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Newsletter

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

Mark 10 v 27

Dear Parents/Carers,



Worship

We have been learning about light and why we have less light in the winter. We learnt that Benjamin Franklin invented daylight savings time to save on candles. Jesus is the light of our world and we are so lucky that we can turn to Him in times of darkness. Mr Jewell led our worship yesterday about light and told a story of a huge bonfire built by Phil the farmer!



Open Morning and School Tours

Our Open Morning is tomorrow! Saturday 4th November 10am - 12pm. We also have school tours available in November for anyone interested in joining the family of St. James'. Please share this information with your family and friends. There will be a presentation in the hall at 10am and 11am, with the opportunity to explore the whole school, talking to members of staff, seeing children's work and interactive learning opportunities.



New Website

It is finally here! You will be pleased to know that it is much more user friendly for mobile devices! Obviously, any feedback is more than welcome. It is for you, so please let us know if there is anything you want added! Once again, please check the website for your child's learning and important information on the year group pages.



Volunteer Thank You

Last week a team of volunteers from the church community tidied up the site, trimming and cutting back edges and foliage. A huge thank you to the church for their organisation with this. Being on a shared site, we are extremely grateful.



Disability Awareness Day

We had a fantastic day on Wednesday, with a host of visitors talking and interacting with all of our children. A huge thank you to the tireless Mrs Finnigan for her work on organising this wonderful opportunity for our family to celebrate difference and meet inspirational people.



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Remembrance and Poppies

Next Thursday our Year 6 children will lead our worship in the hall for parents and our key stage 2 children, and on Friday, we have our remembrance service at 10.45am at the peace garden. It is important we remember, especially in our local community; 66 men and boys from Pokesdown went off to the Great War, and didn't return. Their names are on the memorial cross in the peace garden.

Our Year 6 children will be coming round to classes selling poppies and merchandise, raising money for the British Legion next week. If your child wishes to buy one, please bring in some money.

- Slap Band - £1
- Wrist Band - £1
- Reflective Poppies - 50p
- Zip Ribbons - 20p
- Stick on paper Poppy - any donation welcome



Site Safety

We are aware of some dangerous parking around the site, particularly on Spurgeon Road and King's Park Drive. Please try to be considerate and think about our children's safety. Unfortunately, with the roadworks on Christchurch Road this week, traffic has been increased, but please think about the impact of your car and safety. Thank you in anticipation of your support.



Pavilion Christmas

This year, 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.



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

Saturday 4th November – School Open Day for new intake, 10am - 12pm

Thursday 9th November – Year 6 lead our whole school worship on remembrance in the hall – parents warmly invited

Thursday 9th November – school tours (1.30pm)

Friday 10th November – 10.45am, whole school remembrance service led by Rev. Rachel in the peace garden

Friday 10th November – PSA school discos (all age groups, in the hall)

Tuesday 14th November – school tours (1.30pm)

Tuesday 14th November – EYFS phonics workshop for parents

Thursday 16th November – EYFS phonics workshop for parents

Thursday 16th November – school tours (11am)

Friday 17th November – school tours (9am)

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

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. I hope to see some of you at our Open Morning!



Alastair Brown
Headteacher

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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. James' C of E Primary Academy Open Morning

Saturday 4th November 10am - 12pm

Presentations at 10am and 11am with an opportunity to explore the school and speak to staff



School tours during school time are also available on request
by phoning the school office on 01202 426696

Come and see what the family of St. James' can offer your child

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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:

[https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/
booking/t-zzxvjyz](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-zzxvjyz)



Scan me!

Tickets on the Door: £10
(Cash only)

Email: stpcchoir1@gmail.com



www.facebook.com/stpcchoir/

Disco tickets can be purchased via Arbor (clubs)



ST. JAMES' PSA DISCO

Friday 10th November 2023

Early Years: 2.00pm to 2:45pm
£1 cash donation please for wearing mufti on the day

Years 1 and 2: 3.15pm to 4.00pm £3.50* per child
Mufti Day for Early Years, Years 1 and 2 in order to wear their party clothes
£1 cash donation please for wearing mufti on the day if not purchasing a disco place
(Sensible shoes only please, as children will be going out to play as normal).

Years 3 and 4: 4.15pm to 5.15pm £3.50* per child
Years 5 and 6: 5.30pm to 6.30pm £3.50* per child
School uniform to be worn in school for years 3, 4, 5 and 6
The cost of the discos will include snacks and a drink.

***To secure your child's place please respond with your permission/pay via Arbor (club), please note you must top up your club balance, without payment, your child will be unable to attend.**
CLOSING DATE IS TUESDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2023 AT MIDDAY.
PLACES WILL NOT BE ISSUED AFTER THIS DATE! There will be an attendance list.

It is also vital that authorised pick up details are correct on Arbor and the office is informed of any changes prior to the event. Year 5 & 6 children will not be permitted to walk home, they must be collected by an adult.

Volunteers to stay and help at these discos are required for these to go ahead.
Please let the office know if you can spare any time.



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

