soon be launching a new app for nursery updates and sharing information. We will send out more information regarding this in the next few weeks.



The 'School Spider' App will still be in use for whole school communication. If you haven't already downloaded the app, this can be downloaded from the app store on your mobile device. If you have any problems downloading or using the app, please speak to the school office who will be happy to assist.

Due to the rising costs of produce, we will be increasing the cost of snack money to £1 per week. This will be collected half termly e.g. £7 for this half term which has 7 weeks. You will receive a notification via the app once setup to be paid electronically. This money contributes to fresh fruit, vegetables and healthy snacks, such as crackers and toast, which the children enjoy as part of their snack time in the morning and afternoon. However, if you would like to opt out and provide a healthy snack for your child whilst at nursery, then please do let us know.



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attendance ~~MATTERS~~



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS 5J WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FOR LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

95% and above	RS	98.5%	2
	RJ	98.1%	
	1S	94.8%	
	1J	97.6%	
	2S	98.0%	
90% - 94.9%	2J	97.0%	
	3S	97.9%	
	3J	98.9%	2
	4S	96.7%	
	4J	90.3%	
Below 90%	5S	96.4%	
	5J	99.6%	1
	6S	95.0%	
	6J	94.1%	

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		Zakariyah A, Aysha B, Ayman P & Zohan S	
RS	Juwarriya M & Anabia I	RJ	Ibrahim M. & Aaisha P
1S	Amna A & Unathi N	1J	Fatima Noorah. H & Aasiya C
2S	Safia S & Uzair M	2J	Maryam I & Radwan B
3S	Asra F & Hayam D	3J	Mohammad Ibraheem J & Inaya M
4S	Muhammad P & Dua R	4J	Fatimah M & Umar K
5S	Amir K & Aazim H	5J	Sabeeh A & Shujah Ahmed
6S	Ayaan R & Kubra M	6J	Mehreen A & Ibrahim N



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YEAR GROUP *updates*

Forest Pre-School & Nursery

The children have really enjoyed exploring the book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. They have acted out the story and created bears in continuous provision. The children have also worked really hard to improve their listening skills during carpet time. Well done everyone!

Action

- No actions

Reception

This week we have been searching for signs of Autumn in our discovery area, we even found a millipede! The children are doing very well at learning how to be independent during snack time as well as trying new fruits and vegetables. We have enjoyed drawing and learning about root vegetables in our Harvest topic, and we all had a wonderful time in church for our Harvest celebration!

Action

- Please name your child's clothing with a permanent marker, including coats, jumpers, shirts and trousers.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

We have had another super week in Year 1! This week we have been investigating material and their properties in Science. What materials can you find at home? Can you describe their properties? e.g. shiny, smooth, opaque, transparent, rough. This week we have been explorers. We have looked at Blackburn and described its features. What do you know about Blackburn?

Action

- "Please remember to continue to practise weekly spellings and sign your child's Reading Planner once they have read their book! Remember you can always enjoy reading your book more than once! Homework will be collected every Friday and new spellings and Maths work set."

Year 2

It has been another wonderful week of learning in Year 2. The children have worked extremely hard at ordering 2 digit numbers and rounding numbers to the nearest multiple of 10. We have also enjoyed writing an alternative ending to the story of the Jolly Postman and have been creative whilst designing their own healthy lunchboxes in Science. A special well done to 2J for their amazing 'Harvest presentation'. We can't wait to see what we learn about next week!

Action

- **As we are now in the season of autumn please can we remind all children to wear appropriate outdoor clothing depending on the weather.**



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

This week the children have really enjoyed tasting and appraising lots of different fruits and vegetables, to decide what they would like to use in their own sandwiches. Their singing was amazing in Church on Thursday, and it has been fantastic to witness the generosity of the Harvest gifts. Children should have completed their 'Star Reading Tests' this week, and should have been given a ZPD in relation to their reading ability. Their reading books should now be in line with their ZPD scores.

Action

- "Please continue to read with your child at home, so that they can complete their reading quizzes online in school. Maths homework will be given out every Monday, and is based on what the children have been learning about that week. Any Harvest donations would be greatly appreciated. Thank you. "

Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant week this week. In Maths we have been comparing numbers to 10,000 and we have been planning a fantasy story in English.

Action

- Please ensure children are reading regularly at home and reading diaries are being signed at least 3 times a week.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 5

This week we have been rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. We have also looked at rounding numbers within 100,000 and 1,000,000. In English we are reading 'Outlaw' and we are getting ready to write up our plan for our very own action story next week. We are looking forward to reading some exciting stories using a range of sentences.

Action

Next week, P.E is on Tuesday only. Please make sure your child completes all their homework by Wednesday and reads regularly at home. Miss Hussain and Mrs Vali will be signing diaries every Friday morning to check who is reading at least 3x. Have a lovely weekend.

Year 6

This week 6S have continued their work developing the Church garden, a super team effort well done! 6J will be helping out over the next 2 weeks more information to follow. All the children have worked exceptionally hard in their maths assessments this week we are so proud of their positive attitudes!

Action

- Reading diaries must be brought every day. 6J will be helping out at the church garden next Thursday afternoon.



PRAYER

for the week

Dear God

May the blessings upon our whole school community grows in the knowledge of Your truth, love, wisdom, and peace.

Help and pray for all those people affected in the earthquake and the floods around the world.

Amen



Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

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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