

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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2023



Doug Stitcher

Mr D Stitcher, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

Next week is Road Safety Week, so it seems like the perfect time to remind everyone of some things we can all do to keep your children safe!

Walk to School

It seems obvious, but most of our families live within a five-minute walk of school. Instead of driving, why not walk? You'll save on petrol, do your bit for climate change and reduce the risk of an accident on the roads!

Observe Traffic Signs

It is illegal to park on double-yellow lines for a reason! It's dangerous. Parking there puts children at risk and you are more likely to be struck by traffic if you are causing an obstruction!

Give the children room

If parents all gather closely on the street, it can be difficult for the children to stay on the path and out of the road. Please be considerate with where you stand and make sure people can move freely and safely.

Let's see if we can all do our bit to make the roads around school safer for everyone!

The last thing anybody wants is for me to get my guitar and stand on the road with the Senior Leadership Team singing 'We don't park on the double-yellow lines' to the tune of 'The Wheels on the Bus'...

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Stitcher



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.

A yellow and white infographic titled 'GUIDE TO OUR APP FOR PARENTS & CARERS'. It explains the School Spider app's features, such as receiving instant messages and making payments. It includes a 'LOGGING IN' section with instructions on how to create an account and link it to the school. A 'TAKE A LOOK AROUND' section shows a smartphone screen with instructions on how to use the app's dashboard, including switching between areas, editing profiles, and logging out. At the bottom, it says 'DOWNLOAD NOW' with icons for Google Play and the App Store.



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Multi-Skills competition

KS1 had a brilliant time at the recent Multi-Skills competition at QEGS Sports hall last Friday.

Everyone taking part had an amazing time and gave all the events there best try. We did so well in our competition & everyone from St James got their own medal!



FAMILY HEALTH FAIR

On November 25th, a family health fair will take place at the Grand Venue between 9am - 3pm. The fair offers a range of activities for children, including face painting, raffles and prizes. Additionally, there will be stalls providing career advice, digital support, health and home support, all of which can be enjoyed by the entire family. Most importantly, free flu and COVID vaccinations will be available for eligible family members. Please advertise this to parents/guardians as it may be something they're interested in.



BLACKBURN NORTH & WEST NEIGHBOURHOOD'S

BLACKBURN DARWEN

FAMILY HEALTH FAIR

SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2023
THE GRAND VENUE, BB2 2JE
9AM - 3PM

CHILDREN'S CRAFT CORNER!
LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD WITH PAINT, COLOURS & DIY FUN

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
HENNA - FACE PAINT - RAFFLES - PRIZES - FOOD & MORE!

STALLS
CAREER ADVICE - DIGITAL SUPPORT - WELLBEING - PHYSICAL HEALTH - WALKING GROUPS - HOME SUPPORT & MUCH MORE!!

COME & MEET YOUR FAVOURITE SUPERHEROES!

- FREE HEALTH CHECKS & TALKS
- MEN & WOMEN'S HEALTH
- CHAT WITH A GP
- FREE COVID/FLU VACCINATIONS*
*FOR THOSE ELIGIBLE
- COME & MEET THE MAYOR & MAYORESS!

TO BOOK A STALL PLEASE CONTACT IFRANA ON IFRANA.LAKHI@NHS.NET OR 07966674495



attendance **MATTERS**



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

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

RS	89.5%
RJ	91.4%
1S	96.5%
1J	97.9%
2S	95.0%
2J	93.0%
3S	94.7%
3J	97.1%
4S	98.7%
4J	89.0%
5S	93.7%
5J	93.7%
6S	90.0%
6J	98.0%

95%
and
above

90% -
94.9%

Below
90%



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		Mustafa S & Mohammad Momin J & Rimsha F & Ahmad P	
RS	Haleema A & Ajwa F	RJ	Adrian C & Khadijah I
1S	All of 1S & Unathi N	1J	Shifa P & Aasaiya C
2S	M. Ayaan M & M.Deen H	2J	Eisa A & Amina S
3S	All of 3S & Inaaya A	3J	Hosino S & Sana A
4S	Sulayman H & Aiman Z	4J	Aizah N & Saifan R
5S	Abdul Hakeem H & Cristiana C	5J	Fayha S & Shujah Ahmed J
6S	Zain S & Ibrahim S	6J	Minaahill F & Mariam J



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Forest Pre-School & Nursery

This week we have started our topic of 'People who help us'. This week we have been learning about Doctors, Nurses and Paramedics. The children have been developing their vocabulary and have been playing the role of Doctors in the classroom. It has been lovely to see the children really engage in this topic.

Action

- Talk to your child about a time they have had to be seen by a Doctor, Nurse or Paramedic and the important Job that they have.

Reception

This week the children have enjoyed learning about animals and the South Pole-linked to our text Lost and Found. The children came up with their own way to help the penguin cross the sea! In maths we have been exploring number bonds to 5 using numicon, counters and cubes. In RE we had lots of fun for Interfaith week looking at different religions, having ago at different dances and listening to different music for a variety of religions.

Action

- Please can you continue to practise the phonic sounds sent home and reading books. To support your child in school continue to encourage them to be independent by dressing themselves, putting on their own shoes and coats.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

"Be a buddy not a bully. We have been discussing what bully means and what to do or say if the children think they are being bullied. Please talk to your child about what bullying means and discuss that not every mean thing is classed as bullying. We have also explored about Interfaith means and discussed how we can be respectful to all faiths and beliefs. Thank you to all 1S's parent for attending the Parent Worship, we hope you all enjoyed it and the children were amazing!"

Action

- If you have any questions please feel free to talk to a member of the Year 1 team and we will be happy to help.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a super week practising their stitching for when we make our puppets! We have also been writing our own story based on our class text 'The True Story of The Three Little Pigs', which we have all enjoyed!

Action

- **Please ensure all maths homework is completed every Friday.**



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

Year 3 have had another fantastic week. We enjoyed finding out about friendships week and 3S performed a brilliant class worship. A huge thank you to all the parents who were able to watch. We had a great time making our healthy sandwiches and really enjoyed eating them.

Action

- "Please remember to read 3 times a week. Practise multiplication facts, daily. Practise spellings daily."

Year 4

Year 4 have worked incredibly hard this week writing their own historical fiction stories. In Maths, the children have looked at multiplying and dividing and used this to solve problems. They have also continued to work on their inferencing skills when reading stories. Well done!

Action

- Please continue to bring in cardboard tubes for their design and technology topic.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 5

"In year 5, your child will extend their understanding on equivalent fractions. They will develop skills simplifying fractions using common factors, so remembering their timetables is really important to solve problems quickly. In English, Year 5 have wrote their historical stories where they have used creative plots with the events when Jim escaped the workhouse. Your child will be going to Blackburn library this coming Thursday afternoon, they will be walking so please make sure your child wears appropriate footwear. Thank You for your continued support."

Action

"Read with your child at least 3 x a week. P.E will be on Monday and Tuesday, children should have the correct PE kits worn on both days. Please could you support your child complete their Century Tech assignment online."

Year 6

We've had a great week looking at measure in Maths and writing our own fantasy stories in English.

Action

- Please send in any library cards before Friday if your child already has one.



PRAYER

for the week

Dear God

Thank you for all of our talents and gifts that we can share with the world.

Help us to be the best that we can be and to always try our hardest in everything we do.

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.

