



St James' CE Aided Infant School News



Our School Values

21st December 2016

SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 4TH 2017

Dear Parents and friends,

Thank you so much for all the support you have given the school this term. We really appreciate all you do for us.

I hope you all enjoyed celebrating Christmas with us both in school and at church. The children did such a great job in singing, dancing and reading as they retold the Christmas story. Thank you to all the staff for their hard work in getting the children ready to perform and especially to Mrs King for writing the script for us. We were overwhelmed by your generosity for the retiring collection and £666.41 was raised for Great Ormond Street Hospital. The staff raised £46 for Save the Children on their Christmas Jumper day by donating money instead of sending each other Christmas cards.

Many thanks to the parents who helped in the crèche during the performances. It is really appreciated by all of us.

We are so grateful to the PTA for all their efforts this term. The Christmas Fair was a great success with around £9000 raised and the children had a wonderful time in the Secret Presents Room choosing some amazing gifts for you.

Today the children had their talent show and I was so impressed with the confidence and talent shown. We all enjoyed seeing the different acts.

The staff performed their Christmas Panto, Snow White and the Eleven Dwarves, and we all had great fun – the children especially enjoyed seeing me being ‘custard pied!’



Reception Admissions 2017

The applications process for Reception places for September 2017 is now open.

If your child was born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 you need to apply now using the online application process and following the link below. Applications close on 16th January 2017.

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places#tab-2>

You will also need to complete the school's Supplementary Information Form that can be collected from the school office or downloaded from the school website.

Year 3 Admissions 2017

If your child is now in Year 2 you need to apply for a place for a place at St James' Junior School.

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Severe Weather Guidelines

Just in case we have snowy weather, here's a reminder of what happens when it snows.

- Always assume school will be open. Enough staff live close enough to school to open up.
- Check the school website from 8.00 for updates. If kitchen staff are unable to get in you may be asked to send in a packed lunch for your child.
- Check: <http://www.kent.gov.uk/winter> This is a new service from KCC. Instead of trying to listen out for closures on the radio you can visit this site, click on 'check school closures', search for St James' CE Aided Infant School and you will be told if we are closed.
- On this page you can register for text alerts from KCC to warn you of closures.
- BBC Radio Kent, HeartFM and KMFM will use this information for their broadcasts.
- Send some spare socks and warm clothes as we always love to get outside

Cycling Safety

This week I received a call from a member of the public who was very concerned to see pupils from the school cycling on the road and not wearing helmets.

Please be very careful if you choose to cycle to school as Sandrock Road is very busy and the parked cars are a real hazard. It would be terrible to have an accident occur.

Wishing you a very happy Christmas and a joyful new year.

Mel Shackleton
Headteacher

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