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Newsletter

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

Dear Parents/Carers,



Worship

We are focussing on Lent and we were delighted to be in Church with Rev. Rachel on Ash Wednesday. Mr Brown led worship on temptation, involving fruit pastilles, and we had a world book day worship about the best-selling book in the world - the Bible.



Ofsted

We are still awaiting our Ofsted report (following our inspection on 23rd and 24th January), as soon as it is available I will circulate it for the community to read.



Strike Action

The National Education Union have voted to take industrial action and teaching staff will potentially strike on the following dates:

- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

Teachers do not have to inform me if they will strike, so I will once again be asking you to make arrangements accordingly. Please inform us if you are unable to make childcare arrangements.



News Updates

- Please can we ask that you do not bring dogs onto our school grounds. There is an increased amount of dog mess around the site which, unfortunately, gives dog owners a bad name.
- Long hair - a reminder that all long hair (shoulder length and longer) should be tied back with a suitable plain hair band please.
- P.E. Kit - in the colder months, over our yellow polo shirts and green shorts, can be any suitable dark P.E. trousers and any dark green sweatshirt.
- Mobile phones - whilst we appreciate mobile phones offer a method of communication and safety (particularly when walking home), we ask that all Year 5 and 6 children bringing them into school, continue to follow the rule where they are kept in the school office during the day.

Children who are not in Year 5 and 6 are not allowed to bring a mobile phone to school.



Key Dates

Monday 6th - Wednesday 8th March - Year 4 Residential to Hooke Court

Tuesday 7th March -Year 6 Parents SATS Meeting, Year 6 classroom 3.30pm (or 6pm virtually)

Thursday 9th March -Year 2 Amazon Class Worship - school hall, 8.55am

Monday 13th - Friday 17th March - Whole School Science Week!

Friday 17th March - Red Nose Mufti Day - wear something red and make a donation to Comic Relief

Thursday 23rd March - Ducklings and Tadpoles Worship - school hall, 8.55am

Tuesday 28th March - Year 3 Roman Day

Tuesday 28th March - Parent Consultations: Hall, 3.30pm - 7pm

Wednesday 29th March - Parent Consultations: Hall, 3.30pm - 6.00pm

Thursday 30th March - Break up for Easter holidays - all children **1.20pm**

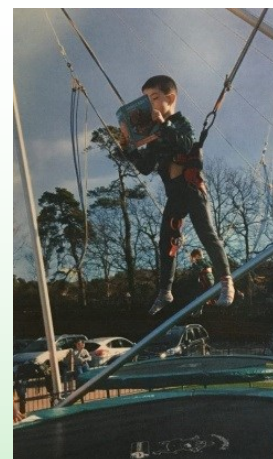
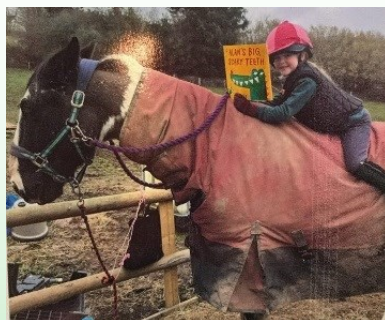


Word Book Day

Thank you to all of you for joining in so enthusiastically with World Book Day on Tuesday. We had a great time celebrating and performing poetry together following our recent workshop with the poet, Joshua Siegal. We also enjoyed having some special bedtime stories at Books at Bedtime. The planned book fair will be reorganised at a later date.

Congratulations to our extreme reading competition winners, **Emily, Connie and Rowan, Mrs Hall and Miss Pain.**

Thank you to Mrs Jacobs for all her organisation. Keep reading!!



Website

We are currently building a new website, which will happen 'behind the scenes'. We anticipate this to be in action by April 2023. It will be user friendly from a mobile phone, and more user friendly to navigate. In the meantime, please continue to check our website for information, your Year group's weekly update is on there each Friday - it's full of useful information about the learning, what is coming up and how to support your child's learning.

There are also a whole range of posts about learning where you can see photos and a write up about some of the fantastic things that will be happening in school.



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Champions

Congratulations to our boy's Year 5 football team, who not only won their regional league, but went on to beat all the other league winners from Bournemouth in a special championship finals evening on Thursday 2nd March at Littledown. We are so proud of you!



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."

'Every pupil and adult flourishes within the family at St. James'. SIAMS report June 2022.

2023-24 Term Dates

SPRING TERM

Half Term Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2023

Last Day Thursday 30th March (finish at 1.20pm) 2023

Inset Day Friday 31st March 2023

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 (finish at 1.20pm) 2023

SPRING TERM

Inset Day Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Inset Day Thursday 4th January 2024

Inset Day Friday 5th January 2024

First Day Monday 8th January 2024

Half Term Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024

Last Day Tuesday 26th March (finish at 1.20pm) 2024

SUMMER TERM

Inset Day Monday 15th April 2024

First Day Monday 16th 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 23rd July (finish at 1.20pm) 2024