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Newsletter

I can do all this through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4 v 13

Dear Parents/Carers,



Worship

Thank you to Year 6, who led our remembrance service so beautifully last week. This week we have been learning about Peace. Mahatma Ghandi once famously said, 'an eye for an eye would make the whole world turn blind.' Education and celebrating difference is the way we will make the world a better place.



Open Morning and School Tours

We had over 180 parents for our Open Day last Saturday and our children have shown around 55 adults for our school tours this last week. We are very proud of our school and always like to show others about the learning and opportunities that take place within the family of St. James'.



New Website

I am sure you have visited our new website which is easily accessible on mobile phones. If you have any feedback, we would love to hear it. It is, after all, for you to use and find information.



Site Safety

Thank you to those parents that expressed their concern about a stranger who was seen acting suspiciously near our school this week. Following contact with the police and community patrols, we are pleased that this has been dealt with. We will always place safeguarding and the safety of your children first.



Pavilion Christmas

Next week, our Glee Club are performing on stage at the Bournemouth Schools Christmas concert at the Pavilion on Tuesday 21st November. As an added bonus, some of our Year 2 cohort will be performing as the Key Stage 1 representative from Bournemouth Schools. This will be a treat to behold. Tickets are available on the Pavilion website.



Book Donations

We were extremely grateful for a donation of children's books for our library from the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. I am sure our children will get much enjoyment from them to foster their love of reading.



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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



Upcoming Key Dates

Tuesday 21st November – Bournemouth School's Carol Concert – Pavilion (Glee club and Year 2 performing)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Monday 18th December – PSA Christmas parties – classrooms

Tuesday 19th December – Break up for Christmas at 1.15pm

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



A Few Notes From The Office

- **Reporting of absence** - please do this by 9am on the morning of each day, either via Arbor, emailing the office (office@stjames.academy), or leaving a message on the telephone
- **Lost property** - please name all your child's clothing, we have increasing amounts of lost property left each day unnamed. We are unable to reunite it with their owner!
- **Holiday during term time** - although we cannot authorise holiday during term time, if you do need to take your child out of school, please fill in a 'Request Form', which you can get from the office
- **Dogs** - could we please remind you that no dogs are allowed on our site
- **Nuts** - we are a nut free school, we have a number of children and staff who have severe allergies to a range of nuts. Please do not send nut products for snacks or in lunch boxes
- **Medicine** - if your child needs to have any **prescribed** medication during the school day, please bring this to the office to discuss with the office staff and fill out a medical form. Please do not give to staff on the gate, or leave in your child's school bag
- **Car park** - please do not park, or arrange taxi pick up from the car park without prior arrangement with the office

Please check our 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 at the Pavilion on Tuesday.

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.

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)
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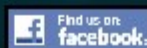
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(Cash only)

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



These are some of the ones made last year



Monday 4th December
7-9pm
£25 per person.
Limited spaces available
For more information
and booking please
message
Hannah on 07740111385

