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Newsletter

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Dear Parents/carers,

As we approach the final 3 weeks of term, we wanted to share some important information with you all, about:

- Extra-Curricular Clubs
- Christmas Performances and Christmas Jumper Day
- Site safety – Masks in office, Car park, Dogs on site

Extra-Curricular Clubs at St. James'

Unfortunately, due to the fact the positive Covid cases have been so high amongst children and staff recently, we have taken the decision to cancel **all** extra-curricular clubs for the rest of the term. The rationale behind this is largely due to adult capacity in facilitating the clubs, but also the mixing of year groups in school. We will be in touch soon with regards to recompense and clubs in the New Year. Apologies.

Christmas

As most of you will be aware, Christmas at St. James' is a magical time. Last year, due to Covid restrictions we were unable to hold our four Christmas productions and Nativities for an audience. This year, although we are still mindful of restrictions, we are going to perform live to friends and families.

Each year group will perform by singing, drama or readings from the shelter on our lower playground, meaning there will be seven performances during the final week of term. This means it will be held outside (so wrap up warm and you may want to bring a torch). Our wonderful PSA will be on hand to provide mulled wine and mince pies, and with our Christmas tree on the lower playground, we are sure that the spirit of Christmas will fill us with Love and Hope.

Each performance will last no more than 30 minutes (due to the outside temperatures), and class teachers will be in contact about the dropping off and collection of children. These are the dates and times you need:

Monday 13th December starting at 4.30pm – Reception classes (Dolphin and Seal)

Monday 13th December starting at 6.00pm – Year 3 classes (London and Paris)

Tuesday 14th December starting at 4.30pm – Year 2 classes (Shark and Stingray)

Tuesday 14th December starting at 6.00pm – Year 5 Classes (Beijing and Washington)

Wednesday 15th December starting at 4.30pm – Year 1 classes (Otter and Turtle)

Wednesday 15th December starting at 6.00pm – Year 4 classes (Madrid and Rome)

Thursday 16th December starting at 6.00pm – Year 6 classes (Bogota and Santiago)

Other Key Dates

Friday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day at St. James' (basically a Muffi Day where your child can wear something festive). We are asking for a donation for this.

Friday 17th December – school closes for the Christmas holidays at **1.10pm** for years 2,4,6, and **1.20pm** for years R,1,3 and 5. We will reopen in 2022 on **Wednesday 5th January**.

Site security and Safeguarding

As with most public places, it is recommended that wearing a mask is helpful for additional safety. Our school building follows this response and we would ask that all visitors to the school office please wear a face mask out of respect for our office staff. Thank you.

The staff car park (Spurgeon Road entrance) is exactly that. It is not a playground. If your child is waiting at the back gate, please could you ensure that they are waiting beside you and not playing around the cars. This is obviously a learning point, as we would not be encouraging children to play in other car parks that they may visit. We appreciate that the staggered school starting and ending times are a contributing factor, and as soon as it is appropriate, we will return to one school starting time. Thank you for your support with this.

As you probably know, we are a school of dog lovers, our therapy dogs are an essential part of our school, however, we have recently had a few problems with dog mess on site. This may or may not be anything to do with our school community, as the pathways around school are public rights of way, so, if you could support and not bring dogs on site this will obviously help the situation.

Children In Need

We are pleased to announce that we raised **£226.20** for Children In Need.



Thank you for your continued and ongoing support.

The St. James' family is a welcoming, thriving, innovative community; loving and inspiring, forgiving and challenging. Together we can, and will, enrich the world.

Matthew 19:26 "with God all things are possible."

Best wishes,

The Leadership Team at St. James'