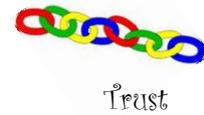


# St James' CE Aided Infant School News



2nd November 2018

## A message from the Head of School

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you all had a good half term – even if it wasn't overly restful! This term is always busy and full of excitement but also a time for reflection. November brings Bonfire Night with the thrilling fireworks but also the more solemn occasion of Remembrance Sunday. This year is particularly poignant with the centenary of the end of WWI. Thank you to all those who have been sending in donations for poppies.

The contractors have now started work on the roof of the Junior School and, whilst there is some noise and disruption, we are managing to keep calm and carry on. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation while things are a bit trickier. Having this work on site means that we need to be extra vigilant when entering and leaving the school grounds. Please make sure that you use the infant path whenever possible and take extra care when crossing the roads. It is even more important that the entrance to school and the zig zags are kept clear. Despite several reminders, people are still pulling up to drop their children off – this is putting others at risk. I do appreciate that the traffic and parking are troublesome but we would rather you were a couple of minutes late, than dangerous.

Both schools have consultation evenings coming up in the next few weeks which are a great opportunity to find out how your child is getting on at school and have a conversation with the class teacher. However, if you have a more urgent concern or query please contact your child's teacher in the first instance as these things are much better dealt with quickly.

This week, we have heard some sad news that Mrs Cox, from the Infant School, will be leaving us at the end of the month. She has been at the school for over 13 years now and so will have worked with a lot of your children. We are very sad to see her go as she has been a fantastic member of staff but I am sure you will join me in wishing her well in her new job.

Thank you for all your support of your child's learning and the school. Remember to keep safe when enjoying Bonfire Night celebrations.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Debbie Johnson'.

Debbie Johnson  
Head of School

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## 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 8<sup>th</sup> (2:30pm) and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> (8:30am) November. If your child is at Carroty Wood, alternative arrangements will be made.

### Carroty Wood

We are all getting very excited about our imminent adventures to Carroty Wood and will be packing at the weekend! Please make sure that you let your class teacher know if there are any changes to child's health, medication or contact details before we go.

There are still a lot of monies outstanding for the trip. Whilst we acknowledge that we ask for a voluntary contribution, it is hard to run these trips if there is a large shortfall. Please do check whether you are up to date with payments if you are not sure what you owe. If there are circumstances that mean it is difficult for you to contribute at the moment, please do come and speak to one of us in school (in the strictest confidence) and we can make alternative arrangements. Thank you for your support with this.

### Stay and Play – Early Years

Next week, 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. Please make sure that you have signed up for a session.

### Book Fair

The book fair will be at school during both parent consultation evenings. There are some fantastic books available and this could be an ideal opportunity to get some early Christmas shopping done. The more books you buy, the more money we get for school to buy books with so spend, spend, spend!

### Superhero Training Day

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November will be our Superhero Training Day in which the children will be taking part in all types of exciting challenges and adventures (the teachers were getting very excited when planning it the other evening). We would like all children to dress as a superhero. Please do not feel you need to go out and buy expensive costumes – we love the costumes that are put together with things that you already have at home. Please remember that the costume need to be practical for a day at school and the weather! As Superhero Training Day coincides with Children in Need Day, we are asking that the children bring in a donation - we suggest a £1.

### Punctuality

Please do try to ensure that your child is in school ready for 9:00am. There are several children everyday who are late. This does have an impact on their learning for that day. We all know how running late can unsettle you for the day and it is the same for our children. As I mentioned above, I do not want safety compromised for the sake of punctuality and we do understand that occasionally there are circumstances beyond your control but please try to get here on time.

### St James' Church Christmas Fair

This is on 24<sup>th</sup> November from 10am – 1pm. Please do go along and support your local church – there will be some delicious treats on offer as well as lots of fun activities to try. It will get you in the Christmas Spirit! We will be asking for donations of toiletries for our stall on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

*Growing, caring and learning together*

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## Diary Dates

### November

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

### December

- 11<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal (Pre-School children welcome)
- 12<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am Christmas Performance (Creche available)
- 13<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am & 1.45pm Christmas Performance (Creche available)
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Flu Immunisations
- 17<sup>th</sup> - 2pm Christmas Church Service
- 19<sup>th</sup> - **End of Term**

### January

- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> **INSET DAYS**