



St James' CE Aided Infant School News



Our School Values

8th September 2017

Dear Parents and friends,

A very warm welcome to you all at the start of this new academic year.

I am very excited to be taking on the new role of Executive Headteacher at this wonderful school. I look forward to getting to know all of you, your children and the staff over the coming days, weeks and months.

We are delighted to welcome all the new children to the school as well as some new staff: Miss Williams is teaching in Cherry Class; Miss Everest is teaching in Ash Class and Lauren Wagstaff is a TA in Willow Class. Mrs Herman and Mrs Ravenscroft have returned from maternity leave and we are very pleased to have them back in Oak Class.

At the top of our newsletter you will see the school's values of Friendship, Thankfulness, Forgiveness and Trust. We hope you will join with us and support us in teaching the children the importance of these values.

The year ahead promises to be another exciting one and we are pleased to tell you that we will be continuing with Forest School and outdoor learning sessions using the log cabin. Each class will have a session using the cabin for outdoor learning whilst eight of the class will take part in Forest School. Over the year all the children will take part in Forest School. Reception class children will take part later in the year although they will be able to use the woods on days when Forest School isn't running.

When you are out at the weekend on a walk please could you collect fir cones, acorns or conkers for us to use in the cabin. We would also appreciate sticks or wood.

This term our topic will be **Children** based around The Barefoot Book of Children. Please see the website for further information.

There is a lot happening this term so please make a note of **events** and **information** in the newsletter.

Car Park

Please do not allow children to play amongst the staff cars while waiting outside.

Parents' Prayer Group

The Parents' Prayer Group invite anyone who would like to support the work of the schools to come and join them on a **Tuesday** morning at 9am, meeting in the Infant Reception. The group would love to welcome new members.

PTA AGM

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in October (date to be confirmed)

Voluntary Fund

The school has a voluntary fund which is used to pay for special activities for the children such as theatre group visits, school trips and 'extras' for the children.

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We ask for a voluntary contribution of £15 a year or £5 a term per child. Please make cheques payable to St James' Infant School and send in to your child's class in a named envelope.

School Uniform

Please remember that school uniform for boys is: white polo shirt, grey shorts or trousers, green school sweatshirt, grey socks and black shoes,

Uniform for girls is: white polo shirt, grey pinafore (not skirts or culottes), green school cardigan, white socks and black shoes.

Please label your child's clothes and belongings as this helps them to look after their things and avoids huge piles of lost property!

We ask that children always have a showerproof coat in school for days like today.

We look forward to working with you and your children this year.

John Tutt

Executive Headteacher

Important dates for this term

September

14th - 11.30 & 3.00 YR Meet the Teacher

20th - Maple stay for lunch

21st - Cherry stay for lunch

22nd - Oak stay for lunch

25th YR start full time

October

9th - 10.00 Harvest Festival in Church with Juniors (children only)

- 2.30 Volunteers' meeting in small hall – if you would like to volunteer this year, please attend.

19th - 2.00 Class reps meeting

- 2.30 Sharing Learning in classrooms (come and see what your child has been learning)

20th - 8.30 Sharing Learning in classrooms

23th - Half term

30th - **STAFF INSET DAY – no school today for children**

31st - Term 2 begins

31st – Individual photos

November

7th - Parent Consultations 3.30 – 6.30

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20th - International Food Festival (more details to follow)

25th - Church Mission Fair

December

1st - Christmas RE Day

12th - 9.30 Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal (pre-schoolers welcome)

13th - 9.30 and 1.45 Christmas Play Performances (Creche available for pre-schoolers)

14th - 9.30 Christmas Play Performance (Creche available for pre-schoolers)

15th - Flu immunisations

15th – Christmas lunch

19th – Christmas Church Service

20th - Last day of term

January

4th & 5th **STAFF INSET DAYS – no school for children**

8th – Term 3 start

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