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## Newsletter

*.... but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40 v 31*

Dear Parents/Carers,



### **Worship**

This week we have been lucky enough to have Keith Jewell (from PACE) leading our worship. We have been learning about King Charles and his responsibility as the head of the Church of England. Next week we are looking forward to Bourne and Malawi classes leading our worship.



### **SATS**

This week, our fantastic Year 6 cohort have showed how great they are. We are so proud of you all for the way you have completed your Key Stage 2 SATS papers this week. You were calm, determined and brilliant. Well done!

Just remember:

SATs don't measure sports, SATs don't measure art,  
SATs don't measure music, or the kindness in your heart.  
SATs don't see your beauty, SATs don't know your worth,  
SATs don't see the reasons you were put upon this earth.  
SATs don't see your magic, how you make others smile,  
SATs don't time how quickly you can run a mile.  
SATs don't hear your laughter, or see you've come this far,  
SATs are just a tiny glimpse of who you really are.  
So sitting at your table, with a pencil and your test,  
Remember SATs aren't who you are, remember you're the best.



### **Industrial Action**

I'm sure you are aware that the ongoing talks between the government and the teaching unions have not been resolved.

Whilst industrial action has been an inconvenience, the teachers are concerned by the funding cuts made to schools and the future impact on children's education.

There may be future strike days, as soon as we know more, we will let you know.



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## **Communicable Diseases**

Please let the office know if your child gets a confirmed diagnosis from your GP of a communicable disease in order to advise vulnerable staff (e.g. Slapped Cheek and Chickenpox).



## **PSA Dates**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June – PSA Quiz Night at 7pm. Beat the teachers team (if you can?)



## **Upcoming Key Dates**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Year 3 and 4 visit Poole Lighthouse for the BSO

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May - Bourne class worship (this is a revised date)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Malawi class worship

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Class photos (Frazer Portraits)

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Bengal class worship

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – break up for Half term at usual time (3pm and 3.10pm)

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 residential to Osmington Bay

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Sports week

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – SPORTS DAY (King's Park athletic stadium)

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June – St. James' Music evening. 6pm – 7.30pm in the school hall

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Transition Day – all children move to their new classes in preparation for September

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Whole school photograph

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 leaver's service at Christchurch Priory

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July – SYFS trip to Farmer Palmers

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Choir Music Festival – Christchurch Priory

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 production. 6pm – 7.30pm

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July – St. James' Academy awards and leaver's evening



## **School Uniform Donations Needed**

Last term was a sell out !

Our pre-loved school uniform sale was a help to many families and we sold out of most items.

To continue to provide for our community and to reduce landfill, please donate any outgrown uniform items to the School Office.

At this time we are able to accept school uniform items, PE kit, sports day t-shirts as well as Christmas jumpers and good condition shoes/trainers.

The next sale will be the week before the half term holidays (week commencing 22nd May).

\*\*\*Trousers and Shorts and White Polo/Shirts remain FREE on sale days.\*\*\*

Isn't it nice to see the evenings getting longer and I am hopeful the weather will continue to improve. There are lots of exciting and additional learning opportunities coming up in the next few weeks, including improving our outside area (at the front of the school!).

We still have spaces in Early Years/Reception for the next academic year, so if you know any families who want to join the St. James' family, we have tour guides ready!

Thank you all for your continued support,



**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

## SUMMER TERM

**First Day** Monday 17th April 2023

**Bank Holiday Monday** 1st May 2023

**Bank Holiday Monday** 8th May 2023

**Half Term** Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023

**Inset Day** Monday 5th June 2023

**Last Day** Friday 21st July (finish at 1.20pm) 2023

## AUTUMN TERM

**Inset Day** Friday 1st September 2023

**Inset Day** Monday 4th September 2023

**First Day** Tuesday 5th September 2023

**Half Term** Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October 2023

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

## SPRING TERM

**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** Tuesday 26th March 2024 (finish at 1.20pm)

## SUMMER TERM

**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)

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