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Newsletter

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

Dear Parents/Carers,



Worship

This week, we have been thinking about our spirituality. We have been reflecting on our relationships with ourselves, with others, with the world and with God. It is really important that we value ourselves, to love ourselves and to love others.



School Uniform

Our school uniform is an identity unique to the children of St. James'. It gives us a sense of belonging and pride. Recently, we have noticed quite a few children who are wearing clothes that are not associated with the St. James' uniform. The policy is on the website, under the parent section about our uniform. Traditionally, St. James' has a 'winter' uniform and a 'summer' uniform. We would expect all children to be wearing our winter uniform now, with a guideline of October half term for the change of uniform.

Our winter uniform comprises of:

- White long or short sleeved blouse or shirt
- Green St. James' school tie available from Stevensons
- Courtelle bottle green V-neck St. James' jumper or cardigan available from Stevensons
- Bottle green pinafore dress (for Year R – Year 4)
- Bottle green skirt (suggested for Year 5 and Year 6 - short netball type skirts are not acceptable)
- Traditional styled grey trousers or shorts (for boys or girls)
- Long or short white or grey socks (trainer socks are not acceptable) or tights in grey or bottle green
- Warm practical waterproof coat or anorak, preferably in a single dark colour – no logos
- Black sturdy practical school shoes (boots, trainers or high-heeled shoes are not permitted)
- Optional warm practical hat – no logos

We do of course appreciate the cost of living, and school uniform is not cheap. The PSA provide a wonderful service with our pre-loved uniform exchange (limited amount in the office) and run sales after school on a regular basis, where you can pick up any item of school uniform for a fraction of the cost of Stevensons. **Next sale is at our Winter Wonderland on Friday 1st December.**

I am sure you appreciate the need for our uniform and I thank you for your support.



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Parent Consultations

Next week, we have our 2 evenings of parent meetings about your children. From feedback from you, we have virtual parent meetings this term, followed by face to face meetings (in the hall) in the Spring term, followed by a written report in the Summer term.

We understand that some of you were looking forward to meeting your teacher in person, but a large number of parents liked the flexibility that a virtual meeting gave them, in terms of travel and childcare. The meetings are approximately 9 minutes in length and will automatically end. If there is a problem with technology, the Teacher will phone you. There is an opportunity to come into school on Monday 27th November straight after school until 4pm, to look at the classroom and your children's books. The teacher will not be available for an extended consultation – you will have to wait for Tuesday and Wednesday for that.

There are additional slots if you would like to discuss inclusion or your child's needs in school with Mrs Price and Mrs Talbot.

As always, we want to work closely with parents in the best interests of all of our children - this is fundamental to sharing information about your children's development. There are always opportunities to meet with our Teachers throughout the year, should you have any concerns.

We look forward to seeing you next week.



Pavilion Christmas

What a treat it was to see our Year 5 and 6 choir singing with the other Bournemouth Primary Schools in the carol concert at Bournemouth Pavilion on Tuesday night.

We were also treated to our Year 2 children performing and signing to 'Joseph's lullaby'.

You were amazing and the audience of 1,400 people even gave you a second round of applause. It was beautiful and another magical moment for St. James'. Thank you.



PE Days

A reminder that these are the days when the children should come to school in their PE kits:

EYFS – Wednesdays

Year 1 – Tuesdays

Year 2 – Thursdays

Year 3 – Fridays

Year 4 – Tuesdays

Year 5 – Thursdays

Year 6 – Fridays



Winter Wonderland

Don't forget to come and bring friends and neighbours next Friday, 1st December straight from school. Please access through the school hall doors.



St. James' Church Christmas Fayre

The Church also have their Christmas fayre on Saturday 2nd December from 10am - 1pm. Come and see our Glee Club sing at 11.45am!



Royal British Legion

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - our collection raised a grand total of £427.85.



Upcoming Key Dates

Monday 27th November – Parents are invited to come into school from 3.15pm to look at your children's books prior to our virtual parents' evenings. This is until 4pm

Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th November – Parent Consultation Evenings (online appointments only, email to follow nearer time) 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Friday 1st December – PSA Winter Wonderland (in school) 3.20pm - 6pm

Monday 4th December – PSA Christmas wreath making workshop in the hall - 7.00pm - 9.30pm

Monday 11th December – Year 1 Christmas performance, 4.30pm - lower playground

Monday 11th December – Year 3 Christmas performance, 5.30pm - lower playground

Tuesday 12th December – EYFS Christmas nativity performance, 1.30pm and 5.30pm - hall

Wednesday 13th December – Year 2 Christmas performance, 4.30pm - lower playground

Wednesday 13th December – Year 4 Christmas performance, 5.30pm - lower playground

Thursday 14th December – Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carols by candlelight 6pm – church

Monday 18th December – PSA Christmas parties – classrooms. We've asked Father Christmas to come!

Tuesday 19th December – Break up for Christmas at 1.15pm (potential snow warning!)

Thursday 4th January 2024 - Children return to school for the Spring term



Website

Please check our new website for your child's learning and important information on the year group pages.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. I hope to see some of you around school on Monday.

Alastair Brown
Headteacher

Learning as a family in Jesus, through Love, Hope and Forgiveness. Matthew 19:26 "with God all things are possible."

'The school's values are firmly rooted in the Christian ethos of the school. Pupils know why learning through 'love, hope and forgiveness' matters. They make clear links with these values and the school rules to 'be ready, be respectful and be safe'. Leaders have high expectations for behaviour, and pupils live up to them. In lessons, pupils listen carefully and are keen to learn. As a result, they achieve well.' **Ofsted report, January 2023.**

'Every pupil and adult flourishes within the family at St. James'. SIAMS report June 2022.



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2023-24 Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Last Day Tuesday 19th December 2023 (finish at 1.20pm)

SPRING TERM 2024

Inset Day Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Inset Day Wednesday 3rd January 2024

First Day Thursday 4th January 2024

Half Term Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024

Last Day Thursday 28th March 2024 (finish at 1.20pm)

SUMMER TERM 2024

First Day Monday 15th April 2024

Bank Holiday Monday 6th May 2024

Half Term Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024

Inset Day Monday 3rd June 2024

Last Day Friday 19th July 2024 (finish at 1.20pm)



ST PETER'S COMMUNITY CHOIR

With Hyde Brass Band &
Choirs from St James Primary School
and Avonwood Primary Schools.

Musical Director: Jane Wright

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Sunday 26th November 2023 at 3.00pm

Doors open at 2.15pm

De La Salle Theatre, St Peter's School
St Catherine's Road, Southbourne.



Tickets - £8.00 (plus booking fee)
Under 12's - £5.00 (plus booking fee)
available from Ticketsource:

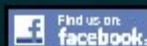
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Email: stpcchoir1@gmail.com



www.facebook.com/stpcchoir/

Join us for the
St. James' Christmas Fayre
Winter Wonderland

Friday 1st December ~ 3:30pm – 6pm ~ Free entry

Please collect your child as normal from school
Only enter for the event via the hall doors from 3:30pm

Visit Santa in his Grotto - £4 per child (to include gift from the North Pole)
Ticket booking information to follow

**STALLS, GAMES, CRAFTS, FACE-PAINTING & GLITTER TATTOOS,
BBQ, REFRESHMENTS, QUIET ROOM MOVIE ZONE**

Please see your PSA Class Rep to sign up to a time slot to help out on a stall
(Go to the PSA Facebook page if you don't know who yours is)

Watch out for **Raffle Tickets** coming home in your child's bag soon
We have some amazing prizes coming in so please buy what you can
You've got to be in it to win it!

Pre-Event Donations Requests

Friday 24th November
CHRISTMAS JUMPER MUFTI - DAY

Donations of **chocolate** for the tombola, **mulled wine** and **prosecco**

Friday 1st December
Donations of **good quality toys, books and gifts**

Please leave under the tree at 8:30am drop off



CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP



Monday 4th December
 7-9pm
 £35 per person.
 Limited spaces available
 For more information
 and booking please
 message
 Hannah on 07740111385



These are some of the ones made last year