

St James' CE Aided Infant School News



19th October 2018

A message from the Head of School

Well. We've made it! The first term of the school year is always hard work but also very exciting. We have been very busy this term getting to know everybody, settling back into routines but also putting together the new school plan. To facilitate the collaborative working between the Infant and Junior Schools, we have created one school plan for both schools with subject leaders creating more detailed action plans for their areas. We have very high standards at St. James' but are always pushing to make things even better!

The children in the Junior School have been truly inspired by the Save the World topic which is evident in the work they have produced – there is some fantastic artwork and writing around the school. This morning, we were treated to 4F's Class Assembly with some jazzy dancing, creative poetry and tuneful percussion playing. This topic will be continuing into Term 2. The Infants are also continuing with their topic after half term. Being learning superheroes has given the children a very exciting start to the year and they have read and responded to some wonderful stories. Supertato is a new one on me but the children have loved finding escaped vegetables around the school!

During half term, building work is going to start at the Junior School. The roof is being completely replaced over the hall and the four classrooms in the top corridor (6O, 5Y, 4H and 3R). The works are likely to continue for 4-6 weeks and there will obviously be some disruption but we are working with the contractors to keep this to an absolute minimum. Another local school had some similar work completed recently by this company and were pleased with how little disruption they caused. We will, obviously, ensure that the children are able to continue their learning in a safe environment.

I hope you all have a peaceful and restful half term. Don't forget that Monday 29th is a staff development day so the children are not in school. We will see you all again on Tuesday 30th October which is also the day of the infant individual photos so please make sure that your child is spick and span on the day.

Debbie Johnson
Head of School

Other Information

Sharing Learning – Years 1 and 2

There will be an opportunity to look at the wonderful learning that your child has been doing on Thursday 8th (2:30pm) and Friday 9th (8:30am) November. If your child is at Carrotty Wood, alternative arrangements will be made.

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Stay and Play – Early Years

During the week beginning 5th November, the Early Years department will be holding their Stay and Play sessions. This is the chance to spend some time in your child's classroom and share their learning experiences. Nearer the time there will be more information and sign-up sheets available.

Dangerous Parking

I know parking around schools is a really contentious issue but could I please remind everyone who drives to school that there is no parking on the zig zag lines outside the school. Parking on these lines reduces the visibility for other drivers and pedestrians in the area.

The entrance to the school is closed for cars from 8:40am – 9:10am and 2:55pm – 3:35pm this includes the drive in front of the gates. Over the last few days several people have pulled into there to drop off their child. I appreciate that it can be hard to park but that entrance is too busy with parents and children for anyone to stop there. There must also be no parking there at other times. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Infant Path

In order to ease congestion and to keep everyone safe, please try to use the path up to the infant building rather than walking through the car park. Thank you.

Diary Dates

October

- 19th - End of Term
- 29th - INSET DAY
- 30th - Children back to school and Individual photographs

November

- 5th - Early Years Stay and Play sessions all week
- 8th - 2.30pm Sharing Learning
- 9th - 8:30am Sharing Learning
- 14th - Consultation Evening
- 15th - Consultation Evening
- 16th - Superhero Training Day
- 29th - RE Day

December

- 11th - 9.30am Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal (Pre-School children welcome)
- 12th - 9.30am Christmas Performance (Creche available)
- 13th - 9.30am & 1.45pm Christmas Performance (Creche available)

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14th - Flu Immunisations

17th - 2pm Christmas Church Service

19th - End of Term

January

3rd & 4th INSET DAYS