



St James' CE Primary School

Newsletter Issue 4

Our Vision is:

Within our community we strive to develop **deep roots**, **strong growth** and **freedom to flourish** as a unique and whole child of God.



Deep Roots



Strong Growth



Freedom to Flourish

Our vision is linked to Matthew 13 - The Parable of the Sower - '... but the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.'

Our Values are Kindness and Respect:

Autumn 1 : Responsibility

Spring 1: Perseverance

Summer 1: Courage

Autumn 2 : Friendship

Spring 2 : Trust

Summer 2: Positivity

Dates for your Diary

Clubs

Thursday's - Girls football till 4.30pm

Friday's Boys Y4/5/6 till 4.30pm

Choir

Tuesday's - until 4.30pm

Tuesday 1st October

Spanish Day

Wednesday 16th October

Parents Consultations 2pm -7pm
Children Finish at 1.30pm - More details will follow soon

Thursday 17th October 2024

Harvest Festival Service
St James' Church 9.10am

Wednesday 23rd October 2024

Yr6 Class assembly 9.10am
Parents and families welcome

Friday 25th October

INSET DAY -

School closed to ALL pupils

28th October - 1st November

Half term holidays

Return to school

Monday 4th November at 8.40am

A message from Mrs Everard

Dear All,

This week has seen autumn truly arrive... with the wet and windy weather, although we have still been outside at breaks and lunchtimes - so please ensure that your child brings a waterproof/coat each day. We have again this week accumulated lots of 'Lost Property' please name your child's clothing and teach them to look after their belongings! This week saw our boys football team play in their first match as a team, so please look at the report written by Gallen later on in the newsletter.

This week in worship we focused on humility - we learnt about the importance of humility in our lives. We can all be tempted sometimes to be 'big headed' about who we are, what we have, what we are good at... and we can demand all the attention for ourselves; but Jesus taught us that 'Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.' (Mark 9:35) This is week we also focused on how to be still, to empty our minds and to appreciate quietness and how this time helps us appreciate the world around us!

Humility

is not thinking less of yourself
but thinking of yourself less
- CS Lewis



The weeks are certainly beginning to flyby - next week is our first 'Themed event' On Tuesday the children will be learning all about Chile - which is linked to our language lessons of Spanish. They will learn some songs, learn about and create some art from Chile. Children can come to school in the colours of Chile - Red/White/blue for the day. I look forward to telling you all about our learning next week.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend with your family, God Bless

Mrs Everard and all the staff at St James'



ATTENDANCE

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

YR1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
98%	94%	98%	93%	94%	98%

Well done to Yr1/3/5/6 for being in the green Zone! Being in school is so important, especially with the new guidance and rules set out by the government.

The front gate opens at 8.35am and the main gate opens at 8.40am – ALL children should be at school for 8.45am – Many families are arriving late to school – You MUST be on time for school – we start learning straight away- so please ensure YOU are on time for school!

This is how much education your child misses when they are absent:

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that is...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

Lateness

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that is...
10 minutes every day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 minutes every day	1 hr 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes every day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour a day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

Please take notice of these charts and work with us to get your child to school and in school everyday on time - this is how they become successful now and in the future.



Celebration Superstars



Each week we celebrate children for their work in class or around the school as well as someone who has shown our $\frac{1}{2}$ termly value. This term our value is courage.

Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
<p><u>Angel:</u> for amazing determination in his maths work</p> <p><u>George:</u> for being a wonderful addition to his Yr2 class and demonstrating our values of responsibility and friendship.</p>	<p><u>Ayden:</u> for outstanding word choices in his eye witness report on a volcano eruption in Pompeii</p> <p><u>Luna:</u> for always being responsible in her learning and settling in so well to her new class</p>	<p><u>Kai</u> – for being determined and working hard with his writing this week.</p> <p><u>Emily</u> – for always being a great role model to others and always following our values.</p>

We are so proud of you for your success in class - Congratulations!



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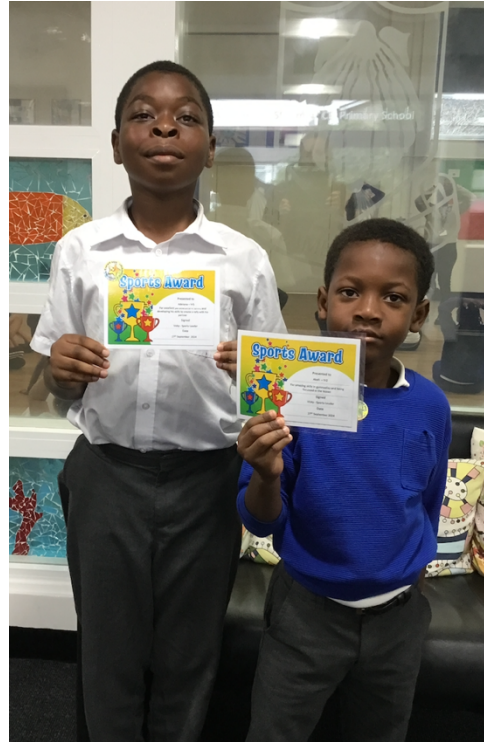
Super Star
Student

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Sports Award

Well done Adetona-
Yr5 – for his excellent
skills in tennis in getting
a rally going with his
partner and for
developing the skill to
serve and create a

Akofi – Yr2
Well done for
demonstrating his skills
and agility in gymnastics
and working hard to
perfect a move.



CHRISTMAS!



I know its only September - but please put
these dates in your diary

EYFS &KS1 Nativity
10th December at 2.15pm
11th December @ 9.30am

Carol Service @ St James Church
(Yr3,4,5)

Wednesday 11th December at 6pm
Christmas jumoers to be worn

Christingle Service @ School
Led by Yr6
Thursday 19th December @ 2.15pm



Weekly winners

Winners: Edison
2nd Attenborough
3rd Sharkey
4th Ronaldo

Congratulations to
Edison House

Spanish Day - Tuesday 1st October 2024



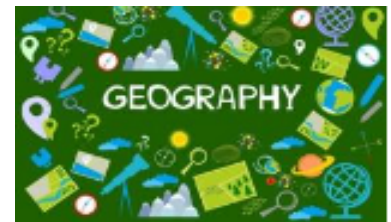
Children can wear - red/white/blue
to school to learn about Chile and the
Spanish language, cultures and
traditions

History Homework Hero!



What amazing homework Heroes – Well done Lloyd for his creative ability in creating ‘Stonehenge’, Dominion for his Neil Armstrong art and Tai for his stone paintings on rocks! It’s so lovely to see the children engaging in homework. Can YOU be here next week?

Geographical Geographers Homework Heroes!



What amazing homework Heroes What amazing Geographical champions – This week Scarlette & Olivia for their African Mud Huts, Ashley for his ‘Tree of life linked to Kenya, King for his African Tribal necklace and Samuel for his American paper plate flag. It’s so lovely to see the children engaging in homework. Can YOU be here next week?

Homework Superstar Award

Football Match against Forty Hill



On Monday 23rd September we played our first match against Forty Hill. Gallen was our goalie/captain , Kai and Nehemias were our defenders. Gallen made some fantastic saves, but Forty Hill managed to scored two brilliant goals in the first half.

In the second half Jason passed the ball to Nehemias then he bolted across the field and scored a brilliant goal unfortunately Forty Hill had scored another goal and we lost our first match three - one .We hope we can do better next time.

FROM THE ST JAMES FOOTBALL TEAM

- Isaiah E, Kai, Nehemias, Ayden, Alfie, Oliver, Rothniel Jason and Gallen.

Sleeping and Bedtime Routine



<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/>

Sleep is so important for the whole family - but especially the children as a good night's sleep means they are ready for the day ahead! Take look at this information and website to help you create a smooth and consistent approach to sleep!



CREATING A GOOD BEDTIME ROUTINE

A bedtime routine is important in getting a good night's sleep. A routine helps to support children's body clock and aid relaxation. Consistency is key, sometimes sleep patterns may get worse before they get better. It is not uncommon to think that a new routine isn't working but it is important to stick to it for at least two weeks in order to see results.

Sample Bedtime Programme

- 7.00pm**
Dim lights, turn off all screen activity
- 7.05pm**
Calming activity using child's interest. Hand eye co-ordination activities are good. Colouring/drawing/cutting and sticking/jigsaws/bricks
- 7.15pm**
Supper time with [sleepy foods](#)
- 7.30pm**
Upstairs for bath time (if this is appropriate) alternatively massage/mindfulness activities. Pyjama's on from radiator if no bath.
- 8.00pm**
Hugs and Kisses (Keep these to the same length each night) say it's sleep time.
If child gets up follow steps for either gradual retreat/rapid return depending on strategy being used.
Stay calm.
No eye contact and no conversation.
Only use set phrase (It's sleep time).

Sleepy Foods Advice: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/diet-sleep/>

Sleep Tips for Kids


Babies	Toddlers	Adolescents	Teens
Try soothing your baby without picking them up. Leave the room quietly when they are settled.	Try giving your toddler control over little parts of the bedtime routine, like picking out pajamas.	Designate a space outside of the bedroom for homework, play, or electronic device usage.	Setting a good example of healthy sleep routines can encourage a teen to follow suit.





Breaktime Snacks



- fruit / dried fruit
 - vegetables (e.g., carrot sticks, tomatoes, cucumber etc)
 - cereal bars (no chocolate)
 - crackers
 - breadsticks
 - healthy biscuits (e.g., Belvita) Or plain biscuits (Rich Tea/digestives)
 - Yoghurt tubes
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Becoming a Volunteer Helper is a great way of seeing how the school works and sharing in the children's experience.

We know you have busy lives. We're not asking for a huge commitment. Anytime you can give us would be a great help. You don't need to have any special talents (although if you do we'd love to hear about them!). Volunteer Helpers make a real difference to the school in a wide variety of ways - reading with children, and especially helping out on school trips... the list is endless.

If you would like to get involved - please let your class teacher know or pop into the office and add your name to the list!

- Please do NOT send your child to school with:
- chocolate
 - sweets
 - biscuits
 - crisps
 - cakes
 - pies/pastries
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Here are some websites to help you:

<https://thenourishedchild.com/mega-list-toddler-snack-ideas/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-snacks/#packaged-snacks>



Children in Year 2-6 – all have logins for TTRS.

Please ensure they access this at home for at least 15 mins daily to support their learning in maths.

Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master the times tables.