



St James' CE Aided Infant School News



20th October 2017

Dear Parents and Friends,

We have reached the end of a wonderful first term to our school year. The children have all settled in to their new classes really well and we are delighted with the way our new Reception children have settled in, having now been full-time for four weeks. We had an exciting assembly led by the Christian group Life and Soul yesterday and look forward to the second one in the first week of next term.

Next term will be a busy one with lots of exciting learning opportunities for the children. We will support Children in Need Day when the children may accessorise their school uniform with spots in return for a small donation to the charity. Year 1 and Year 2 have their trips to Bore Place later in November and then it will be full swing into Christmas with our special RE Christmas Day, the PTA and Church Christmas Fairs and then of course our Christmas performances!

International Food Festival

On Monday 20th November we would like to hold a food festival to teach the children about food from around the world. If you would be interested in helping to provide some food from your country to make a stall for the festival please contact me or your class rep. It will be held during the school day to support the children's learning about the food that children around the world eat as part of our topic. I will be holding a meeting to plan the day on Wednesday 8th November if you would to come along to find out more.

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a full-time midday supervisor. Please contact Angie in the school office if you are interested.

Car Park

If you drive into school to park in the car park for Football Club could we please ask you to take care not to block cars in. On occasion staff members have been unable to leave at the end of the school day as they are blocked in by parents' cars. Thank you for your support with this.

Book Fair

During consultation evenings we will be holding a book fair in the small hall. Holding book fairs earns us commission for the school and in previous book fairs we have earnt as much as £600 to spend on books! We would be very grateful if you are able to support us by buying a book or two while you are waiting for your appointment – the more books we sell the more we can buy to support the children's learning.

Free School Meals

Although all Infant School children are entitled to Free School Meals, if you are on a low income you can also claim help with other expenses, eg school trips, after school clubs, etc. This is called Pupil Premium and the school receives funding for each eligible child. If you think you might be eligible, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> or please come and see me.

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PTA

The next PTA meeting will be all about preparation for the school Christmas fair. All parents are welcome to come along and find out what is already planned and how to get involved. Join us in the Infant Community Room at 8 pm on Thursday 2 November.

Operation Christmas Child

If you are wishing to take part in this very worthwhile appeal, shoeboxes, decorated and filled, need to be back into school by Monday 20th November. If you would like more details, there are spare leaflets in the foyer.

Wishing you all a lovely half term holiday. Don't forget that Monday 30th October is a staff training day so the children are back in school on Tuesday 31st.

Best wishes

Sarah Cota
Deputy Headteacher

PS Scroll down for updated diary dates



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Important dates for this term

October

- 30th **STAFF TRAINING DAY – no school today for children**
- 31st Term 2 begins
- 31st Individual photos

November

- 2nd PTA Meeting 8pm
- 7th Parent Consultations 3.30 – 6.30pm
- 8th Parent voice meeting 2.30pm
- 9th Parent Consultations 3.30 – 6.30pm
- 17th Children in Need – children to accessorise their uniform with spots
- 17th Infant School Discos
- 20th International Food Festival
- 21st Trip to Bore Place – Beech and Ash class
- 22nd Trip to Bore Place – Chestnut and Cedar class
- 24th Trip to Bore Place – Sycamore and Willow class
- 25th Church Mission Fair
- 30th Year 2 to Assembly Halls for Captain Safety show

December

- 1st Christmas RE Day
- 2nd PTA Christmas Fair
- 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**

SCHOOL OPENS ON MONDAY JANUARY 8TH 2018