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Newsletter

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.
1 Corinthians 9:24

Dear Parents/Carers,



Worship

We have been learning about the Trinity. Thinking about God in 3 parts, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We have seen 3 in 1 oil, apples, 3 leaf shamrocks and water in 3 forms of liquid, gas and solid to help us understand that 3 things can stem from the same.

Galilee children led us in worship on Thursday and gave a wonderful message about the beauty of Summer and equating it to God's goodness. Thank you.



Year 6 Residential

Year 6 returned from their residential to PGL at Osmington Bay this week. What a great time they had; learning, trying new things, making new friends and lifelong memories. Thank you so much to our wonderful staff for going to support the children and give up their time. Our Facebook page is full of highlights from their wonderful experience.



Sports Week and Sports Day

Next week is our Sports week. We are really looking forward to a fun filled week, ending with our Sports Day at King's Park Athletic Stadium. If you have never been, it's a sight to behold!

Mrs Finnigan has been working really hard to provide an amazing experience for all our children with the tallest basketball player in Europe, a GB high jumper, AFC Bournemouth, golf, archery, surfing, beach sports, Chance to Shine Cricket, circus skills, chiropractic lessons, tennis, rounders and plenty of other opportunities for children to learn more and participate in physical activity.

Please make sure that:

- Children wear PE kit all week
- Bring a water bottle
- Wear sun cream (apply at home and bring spare if possible) and a sun hat



Summer Fayre

Save the date! Saturday 8th July. St. James' school and Church will have their annual Summer Fayre from 11am - 2pm. The theme this year is 'Green'. There will be lots of events, stalls, a fancy dress competition (green theme), BBQ, drinks tent, bouncy castles and lots more. It's going to be great fun!



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Gardeners Wanted

Do any members of our community have some time (and chainsaws) to help with our school environment? We are getting additional fencing around the staff car park, to add security and make room for a storage shed. Before they can start work, we need the hedge removing from the Spurgeon Road perimeter and Mr Lillis has asked if there is anyone willing to help and provide tools that can level the ground. Please contact the office if you can help, there are house points available!



Meet An Author Opportunity

On Saturday 24th June at 10.30am, author Beverley Naidoo (Journey to Jo'burg, The Other Side of Truth, Children of the Stone City) will be at Southbourne Library for a free reading event. It will be a great opportunity to meet and listen to an award winning children's author.



Upcoming Key Dates

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd June – Sports week

Thursday 22nd June – Biscay class worship

Friday 23rd June – SPORTS DAY (King's Park athletic stadium)

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

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

Monday 3rd July – Whole school photograph (all children in school uniform please - no PE kits)

Tuesday 4th July – Year 6 leaver's service at Christchurch Priory

Tuesday 4th July – SYFS trip to Farmer Palmer's

Friday 7th July – Choir Music Festival – Christchurch Priory

Saturday 8th July – Summer Fayre

Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th July – Year 6 production 6pm – 7.30pm

Friday 14th July – Pupil reports sent out to parents/carers

Thursday 20th July - St. James' Leaver's Eucharist

Thursday 20th July – St. James' Academy awards and leaver's evening

Friday 21st July – Break up for the Summer holidays (1.20pm)

A Few Requests from the Office Team

- Please report any absences before 9am each morning either by phone, email or Arbor
- Please use the letterboxes when returning completed forms, etc. to save congestion at the office window
- Please name **all** clothing and lunchboxes
- Please look in lost property - there are so many items

We still have a few spaces in 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."

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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)



St. James' C of E Primary Academy

If you know of anyone who is looking for a school place in Reception for September 2023, we are pleased to say we still have a few places available.



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

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Saturday 4th November, 10am - 12pm

Presentation at 10am and 11am,

with an opportunity to explore the school and speak to staff



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