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## Newsletter

6th December 2021

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6*

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

- Christmas Jumper Day
- Christmas Performances - drop off and collection arrangements and PSA support
- King's Park Drive Safety Warning

### Christmas Jumper Day

A reminder that this Friday (10th December) is Christmas Jumper day. Please bring in a donation for PSA funds. Thank you.

### Christmas Performances

As previously mentioned, each year group will perform by songs, drama or readings from the shelter on our lower playground. 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). 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)

For safety's sake, we have decided that the children should be dropped off and collected after the performance from their usual gate at school. Please make sure your child is dropped off at 4.15pm (for the 4.30pm performances) and 5.45pm (for the 6pm performances). The children will then be taken back to their classrooms and dismissed from their usual gate. We hope you understand that this is the safest way of dismissing children in the dark.

Children should come in school uniform unless they have been given other specific instructions by their class teacher.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, we will communicate as soon as we can about any postponements. We will still go ahead with light rain (bring an umbrella!). There will be a retiring collection for our sister school in Lillongwe, Malawi, so that we can make a contribution to their school and be aware of others this Christmas.

### **King's Park Drive - Safety Warning**

We have received a few reports of drivers exceeding the speed limit on King's Park Drive. Whilst we are aware that this may not involve St. James' parents, we ask for your cooperation in obeying the 20 mph speed limit and to drive with due care and attention. Thank you.

### **Friday 17th December**

School closes for the Christmas holidays at **1.10pm** for Year 2,4,6, and **1.20pm** for Year R,1,3 and 5. We will reopen in 2022 on **Wednesday 5th January**.

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'