



St James' CE Aided Infant School News



Our School Values

13th January 2017

Dear Parents and friends,

Welcome to the new term and a happy new year to you all.

There was much excitement today with the snow and ice and it was good to see the children arrive safely. Unfortunately the playground has been very icy all day so playtimes have been spent indoors.

I am very pleased to say that our new website has gone live today. I hope it is much more straightforward to use than our old one, which had become very full. The address is www.st-james-infant.kent.sch.uk Teachers will endeavour to get the contact letter on to the class pages today, which you will find in the 'Children' tab. You will receive an email as usual with the contact note today.

Do let us know how you get on with the new site as there will inevitably be a few issues that we need to sort out. Let us know too if you like it!

The Time Warp!

The children had an amazing day on Monday when they travelled back in time and discovered Dinosaur eggs on the field!

They have each taken an egg to look after and thought about how they need to do that.



Head Lice

We have had several cases of headlice recently and they seem to be reoccurring in some classes. We are therefore asking all parents to check their child's hair every day this week and weekly after that. If your child has been infected please ensure that all the family are treated.

We recommend that you comb your child's hair regularly using a nit comb, such as the one provided by school, at least every other day next week to try and eliminate the problem.

Using a conditioner or tea tree oil is a simple and cheaper solution than the products available in pharmacies.

Hair below collar length **must** be tied back in school.

Head lice can make children feel unwell and uncomfortable so please do your part by checking regularly so that we can eliminate them from school.



Attention all car drivers!

It has been brought to my attention that parents are dropping children at the bottom of the drive causing other people's children to be put at risk by this poor driving.

The bottom of the drive is a NO PARKING zone and we can not allow children to be dropped off here. Please consider all the children in the school and park elsewhere.

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If you see this happening please let the office know.

When entering the school to collect children from clubs please do not attempt to drive in whilst a car is leaving. Queuing on the drive way may well result in you being issued with a parking ticket so parking on the road and walking is a better solution.

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

Diary Dates

All diary dates are on the school calendar on the website and are found under the Parents tab: <http://www.st-james-infant.kent.sch.uk/parents/calendar/>

Have a great weekend,

Mel Shackleton
Headteacher