

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Doug Stitcher

Mr D Stitcher, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

It's beginning to feel a bit more like Autumn now so please keep an eye on the weather forecasts – remember, children in Key Stage 1 often come over to the Key Stage 2 building for worship so will need coats if it's raining!

This week, we've had lots of visitors in school talking to the children. Archdeacon David Picken, the Archdeacon of Lancaster came to lead worship for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 before having a question-and-answer session with the Worship Committee. The children learned all about the role of the Archdeacon within the Anglican church and David talked about the importance of all faiths.

We also had a visit from the Bethany Project as part of our Black History months activities.

from a school in Tanzania perform and learned all about how their lives were different (and the same) as ours.

We now have a rota for SLT to be on Oozebooth Terrace in the mornings – usually wearing bright yellow jackets! So, if you do need to speak someone, we will be there every day until the gates close at 8:40 am. I will be there on Mondays and Wednesdays.

And finally, a huge well done to 4J and Mrs Wright and Mrs Riaz for achieving a magnificent 100% attendance last week! It makes such a difference when the children are in school every week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Stitcher

The children watched a small choir



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Forthcoming Dates:

- **17th October 2023 – Pupil Photos in school**
- **18th & 19th October 2023 – Parent's Evening**
- **30th October 2023 - Deadline for Secondary Admission**
- **31st October 2023 – 1st payment for Robinwood Residential**
- **5th December 2023 – Pantomime in school**
- **7th December 2023 – Christmas Lunch**
- **15th December 2023 – 2nd Payment for Residential Payment**
- **21st December 2023 – Church Service**
- **21st December 2023 – School Closure**



THIS WEEK...



The Archdeacon David Picken visited KS1 children yesterday. Archdeacon David Picken, of Lancaster came to lead worship for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 before having a question-and-answer session with the Worship Committee.

Yesterday afternoon we welcomed the Headteacher and students from the Bethany Children's home and school in Tanzania. They shared songs and the stories of the challenges they face in Tanzania and the help they receive from the Bethany Project.
<http://www.bethanyfamily.net/>





Poppies will go on sale in school from Monday 16th October. If your child would like to buy a poppy, or any of the other items on sale, please send in the donation on the correct change. Snap bands, wristbands, keyrings are on sale for £1 each.



attendance ~~MATTERS~~



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS 4J & 3S WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FOR LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

95% and above	RS	94.5%	
	RJ	95.7%	
	1S	90.0%	
	1J	92.6%	
90% - 94.9%	2S	92.7%	
	2J	92.7%	
	3S	99.3%	🏅
	3J	96.4%	
Below 90%	4S	98.7%	
	4J	100.0%	🏆
	5S	97.0%	
	5J	98.1%	
	6S	98.0%	
	6J	90.7%	

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		Mohammad Isa S & Hisham K & Noman A & Ibrahim B	
RS	Rayaan M & Unaysah R	RJ	Amna S & Muhammad P
1S	Anastasia A & M. Isa A	1J	Zareesh W & Zara A
2S	Bareera B & Mahir K	2J	Ayesha P & Abdelgader A
3S	Judyta A & Ibrahim P	3J	Athar G & Ulfah R
4S	Waris K & All of 4S	4J	Zainab L & Muhammed G
5S	Eshal A & Aliya R	5J	Afraz M & Liyanah P
6S	Amaara & Mihai	6J	Adam S & Essa F



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YEAR GROUP *updates*

Forest Pre-School & Nursery

This week in Pre-School and Nursery we have been learning about the different ways we are Special. The children have learnt about how they are all different and that is what makes them Unique. We have been discussing our hair colour, eye colour, skin colour, who we live with and what our favourite things are. We have also been talking about the sense 'Taste'. The children have been trying porridge and talking about their favourite food.

Action

- Talk to your child about different tastes. Can they identify sweet, salty and sour tastes?

Reception

This week the children have been discussing their likes/dislikes during circle time and sharing their favourite stories. They have also created a self portrait using mixed media and they are really proud of them, as are we! In literacy the children have had lots of fun acting out the story of Peace at Last, if you ask them they may show you!

Action

- If you have any family photos or photos of your family home that you are willing to share, please could you email them to the office: office@stjames.blackburn.sch.uk. We are learning all about our families and it would be lovely for the children to be able to share these with the class.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

We are looking forward to seeing you all next week to talk about all your child's amazing achievements this half term. If you have any questions about Parents Evening, please let one of the Year 1 staff know. This week, we have been taking some time to look after our mental health and we have discussed ways in which we can support ourselves and others.

Action

- Please continue to read with the children and sign their diaries once read and practice their spellings throughout the week. Their scores will go in their purple homework books.

Year 2

We have had a super week looking at writing our own adventure story where we have tried to use lots of description! In D.T, we have made finger puppets where we used lots of different materials and attached these in a variety of different ways. Here are some of our examples:



Action

- Please ensure **your child's planner is signed three times a week and they regularly read at home.**



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

The children have had another fantastic week of learning in Year 3! They have planned and wrote a persuasive letter to Mr Stitcher in English, and begun to use the column addition in Maths. In Geography the children have learnt how to read and plot a 4 figure grid reference, so hopefully they won't get lost in the future!

Action

- Please can you continue to read as much as possible with your child at home, so they can quiz on the reading app in school, to change their reading books. Maths homework will be set on a Monday morning, and marked the following Monday. The homework set is in line with what the children are learning about that week in Maths. As always if you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher through the office. Thank you!

Year 4

Year 4 have had another brilliant week. In Maths, we have been subtracting 4 digit numbers with exchange. In English we have been looking at Newspaper reports. A big thank you to the parents who attended 4S's worship!

Action

- Please ensure reading diaries are signed at least 3 times a week. Please allow children to practise times tables regularly at home, to help them prepare for their times tables test.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 5

Year 5 have had another brilliant week of learning. In English we have started to write and articulate a newspaper article based on the non-fiction text we are reading. In Maths, Year 5 are developing their skills in Multiplication and Divisions. Thank you to all parents for taking the time to meet with Mrs Valli this week. I hope that our meeting was able to provide you with some valuable insight into your child's progress in school.

Action

Year 5 have PE on Monday and Tuesday next week. Please sign reading dairies at least 3 times a week. Please could you support your child to recap their time tables regularly to help them in Maths.

Year 6

Next Thursday 6J will be leading class worship - we look forward to parents attending. Some children from 6J will then be gardening in the afternoon, if your child has been chosen, please ensure they bring a spare set of clothes for this. All the children really enjoyed the visit from the Bethany Children this week and have been inspired to do what they can to support this charity.

Action

- "Reminder that Parents Evening takes place next week. Parents of 6J please join our class worship on Thursday. "



PRAYER

for the week

Dear God

Please bless our staff & help guide our pupils to help them
be excellent role models

Let your blessings shine on our school, children and families

Amen



After School Clubs

- **Monday**

Dodgeball club

- **Tuesday**

- Year 1/2 Multi-skills club
- Year 4 Multiplication club
- Netball Club
- Year 1 Phonics 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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