

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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2023



Doug Stitches

Mr D Stitches, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

We've had another very busy week in school.

Yesterday, we held our very poignant and moving Remembrance Service in church – thank you to all the parents who came and supported. It was lovely to see so many poppies and for us to take some time out of the hustle and bustle of school to reflect and to pray for peace across the world.

We have also given every child a special pin badge this week – the flag of either Scotland, Ireland, Wales or England to represent the saints after which we have named our House Teams. Please encourage your child to look after their badge as they cost about 80p each and we'd like our children to wear them every day so that they begin to feel part of

their House Team.

Even the staff have been allocated House Teams; so keep an eye out for their badges to see which team they are in!

Finally, just another reminder about being polite and kind with regards to traffic in the mornings. We had another incident yesterday where one parent confronted another. If you insist on using your car, please expect to be delayed due to the volume of traffic and the stop/start nature of Oozebooth Terrace. Shouting at people never resolves anything. In a world where you can be anything, be kind!

Have a lovely weekend.

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Autumn Term Events:

- 29th November, Winter gathering, KS2 hall
- **6th 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 **6th December**, Pantomime in KS2 hall.

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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Year 3 & 4 Dodgeball Competition

Year 3 and 4 performed brilliantly at the Dodgeball competition on Wednesday! They showed excellent teamwork and gave every game 100%!

Thank you for Mr Forshaw for organising the Dodgeball Competition and for Miss Marshall and Mr Brindle for attending.





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:



ORGANISER



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



PARTNER

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attendance ~~MATTERS~~



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

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

95% and above	RS	91.5%	
	RJ	99.5%	①
	1S	97.0%	
	1J	91.0%	
90% - 94.9%	2S	91.0%	
	2J	92.7%	
	3S	92.3%	
	3J	95.0%	
Below 90%	4S	99.0%	②
	4J	84.3%	
	5S	96.3%	
	5J	94.8%	
	6S	97.7%	
	6J	96.0%	

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		Haris Y & Zayn Y & Skylar-Mai B & Aisha U	
RS	Muhammad P & Zayn P	RJ	Feroz K & M. Ruhan P.
1S	Inaaya M & Momina S	1J	Aysha K & Amaya S
2S	Raees K & Sakeena R	2J	Maheen M & Musa R
3S	Zahra R & Mohammed Anas A	3J	Amelia A & Haniya H
4S	Lubabah B & Aaqib P	4J	Norhan A & Alexandru P
5S	Hassan S & Ayaan A	5J	Adan F & M Raihaan P
6S	Class 6S & Aariz A	6J	Suleman M & Maira G



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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 complete the 'Marvellous Me!' sheets and bring them back to us so we can learn even more about your child.

Reception

This week we have been looking at animals who live in the polar regions and performing melting experiments! In maths we have been counting out penguins to live in numbered iglos and talking about what parts numbers are made from.

Action

- "Remember 'Book in a Box' homework, if you need support or explanations please ask at home time on the doors. We still need more wellies, if you have any spare or would like a pair for your child please send them in."



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

This week has been filled with creativity. In DT we have been making our own 3D Tudor houses. P.E. this term is a focus on dance and we have choreographed our own dance routines to the 'Great fire of London.' We have also started to learn about a new book for English, 'What the lady bird heard.' We have been thinking of actions to retell the thieves cunning plan.

Action

- Please remember to listen to your child read three times weekly and sign their reading planners. On 16.11.23 1S will be performing a parent worship in the KS1 hall. We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

Year 2

Year 2 have worked incredibly hard this week! We have started to learn about statistics in Maths, which has been difficult but everyone has shown great resilience! We have also made some brilliant dances of different animals in PE.

Action

- **Planners should be signed x3 times a week.**



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

The children have begun to summarise and innovate the Roald Dahl story of George's Marvellous Medicine. They are beginning to come up with their own medicine concoction! In Maths, the children have looked at multiplication teen numbers by a 1-digit number, using the grid method. On Thursday, all children in Year 3 demonstrated our school value of 'respect' during the Remembrance Service at St. James' Church.

Action

- Please could all children show their working out for the Maths homework in their purple homework books. Any questions, please let your class teacher know. On Thursday at 8:55am, 3S will be performing their class worship to KS2 and all parents are invited to attend in the KS2 hall.

Year 4

"The children have had another great week. In English, they have started to create ideas for their own stories using the book 'Wave Me Goodbye'. In reading, they have been developing their inferencing skills through looking at pictures with no words. The children have also enjoyed making their own string telephones in science and investigating how sound works."

Action

- Please continue to sign and date planners. Children should read at least four times a week.



YEAR GROUP *updates*

Year 5

This week we have been recapping in Math's everything we have learnt in Year 5 so far. We have looked at place value, multiplication, addition and subtraction. Next week we will be focusing on fractions. In English we have started to plan our very own story based on a historical setting.

Action

P.E is only on Tuesday next week. Please make sure your child logs onto century tech as they have a few assignments to complete as well as completing their homework in their purple book. Hope you all have a lovely weekend

Year 6

This week 6S have delivered a very interesting and thoughtful worship to commemorate Remembrance Day. The children read out all the names of the soldiers from the St James Parish who lost their lives in the war. We have been very pleased with all of year 6 for working hard to master challenging Fractions questions during their Maths lessons this week.

Action

- "Please remember to return your child's library card form. Diaries must be signed 3 times per week. "



PRAYER

for the week

Dear God

We remember all those who have died or been injured in conflicts and wars all over the world.

We pray that you give us the courage and wisdom to choose peace over war, love over hate and kindness over being mean.

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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