

# ST JAMES' Newsletter

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*Doug Stitcher*

Mr D Stitcher, Headteacher

## Dear Parents/Guardians

I think it was my fault for saying the weather was looking better last week! Two named storms in a week later and here we are with finally some quieter weather. Although I am grateful as we ended up with next door's trampoline in our garden on Tuesday!

It's been a very exciting week in school for our House Teams as we have been auditioning for our House Talent competition. We saw some amazing performances (some of which I can genuinely say left us lost for words!).

Each House has now selected their representatives and we look forward to the competition next week!

We have also hosted a very

special event for Star Academies who used our school as a hub for some training for the next generation of teachers! Around 15 student teachers spent the day with us watching lessons and learning from our staff. A big thank you to Mrs Madbouli for organising such a busy day for us and to our staff for accommodating our visitors!

And finally, please remember that we will now be hosting our coffee morning on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** at 9:00 am. We hope as many of you will join us as possible!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Stitcher



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## SPRING TERM DATES:

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January & Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February – RS Parents Evening

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 9:00 am – Coffee morning

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Parents Evening

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Book Fair

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – School Closure

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – School open

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February -Stuart Robinson, a GB Para-Olympian visiting school



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Date:  
Thursday 8th February 2024

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# attendance **MATTERS**



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS 2S WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FOR LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

95%  
and  
above

90% -  
94.9%

Below  
90%

RS	81.8%	
RJ	88.1%	
1S	82.5%	
1J	85.5%	
2S	94.3%	🏆
2J	88.3%	
3S	84.0%	
3J	87.5%	
4S	92.3%	🥈
4J	90.0%	
5S	83.6%	
5J	90.4%	
6S	91.3%	
6J	82.3%	

If your child is absent due to illness, the office must be informed before 08:35 on that day.



# 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		Aisha U & Polina H & Abdul H & Mohammad Ali S & Haniya B	
RS	Aaliyah P & Juwarriyah P	RJ	Amnah H. & Muhammad P.
1S	Fatima M & Humaira M	1J	M.Aayan H & Alyan I
2S	Umaima I & Haris A	2J	Ibrahim M & Emaan S
3S	Asra F & Aashia U	3J	Hilal J & Alisha W
4S	Abubakr I & Manahil M	4J	Faris H & Ajwa M
5S	Zainab G & Jabir S	5J	Adan Fatima F & Muhammed M.
6S	Mehreen K & Azaldin A	6J	Adam S & Dunya S



# YEAR GROUP *updates*



## *Forest Pre-School & Nursery*

This week in Pre-school and Nursery we have been listening to the story of 'The Chapati Man'. The children have loved learning this story and comparing it to the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children this week have been printing with paint and Gingerbread Men cutters. Our classroom is filled with Gingerbread men everywhere and we love it!

## *Action*

- Ask your child to tell you the story of The Chapati Man. Can they remember the characters from the story?

## *Reception*

What an exciting week we have had! This week has been "People Who Help Us" week. A crime occurred in Reception where a member of staff stole our teddy FRED! We have been investigating and following clues, writing wanted posters and we found the culprit! On Thursday we found and rescued FRED wahooo!! We also met a nurse who taught us all about making people better, and we met police men and special police dogs. They even let us see

## *Action*

- "Please bring winter presentations week beginning the 5th February. RS - Parents evening is next week, please sign up for a slot through the Spider app. "



# YEAR GROUP updates



## Year 1

"St James' definitely has the XFactor! It was amazing to see all children talent this week and we are looking forward to the final performance on Friday 2nd February. We have had a visit from the Dentist and looked at how we can help our bodies stay healthy. Remember to brush twice a day for 2 minute. Be flawless not flossless :)."

## Action

- "Just a reminder about the Spelling Bee on the 29th January. Please help your child to practice at home. If your child does an extra curricular activity outside of school and has any awards please bring them in to show to the whole school! Show off their achievements!"

## Year 2

"What another wonderful week of learning we've had in Year 2! In Science we have been learning all about how to grow plants hydroponically and are eagerly observing our beans to see if they will germinate. Finger crossed they do! We also enjoyed and celebrated all the wonderful talents we have at St James' and have voted for the best talents in our teams ready to perform in the finals next week. Good luck to all the finalists competing and well done to all those who are participated! "

## Action

- Please remember to wear your PE kits on Tuesday and Thursday. If you have black PE pumps, please bring them on the day ready for you to wear in the afternoon during your gymnastics lesson. Thank you for all your continued support.



# YEAR GROUP updates



## Year 3

Wow, Year 3 really enjoyed the auditions for the talent show, we could believe all the amazing talent in our school. In computing, we are learning about animation and practised making our own moving picture. We have worked hard and create a balance routine in gymnastic, we now need to work on improving our routine.

### Action

- "Please read at least 3 x a week. Practise spellings and times table facts. PE kits and pumps on Alternate Mondays and every Wednesday."

## Year 4

"What another great week! The children wrote their own historical fiction stories based on the book 'Journey to Jo'burg' and then edited their work. In Maths, they looked at efficient multiplication and picked the best method to find the answer. Well done to the children who auditioned for the talent show. This will take place next week. Congratulations to the children who entered the writing competition, and won. It was great to see so many entries from year 4. "

### Action

- "Please continue to sign and date planners and practise spellings.
- Thank you"



# YEAR GROUP *updates*



## *Year 5*

This week in Math's we have been looking at multiplying 2 digit by 2 digit as well as 3 digit by 2 digit. We have partitioned the number to help us find the answer. In English we are reading The boy in the tower. We have wrote our own adventure story and tried to include all the grammar we have learnt so far.

## *Action*

"Please don't forget to book your parent evening appointment on the spider app. Your child will receive weekly homework on Century Tech. Please listen to your child read at least 3x a week and ask questions to check for understanding. Thank you for your support."

## *Year 6*

"Year 6 have been getting to grips this week with Century Tech. This is a great website that we have subscribed to in order for the children to be able to practice all parts of their learning independently. It caters for each individuals needs. Please do have a look at this at home and encourage your child to use it."

## *Action*

- Homework has been set in some new workbooks.



# PRAYER

*for the week*

Dear God

Help us to love the world we live in.  
Help us to have the courage to be exceptional in all we do.  
Help us to respect the people around us  
Thank you for making our school your home.

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!

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