

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Doug Stitches

Mr D Stitches, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

You've got to love the weather! It was so cold that the screen-wash on my car froze instantly on my way in yesterday!

Thank you everyone for being so understanding during the adverse conditions. We will always try to open the school as safely as possible – so a delayed opening like we had on Tuesday is preferable to closing if we can avoid it.

Unfortunately, this does mean we have had to cancel a few things this week like clubs and, perhaps most disappointingly, our Afternoon Tea! However, we have rescheduled and will now host a coffee morning on **Wednesday 7th February** at 9:00 am. We will send more information about this next week.

Some more exciting news, we are delighted that Stuart Robinson, a Great Britain Para-Olympian will be visiting school on Tuesday 20th February. Your child will have already brought home some information about this, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming him to our school and hearing all about his successes playing wheel-chair rugby.

Next week's weather looks much milder and wet and windy so hopefully, it will be a bit easier for everyone! And cheaper on everyone's energy bills!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Stitches



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SPRING TERM DATES:

Wednesday 31st January & Thursday 1st February – RS Parents Evening

Wednesday 7th February at 9:00 am – Coffee morning

Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th February - Parents Evening

Thursday 8th February - Book Fair

Friday 9th February – School Closure

Monday 19th February – School open

Tuesday 20th February -Stuart Robinson, a GB Para-Olympian visiting school



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Thursday 8th February 2024

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attendance ~~MATTERS~~



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

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

95% and above	RS	98.3%	
	RJ	89.9%	
	1S	93.1%	🥈
	1J	91.7%	
90% - 94.9%	2S	95.4%	
	2J	95.8%	
	3S	85.0%	
	3J	88.8%	
	4S	95.8%	
	4J	91.3%	🥇
Below 90%	5S	80.4%	
	5J	93.1%	
	6S	94.0%	
	6J	94.6%	

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		Ayman P & Khadija S & Hakeem M & Mohammed Raees A	
RS	Aashir A & Adam B	RJ	Amna S. & Ibrahim S.
1S	Inaaya M & Emaan F	1J	Zaid P & Fatimah Zahra H
2S	Arsalan K & Maryam K	2J	Amina S & Haadi F
3S	Zoya H & Anayah G	3J	Ulfah R & Amelia A
4S	Hareth J & Malaika H	4J	Veronika H & Fatima V
5S	Christiana C & Aliya R	5J	5J & Aamir Z.
6S	Ibrahim S & Mihai A	6J	Mustafa S & Mehreen A



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YEAR GROUP *updates*

Forest Pre-School & Nursery

This week the children in Pre-School and Nursery have been exploring the outdoor area. Using the snow and ice to create snowmen, snowballs and using the snow in the mud kitchen to create potions. We have also continued to explore our class text "The Gingerbread Man" listening to different versions of the story.

Action

- Please ask your child to tell you what happens in the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. Can they remember the characters?

Reception

It has been lovely having all the children back in school this week after the holidays and hearing about what they have been up to. In school the children have enjoyed lots of time outdoors exploring the different areas and working on their gross motor skill. We went on a scavenger hunt to find our new story 'Little Red Riding Hood' and have enjoyed listening to this as well as other traditional tales during story time.

Action

- This week the children will be sent home with their new reading books, it is vital that you support your child with reading at home on a regular basis. Book bags need to come into school daily with children so that books can be changed when needed. Thanks for your support.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

"What an ICE surprise we had this week? Let it SNOW! In PE, (Gymnastics) we have been learning to travel in different ways. We have looked at how to walk elegantly and move at different levels. In Maths, we have been looking at place value and identifying numbers up to 50. We have also been finding 10 more and 10 less to a given number. What is 10 more than 31?"

Action

- Please ensure that your child has their PE kit on Mondays and Wednesday.

Year 2

What a week it has been! We've enjoyed playing in the snow and showed resilience in our computing lesson whilst learning about algorithms and followed instructions to make origami dogs and cats! In Science we learnt about seed dispersal and have thoroughly enjoyed our Gymnastics PE lessons. We used the apparatus and explored the different ways we can travel on a bench.

Action

- A gentle reminder that our PE lessons now take place on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

"What a busy week! Year 3 have worked really hard despite the weather. In English we have planned our own fairytale based on Hansel and Gretel. In maths, we are learning about multiplication and using our multiplication facts to divide. In art, we are finding out about the artist L.S Lowery and have practised create a drawing based on his work. At hometime, please be patient at the gate as we dismiss children, please do not shout your child to you and instead ask your child's teacher and they will send your child to you, thank you."

Action

- "Please read at least 3x a week and record in your reading diary. Please practise timetables, daily. Please practise your spellings for the Spelling Bee. whole, earth, everybody, address, library, eight, often, consider."

Year 4

The children have had another great week. In Maths they have been learning about remainders using partitioning and place value charts to help them find the answer. They have continued with the text 'Journey to Jo'burg and started to plan, write and edit their own stories.

Action

- Please ensure pupils are coming to school in the correct PE kit. If they have pumps, they can bring them in their bag and change into them before the PE lesson.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 5

"Mrs Valli is very proud of 5J who performed with confidence and with such courage with their assembly on Thursday. This week both year 5 classes have enabled further understanding of subtracting and adding fractions using different denominators. In English, year 5 have started understanding the characters and their emotions in the 'Boy in the Tower' novel. In Science year 5 are enjoying learning about Earth and Space and some fun facts that relate to this topic."

Action

"Don't forget to sign your child's planner once they have read to you, at least 3 times a week. Please continue to support your child using the 'Century Tech', Mrs Valli and Miss Hussain have set assignments for Maths and English, which need to be completed weekly."

Year 6

This week, the children have been focusing on their Ratio and proportion in Mathematics. Letter writing in English and learning a lot more interesting facts about the circulatory system in Science. The children have studied hard despite the temptation to enjoy themselves in the snow.

Action

- Century Tech is now available for the children to complete homework. They have their own log ins. This should be done alone without support. Google: Century Tech Login (1st link)



PRAYER

for the week

Dear God

As we step into the new week, remember that every day is a chance for a fresh start and wonderful learning.

Let's all pray for the safety of everyone and peace all around the world.

Amen



After School Clubs

- **Monday**
Y4 Multiplication Club
- **Tuesday**
 - Year 1/2 STEM Multi-skills club
 - Year 1 Phonics club
 - Year 5/6 Girls' Football Club
- **Thursday**
KS2 tag Rugby

Follow the school on social media to keep up to date on what is happening in and around school!

Facebook: [@StJamesCofEBlackburn](#)

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Please note that you don't need to have an account to view our social media pages.



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