

St James' CE Primary School

Newsletter Issue 1

Welcome back to school!

It has been such a wonderful first week back to school – where we have welcomed old and new families to our community. The children have looked so smart in their school uniforms and the enthusiasm and delight at being back at school has been an absolute joy! I am so pleased to be welcoming you back to our St James family and the exciting year we have planned ahead. We have been really busy already and have refined our vision and values based on 'The parable of the Sower' Mathew 13.:



Our Vision:

Within our community

we strive to develop deep roots,

strong growth and freedom to

flourish as a unique and whole

child of God.



Values



Kindness and Respect

Responsibility- Autumn 1 Friendship - Autumn 2 Perseverance- Spring 1 Trust - Spring 2 Courage - Summer 1 Positivity- Summer 2

I believe that our new vision and values shapes us as a school community and helps us focus on what we want to achieve. Together as a community we can help our children develop those strong roots for success and the freedom to grow and flourish. This vision will help our children to be successful and feel proud of themselves— we do have actions — so please ask your child to share them with you! (Or you can ask for a demonstration on the gate!

This week the children have in worship spent time thinking about our vision and values what this looks like in school and how they can demonstrate them in their actions, words and thoughts. We are focussing this term on our overarching values of kindness and respect and it has been so evident across the school this week. Our Autumn Term focus is on responsibility – this is ensuring that the children take responsibility for their learning, their actions and how they are responsible for others around the school too.

We have made a great start already and I am sure it will continue.

Kind Regards

Mrs Everard - Head of School





The Queen's faith was very important to her and she frequently made mention of it in her Christmas day speeches. She spoke of how her faith in God had upheld her through difficult times in her life. She also gave an extra speech during the lockdown to encourage everyone during the pandemic.

As a school community we want to give our thanks to her for her loyal and dedicated service and the joy, unity and faith she brought to our country and the commonwealth.



We will have a book of remembrance by the office from Monday – if you would like to write a message as a family – please do so.

Here is the prayer we used in school today that you may like to use at home:

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen, people are sad. Thank you for her long life and her care for her people around the world. She was a faithful Queen, who spent her life dedicating it to our commonwealth. Thank you for allowing us to celebrate her reign and we put her family in our thoughts and prayers as they mourn. We pray for our new King. Bless and guide him as his reign begins

Amen







Key Dates for your Diary

Thursday 13th October 2022

Harvest festival Service at Church – details to follow on what we will be doing for this service.

Families are most welcome.

Wk. beginning 17th October:

Wellbeing Week – We will be doing lots of learning and activities on developing the children's well-being and how this can help them.

Half Term: Wk. beginning 24th October 2022

Back to school

Monday 31st October 2022 at 8.45am

Thursday 10th November 2022

Poppy Service at Church – families welcome

Christmas

Wednesday 7th December:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – Nativity – Timings to follow

Wednesday 14th December:

Carol Service at church at 6pm – This will be led by our Yr3 & 4 Children

Thursday 15th December -

Christingle Service 9am lead by Year 6

School Finishes on Friday 16th December at 1.45pm **School gate opens at 8.35am – closes at 8.45am** – please ensure your child is on time for school.

KS1 collection 3.15pm. KS2 collection 3.20pm

Thank you so much as many of you have adapted to our new times and we are now getting more learning into the school day.

PE Kit

Children need to bring their PE kit into school in a labelled bag and they get changed at school for PE lessons.

PLEASE DO NOT WEAR PE KIT TO SCHOOL.

School uniform should be worn to school every day – this is part of our responsibility and respect in our values. Thank you so much as our children are looking so smart at the moment!



Year Group	Indoor	Outdoor
Reception	Monday	Thursday
Year 1	Wednesday	Tuesday
Year 2	Friday	Tuesday
Year 3	Wednesday	Friday
Year 4	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 5	Thursday	Tuesday
Year 6	Friday	Monday







Celebration Worship Champions







Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	
Kofi and Geovanna	Izabel and Kayla	Jireh and Rex	
Kofi- for showing kindness to all his friends and settling in so amazingly. Geovanna – always showing values for respect especially when playing and tidying up.	Izabel – for showing kindness and helping her friends in class and setting the right example. Kayla – for settling in so well and always being respectful to everyone in class.	Jireh – for always being 100% focused in all lessons. Well done for showing the value of respect and responsibility. Rex – for his effort and responsibility in English to create writing with adjectives and similes	
We are so proud of you for your success in class - Congratulations!			





We are also celebrating Rhoda and Keziah – who completed the Enfield Library Summer **Reading Challenge**

(Please let us know if your child completed it – so we can celebrate them too!)







Celebration Worship Champions





Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Emily and Kai	Mayson and Grace	Naomi and Prince
Emily – for moving to a new class and settling in well and also showing respect to others and showing kindness Kai – for showing respect to others while lining up and moving around school.	Mayson – for making a good start to Year 5 and taking responsibility for his learning. Grace – for writing a thoughtful prayer for our prayer book showing kindness and care.	Naomi – for a brilliant start to Year 6 – amazing focus on her work and showing kindness to others especially at lunch where she took care of younger children. Prince – for making a great start to St James' and always showing respect in his words and actions.

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Our Behaviour and Reward system

This week we have introduced a new whole school behaviour policy and rewards. This is now posted on our

website: https://www.stjamesenfield.org.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=31

This includes **house points**, which children earn for working hard, producing great work as well as demonstrating and living out our vision and values. Hopefully your child has come home and said "I've got a house point!" We have also introduced lunchtime reflection, for children who need to reflect if they have not made the correct choice. If your child attends this – you will receive a text message. This is an opportunity for them to reflect and resolutions to be made.



House Points Congratulations and well done to all of our children who have been awarded house points for this week. The winning teams are:

1st Place: Blue Team

2nd Place: Red Team

3rd Place: Green Team

4th Place: Yellow Team



