

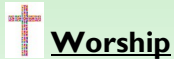


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## Newsletter

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3 v 16*

Dear Parents/Carers,



### **Worship**

We have been looking at the Easter story and Holy week, led by our Early Years children and Victoria class. This is a particularly special time for us and one that resonates with our Christian values of Love, Hope and Forgiveness. He is Risen, Hallelujah!



### **Spare Plants?**

We would like a green school. Have you got any spare plants at home that you would like to donate to our school? We would like to put large plants around corridors and classrooms, preferably not plants that may cause injury (no prickles or thorns please) or may be toxic to children. If you have any that you no longer need or want, please bring them to the office, so that the children can love and care for them. Thank you in advance.



### **Staffing Update**

I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating Mrs Dodd as our substantive Deputy Headteacher, following a successful interview process. Mrs Dodd has been instrumental on our journey of improvement during the past year. Well done Mrs Dodd.



### **Monies Raised**

We raised £233.00 for Comic Relief. Thank you!



### **Playground Before School**

Please note that the school playground is not supervised by any staff prior to the bell at 8.30am in the morning. We are aware that some children may arrive before that but we are concerned that, if there were to be an accident, there may not be anyone on the premises who is able to help them. Therefore, we would ask that the playground is not used prior to 8.30am.



### **PSA - Meeting Invite to Form a New Committee - We Need You!**

Unfortunately for the children of St. James', the socially enriching activities that the PSA provide and organise within our community have been much reduced over the past few years and the number of committee members have certainly not renewed since Covid. With less and less people coming forward from our current parents and families, this year the committee is now non-existent and we need to re-form. It's a real opportunity for some new energy and excitement around the PSA and all that we can offer together.



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## **What is the PSA? (Parent Staff Association)**

As a collective we work together with teachers and other staff to support the children of our school and try to provide those additional things that enrich our children's life and experiences at school but which cannot be covered by the school's budget.

In the past we have put on school discos, film nights, craft opportunities, activity nights, and of course the Summer Fayre and the Christmas Winter Wonderland.

We have paid for books, playground equipment, lunch tables, a trampoline, the Christmas pantomime and much more...

## **Am I signing my life away if I come to a meeting?**

Absolutely not!

St. James' PSA is a very flexible and supportive group.

Anyone with a child at this school is part of the PSA and can dip in and out of helping as and when they can - absolutely no pressure!

We have recently found that the best way to work is for people to take individual responsibility for one activity or one particular role, wherever they feel their strengths may lay or whatever time constraints allow. The more people we have, the less pressure on the few!

To ensure we have a time to suit everyone, please come along and join us for any one of the below meetings ....

- Thursday 20th April: 7:00pm Brewhouse, Southbourne
- Friday 21st April: 8:45am St. James' School
- Friday 21st April: 2:00pm St. James' School

Please feel free to email Victoria Leamon (PSA Secretary) at [evolutionlets@aol.com](mailto:evolutionlets@aol.com) with any questions.

Come along as an individual, a pair or a group – it's a good opportunity to get to know some more people in the school family. You are welcome and needed!



## **RSE Parent Consultation Outcome**

Thank you to everyone who completed our survey regarding our RSE and PSHE curriculum. In response to the survey (which contained more than 200 responses), we are removing FGM from our curriculum. There is no statutory requirement for this element of the curriculum unless it is deemed to be a high local risk and we are happy that it is not something which is currently of high concern in our community. As a school, we will continue to be vigilant within our safeguarding practices.

Because of the high response level of the survey and our analysis of it, we have decided not to hold an in person consultation at the moment. If you have any concerns about the relationships curriculum or PSHE, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. The curriculum has already been sent out but can also be viewed on the PSHE page on our website.

## Uniform

With Summer approaching, it is time to get the Summer uniform out and we think it's a good opportunity to tighten up a little on our smartness and pride in being part of the St. James' family.

Our Summer uniform is:

- White buttoned polo shirt (with the school logo) available from Stevensons or other retailers without the logo or white rever collar blouse
- Courtelle bottle green V-neck St. James' sweater or cardigan
- Short grey traditional styled school trousers (suggested for YR - Y4)
- Long or short grey traditional styled school trousers (suggested for Y5 and Y6)
- Practical waterproof coat or anorak – no logos
- Black sturdy practical school shoes or black, dark brown or navy close-toed sandals (boots, trainers or high-heeled shoes are **not** permitted)
- Optional sun hat – no logos

Please also note, for neatness, health and hygiene:

- Long hair is to be worn tied back
- No fancy hair ornaments are permitted
- Hair slides or bands should be brown, black or school colours (green and gold not vibrant colours.)
- No hair gel or hair colourings may be worn



## Upcoming Key Dates

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April** – Return to school, 8.30am

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April** – KSI SATS information evening 3.20pm

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April** – PSA meeting, Brewhouse, Southbourne 7.00pm

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April** – PSA meeting in school 8.45am and 2pm

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April** – Bourne class worship

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May** – School closed (Bank Holiday)

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** – school closed (Coronation of Charles 3<sup>rd</sup>)

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May** – KS2 SATS

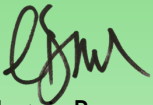
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May** – Malawi class worship

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

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

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

May I wish you all a blessed and peaceful Easter and look forward to seeing you all in the Summer term.



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

## 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