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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

What a week it's been for football fans! It was lovely to see everyone supporting the national team today in their football shirts and their England colours. Let's hope Sunday night goes to plan!

On the topic of football, I am really excited to tell you that we will be getting a brand new 4G AstroTurf pitch installed on the Key Stage 2 playground after the summer. This will be used for football as well as netball, hockey and lots of other sports. Our children will also be able to use it at playtimes and at lunchtime. Thank you to school council who came up with the idea a few months ago!

As you will have heard in the press, the Government have changed the rules regarding COVID-19 for schools from September. We are still in the process of finalising how this will affect us but hope to let you have some more details next week.

In the meantime, I hope you all have a lovely weekend. And you never know... maybe it really is coming home!

Mr D. Stitcher  
Headteacher

Year Group	Information	Action required?
Whole School	<p>Key dates:</p> <p>20/07/2021 – School closure after school for Summer break 02/09/2021 – School reopens at 8.40am for Autumn term 22/10/2021 – School closure after school for Autumn half term break</p> <p>For a copy of the St. James' Primary, Pre-School and Nursery term and holiday pattern click here: <a href="#">2021/22 Holiday Pattern</a></p> <p>Year 2 children that are moving up to Year 3 in September will no longer be eligible for Universal Free School Meals. School meals will cost £2.25 a day (£11.25 per week).</p> <p>If you think your child is eligible for free school meals – please visit: <a href="https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-meals">https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-meals</a></p>	No action required.

EYC	<p>This week the Pre School children have been rehearsing for their Graduation. Please continue to learn 'Build Up' and 'Sunshine in My Heart' at home!</p> <p>Our Nursery children have been learning to draw and paint faces using mirrors to help them.</p> <p>The children have all enjoyed Minibeast hunts and wet weather play this week.</p> <p>Please remember to send your child to school wearing a coat if the weather is wet.</p>	<p>Rehearse Graduation songs at home.</p> <p>Remember to send your child with a coat in wet weather.</p>
Reception	Well done to all the children who are working hard on improving their letter formation. Keep this up, your Year 1 teachers are going to be very impressed!	No action required.
Year 1	<p>We hope all the children have enjoyed all the topics taught this week. The children this have learnt the French colours. Why not challenge your children to name the colours in French, using the clip below to help with the pronunciation.</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZR66TjirDc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZR66TjirDc</a></p> <p>Thank you for all your support, you have all been amazing.</p>	No action required.
Year 2	<p>With lots of exciting events happening in school next week, we have decided to move our PE session from Friday to Tuesday. Can all pupils ensure that they come into school in their PE kits on Tuesday.</p> <p>In the final week we will also be sending pupils work home and some school books, please can pupils bring a plastic bag into school on Monday.</p>	<p>Monday 12th July – Plastic Bag</p> <p>Tuesday 13th July – PE Kits</p>
Year 3	<p>This week was Engaging Learning Opportunities week. The children had lots of fun taking part in different activities.</p> <p>Year 3 designed their own P.E kit and thought about their favourite activities in P.E, they asked questions about artefacts in history, made their own fidget toys in design and technology and completed many more fun activities.</p> <p>Well done for all of your hard work this week.</p>	No action required.
Year 4	<p>It has been a pleasure to see everyone having a fantastic time during our Engaging Learning Opportunities Week! Everyone looked to be having lots of fun both in class and online!</p> <p>4N, thank you for being so well behaved on your class trip, it was a great experience enjoyed by all staff and pupils!</p> <p>Please can both Year 4 classes wear their PE kits on Wednesday, next week, instead of Monday. As end of year events are taking place on Monday, the lesson slot has been moved.</p>	PE on Wednesday – not Monday.
Year 5	<p>What a fantastic week Year 5! The children were all superb on the school trip, and everyone enjoyed all of the outdoor activities!</p> <p>Classes have been off normal time table this week and have participated in a range of exciting Engaging Learning Opportunities Week.</p> <p>Please be aware that there will be no more swimming sessions this academic year.</p>	No action required.

Year 6	<p>This week, Year 6 pupils have participated in 'Engaging Learning Opportunities' week. Over the course of the week, the children have completed a range of fun activities including creating a fidget toy in Design and Technology. On Wednesday, both 6M and 6P visited Bowley Scout Camp and thoroughly enjoyed grass sleighing, orienteering and archery with their friends.</p> <p>Just a reminder that next Thursday is the Year 6 Leavers Service. All parents and guardians will be invited to attend the service virtually over Microsoft Teams. The pupils will be presenting a song in sign language and a special leavers video will be shown for the Year 6 pupils. Please make sure you are familiar with your child's login details to be able to watch the Year 6 Leavers Service.</p>	No action required.
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Prayer for the week:

Dear God,

We thank you for giving us your peace.  
 Help us to spread peace at home and at school by loving and caring for one another.  
 Help us to spread peace by listening to one another, even when we don't agree.  
 Let us pray every day for peace for our families, our friends, ourselves and our world.

Amen

