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**22nd September 2023**

## Newsletter

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace, as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15 v 13*

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Worship**

We have been learning about Trust, Faith and Hope. I told the story of tightrope walker Charles Blondin and his amazing ability to cross the Niagara Falls on a tightrope, even with a wheelbarrow, but no one trusted him enough to get in the wheelbarrow. We can trust Jesus and put our faith in Him.

### **PE Days**

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

### **Midday Supervisor Role**

We have a vacancy to join our lunchtime team. Please check the website if you are interested, or know of someone that may be?

<https://www.stjamescebourne.com/our-academy/people/job-vacancies>

### **Open Morning and School Tours**

Our Open Morning is on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 10am –12pm. We also have school tours available in November for anyone interested in joining the family of St. James'.

### **Term Date Confusion**

In the haste to share term dates with you all this year, an error was made. The end of the spring term should be Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (not Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> as previously written). Apologies for this.



## Upcoming Key Dates

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest Festival in church. **Donations of dry, tinned, long-life food gratefully received** (parents welcome, coffee being served before and after each service).

KS1 – 9am, KS2 – 1.30pm

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Year 6 football tournament - Littledown

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Year 2 Brownsea Island visit

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Year 5/6 girl's football tournament – Littledown

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Year 5 football tournament - Littledown

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Individual photographs, Frazer portraits

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Break up for half term. Normal end of school time.



## Parent Champion for SEND - Confidential Support And Advice For Families

As a school we want to play a role in improving SEND services for our children and young people. We have an opportunity to provide a confidential space here in school for families of children with SEND through a new Parent Champion project delivered and funded by SENDiass4BCP and Parent Carers Together.

**Our parent champion, Sarah, is next in school from 9:30am on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September.** Time slots will be allocated to individual families on a first come first served basis and are held in confidence during the school day. If you would be interested in meeting with Sarah then please let the office know by the end of the day on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

If you are experiencing difficulties and are unsure where to access the support and resources you need please do get in touch. The role of the Parent Champion is to listen and to share knowledge of the services and the networks in your local community that may be of help to you. This is a valuable resource we are so pleased to be part of. Together we can improve services and support for families across Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.



## Website

Please check our website for your child's learning and important information on the year group pages. The new website is very nearly ready. It has been built and just needs a few sections populating. You will be pleased to know that it is much more user friendly for mobile devices!

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing 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

## AUTUMN TERM 2023

**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 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

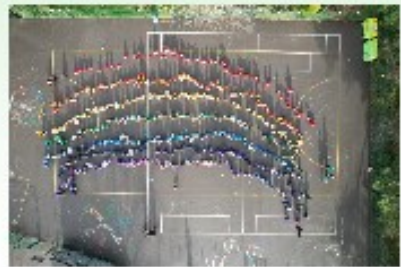
**Last Day** Friday 19th July 2024 (finish at 1.20pm)



# St. James' C of E Primary Academy Open Morning

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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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*"Every pupil and adult flourishes within the family at St. James'". SIAMS report, June 2022*



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## ***An Introduction to Autism and Neurodiversity for Parents***

*Led by Kate Tuck & Jackie Horne*

**Linwood Training, Support & Advice**

This session will provide parents with a basic overview of how Autism and Neurodiversity may present in children and young people.

- Information about Autism and Neurodiversity including the 3 areas of difference.
- Parent input “What I wish I had known”.
- Young person input “My experiences”.



***Please note that your child does not need a diagnosis to attend this session. No charge to attend. This course is open to families who live in BCP.***

Please email ; [jackiehorne@linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:jackiehorne@linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk) for session details / availability.



# LINWOOD

TRAINING, SUPPORT & ADVICE

Dates for "An Introduction to Autism & Neurodiversity for Parents". Available to book by emailing [jackiehome@linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:jackiehome@linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk). No diagnosis is necessary. No charge to attend. 1 or 2 spaces per family available. Please note these sessions are available to BCP families.

Date	Start time	Finish time (Approx.)	Venue name and address
<b>Spring Term 2024</b>			
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024	9.30am	12pm	Highcliffe St Marks Primary School, Greenways, Highcliffe, Christchurch, BH23 5AZ
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	1.15pm	4pm	The Hamworthy Club, Magna Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH21 3AP
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	9.30am	12pm	Winton Methodist Church Hall, Alma Road, Bournemouth, Dorset
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	9.30am	12pm	Christchurch Golf Club, Riverside Avenue, Bournemouth, Dorset



## Do you need childcare before or after school?

We can help you find breakfast and after school clubs for your child. Many childcare providers and childminders will take your child to school and collect them at the end of the day, providing a complete wrap-around care service.

Most working parents can claim Tax-Free Childcare to help with costs, whilst your child can complete homework or enjoy sports, arts and crafts with their friends.

T. 01202 093131

E. [familyinformation@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:familyinformation@bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

W. [bcpcouncil.gov.uk/childcare](http://bcpcouncil.gov.uk/childcare)

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