

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Doug Stitcher

Mr D Stitcher, Headteacher



Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely half-term!

This week, we were thrilled to welcome Mrs Williamson back after her illness.

She has very kindly allowed us to share this photograph of her 'ringing the bell' after completing her treatment!

It's true what they say, a picture really is worth a thousand words!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Stitcher



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Autumn Term Events:

- **29th November, Winter gathering, KS2 hall**
- **5th December, Pantomime in KS2 hall**
- **7th December, Christmas lunch**
- **9th November – 2:30pm – Reception phonics workshop, KS1 hall**
- **6th December – 2:30pm – Reception Stay & Read session, classrooms**
- **11th December 2023 at 2:15pm, Year 1 and 2 carol concert, KS2 hall - £1 per ticket**
- **12th December 2023 at 2:15pm, Year 3, 4 and 5 carol concert, KS2 hall - £1 per ticket**
- **13th December 2023 at 2:15pm, EYC and Reception nativity, KS2 hall - £1 per ticket**
- **14th December 2023 at 2:15pm, Year 6 production, KS2 hall - £1 per ticket**
- **21st December 2023 at 10:30am (KS1) & 11am (KS2), Church service**



You can now make your contribution towards the Pantomime in school on Tuesday 5th December 2023. We are asking for voluntary contribution of £3.50 per child, there is no obligation to contribute, and children will not be treated differently according to whether their parents have made any contribution. However, if we receive insufficient contributions the event may have to be cancelled. Please submit your contribution via the School Spider app by Tuesday 28th November 2023.



You can also book now for the Christmas lunch on Thursday 7th December 2023 via the School Spider App.

Please remember to order your child's lunches on the school spider app. This can be done for the full term now and ensures your child received a hot school meal.



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COME & JOIN IN WITH OUR

St. James' Winter Gathering

Wednesday 29th November

Join us in the KS2 hall
Come in and warm up
with a selection of
food and drink

We look forward to welcoming:

- * KS2 children & parents from 2:30pm
- * Nursery and KS1 children & parents from 3:10pm

All proceeds go to the School Fund

The school fund has a large impact on the community and children's learning as it provides 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.



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Dear Parents/Carers,
**WOOHOO... MONDAY
13TH NOVEMBER IS
ODD SOCKS DAY!**



WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 13th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, Make a Noise.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.



WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

It's so easy 😊 Here's what you do:

- 1. Make sure your child wears odd socks to school**
- 2. Donate £1 to help the Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on important work**
- 3. If you want to, you can share a photo online using #OddSocksDay #AntiBullyingWeek and tag @abaonline and @AndyOddSock on Twitter. Or @antibullyingalliance and @andyandtheoddssocks on Instagram.**

Monday
13TH
November

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Every penny goes to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help continue all their work. We can't wait to see all the Odd Socks on Monday 13th November ...

If you have any questions please ask:



 **ANTI-BULLYING
ALLIANCE**

ORGANISER

**MAKE A
NOISE
ABOUT
BULLYING**

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

**Andy and the
Odd Socks**

PARTNER

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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	89.5%
	RJ	95.2%
	1S	96.0%
	1J	95.0%
	2S	97.0%
90% - 94.9%	2J	96.7%
	3S	97.3%
	3J	96.2%
	4S	97.0%
	4J	97.9% 
Below 90%	5S	94.8%
	5J	98.2% 
	6S	96.7%
	6J	92.4%

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 G & Liyana R & Rico M & Adam K	
RS	Ajwa F & Duha S	RJ	Firdaus H & Zoya Q
1S	Amyra M & Aaminah G	1J	Sireen B & Huda A
2S	Urwa R & Ahmed I	2J	Aisha Chen & Shehryaar Saqab
3S	Huda P & Muhammad Rehan Q	3J	Rehan Rehan A & Umer M
4S	Javeria Y & Manahil M	4J	Amaan M & Fatima P
5S	5S & Musa P	5J	Iman M & M. Aryaan A.
6S	Hafsa M & Azaldin A	6J	Aizah S & Abdullah I



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YEAR GROUP *updates*

Forest Pre-School & Nursery

We have had a great first week back in Pre-School and Nursery. This week we have been learning about the tradition of Bonfire Night. The children have enjoyed acting like fireworks and making bonfire and firework art work. This week we have been talking about the school value of 'Courage' and how the children might need to show Courage during firework displays as they can be very noisy.

Action

- Please make sure you have now access to the Family app, if you have any problems/questions please ask Nursery staff or the office. Thank You.

Reception

We have loved exploring Autumnal creatures this week and creating bubble printing pictures! We have also started our new topi book "Lost and Found" where the children have been discussing vocabulary and writing simple words about the pictures. In maths we have been representing numbers 1 - 10 as well as writing them and counting one more.

Action

- "Reading books will be changed every Friday. Please ensure children come to school with their reading book bag, reading record and book every day. All children must wear correct school uniform and black school shoes everyday. The only exception for trainers is Friday during PE day."



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

"Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely break. This week we have started to explore life on a farm through the story of 'What the Ladybird heard'. Discuss with your children what they might see on a farm. Making patterns. We have been counting in 2's and 5's as well as making patterns. Why not try and make your own patterns at home. Watch this video about patterns - Go Noddle <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQ9q4U2P3ig>"

Action

- Please continue to practice the children's spellings throughout the week and please sign their planners once they have read.

Year 2

"Welcome back Year 2! We are so pleased to see you all back in school, ready to learn and enjoy amazing learning experiences! This week in Science, we've learnt about which materials are absorbent by creating 'rainbows' and enjoyed making origami pigs for our new fictional text in English. In P. E we had a fantastic time creating an animal dance motif to the song, 'I wanna be like you' from the Jungle book. We can't wait to see what we learn about next week!

Action

- Please remember to read at least 3 times a week and sign your planners, leaving a comment if you wish to do so.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

Welcome back, we hope you had a great half term. This week, we have started our new text, George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl. The children have really enjoyed the humorous description in the text and we are very grateful that our families are not like Grandma. In PE, we have started a new topic and we will be learning about different dances from around the world.

Action

- "Please continue to read at least three times a week. Practise your spellings weekly. Complete Maths homework for Mondays."

Year 4

Year 4 have made a great start to the term and settled in well. The children have revisited using the column method to add and subtract. In English, they have started reading a new book which they are really enjoying. The children have particularly enjoyed learning about sound in science.

Action

- "Thank you for reading at home. Please continue to sign planners each week. Please bring in a cardboard tube for design and technology."



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 5

"This week, in English, Year 5 have started to read 'Street Child' which is a tale based on the true story of the orphan whose plight inspired Doctor Barnardo to set up his famous children's refuge. In Maths, Year 5 are continuing with their Multiplication and Division topic, they are developing skills how to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1,000 mentally."

Action

"Please continue to support your child to access 'Century Tech' and complete their assignments every week. If you have any questions regarding this platform please contact Mrs Valli or Miss Hussain. P.E will be on Monday and Tuesday next week, please ensure your child wears the correct P.E kit. Thank you for your continued support listening to your child read at home."

Year 6

Year 6 have made a fantastic start to the new term, persevering to master converting fractions. The children are developing their inference skills as they read a story with no words called, 'The Arrival.' The children have enjoyed using the ipads to create their own short films of a performance of 'In Flanders Fields.' 6J have really enjoyed having Mrs Williamson teach in class each morning.

Action

- Please ensure your child's diary is signed. PE will continue to take place every Friday and every other Monday. Please ensure your child comes wearing PE kit on 6.11.23.



PRAYER

for the week

Dear God

We pray for everyone affected by conflict all over the world.

We pray for peace and for our leaders to make the right decisions to make our world a safer place.

Amen



After School Clubs

- **Monday**

Dodgeball club

Y4 Multiplication Club

UKS2 Girls' Football Club

KS1 Technology Club

Y1 & Y2 Music Club

- **Tuesday**

- Year 1/2 Multi-skills 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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