



# St James' CE Primary School

## Newsletter Issue 6

### 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**

#### **Change of day**

**Monday's - Girls football till 4.30pm**

**Choir Tuesday's - until 4.30pm**

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

#### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

**Parents Consultations 2pm -7pm**

**Children Finish at 1.30pm**

**Booking information has been sent to you this week**

#### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Harvest Festival Service**

**St James' Church 9.10am**

**We are collecting for Enfield Food Bank so please donate if you can.**

**Yr6 Trip - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

**Yr4 Trip - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

#### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024**

**Yr6 Class assembly 9.10am**

**Parents and families welcome**

#### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

**INSET DAY -**

**School closed to ALL pupils**

**28<sup>th</sup> October - 1<sup>st</sup> November**

**Half term holidays**

#### **Return to school**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 8.40am**

### A message from Mrs Everard

Dear All,

As the weeks fly by towards the end of our 1<sup>st</sup> half-term, it has been a real joy to see the children in class working hard and enjoying their learning. This week Mrs Goodison, Mrs Sheehan and myself have spent some time in all the classes looking at the learning taking place and what came across strongly was how determined the children are to do well in



class. We are also trying to build children as lifelong readers and I want to thank so many of you who are positively engaging and completing the reading records daily, this is such an important part of a child's life! Please do listen and/or encourage your child to read daily! (look on in the newsletter for more

reading advice)



This week we welcomed our first visit from 'Pathways' who acted out an assembly on Elisha who sent a messenger to Naaman who said, "Go and wash in the Jordan River seven times. Then your skin will be healed, and you will be pure and clean." The assembly explored what this instruction meant and how we need to believe and trust in God that we are never alone. The children loved the acting and retelling with props.

This week we have truly felt Autumn. Please ensure that a coat/jacket is brought to school every day as the weather is very unpredictable. As requested previously please ensure that names are written in all items of clothing as this ensures it gets returned to you.

I also want to remind you that next week is your 1<sup>st</sup> appointment with your child/children's teacher(s). This is going to be a great opportunity for you to know how well they have settled into their new year group and what you can do at home alongside us to ensure that they flourish and grow just as our vision sets out. Please remember to book your appointments via the online link and remember that school finishes at 1.30pm



Blessings for a wonderful wkld, Mrs Everard and all the staff at St James'

# ATTENDANCE

## EVERY DAY COUNTS!

YR1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
89%	95%	95%	91%	97%	94%



Well done to Yr2/3/5 for being in the green Zone! Yr6 – you were really close – let’s see if we can get a full green week next week!

The front gate opens at 8.35am and the main gate opens at 8.40am – **ALL children should be at school for 8.45am** – Too many families are arriving too late to school! – You MUST be on time for school – we start learning straight away- so please ensure YOU are organised so that YOUR child is here on time for school! Our value of Responsibility this term is a great way of teaching the children this important skill , that they will most definitely need for later life!



### Why should I arrive for school on time?

It is important that children arrive in school on time everyday for a number of reasons.

- It is the legal responsibility of parent/carers to ensure that children attend their registered school on time each day.
- If a child is late they miss important information about the day's activities.
- A child that is late will miss school work.
- Children that arrive in good time for registration are able to talk to their friends before school and settle into the school day with them.
- A child that is late disrupts staff and other children.

**5 minutes late each day**

**3 days lost!**

**10 minutes late each day**

**6.5 days lost!**

**15 minutes late each day**

**10 days lost!**

**20 minutes late each day**

**13 days lost!**

**30 minutes late each day**

**19 days lost!**

- days are school days and calculated over a school year


Celebration Superstars


Each week we celebrate children for their work in class or around the school as well as someone who has shown our ½ termly value. This term our value is courage.

Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
<p><b>Mueez:</b> for working so hard in his phonics lessons and improving his skills</p> <p><b>Rebecca:</b> for being a super kind and friendly member of the class and showing responsibility in her actions.</p>	<p><b>Bryan:</b> for being focussed and making huge improvements in completing the work set.</p> <p><b>Kayla:</b> for being a great role model to the rest of the class and always trying her hardest despite the challenges.</p>	<p><b>Seanna:</b> for an amazing piece of creative and informative Science work.</p> <p><b>Zoe:</b> for her commitment to her learning and for always striving to do her best and challenge herself!</p>
<p><b>We are so proud of you for your success in class - Congratulations!</b></p>		



WE ARE SO  
Proud  
OF YOU

Super Star  
Student

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# Sports Award

## Lois – Yr4

For improving gymnastics skills each week and pushing herself to achieve more!

## Filip – Yr1

For developing in all areas of physical education, following instructions, watching his peers and learning new techniques



## Weekly winners

**Winners: Edison**

2<sup>nd</sup> Attenborough

3<sup>rd</sup> Sharkey

4<sup>th</sup> Ronaldo

Congratulations to

**Edison**



## History Homework Hero!



This week we had a selection of Work from Year 3 based on their Stone Age Unit - Ester – created a stone Age hut and family, Naana made stone soup and brought a photo, Tai for his cave drawings, Papa Kofi for his Stone Age Art Plate. Only 2 more weeks left - Can YOU be here next week?



## Pleasant Little Reminders

Please ensure ALL of your child/rens uniform has their name on it.

Children must have a light raincoat in school at all times as the weather this time of the year can be unpredictable.

## Breaktime Snacks

**Christmas!**



### EYFS &KS1 Nativity

10<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm

11<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.30am

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

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm

Christmas jumoers to be worn

### Christingle Service @ School Led by Yr6

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December @ 2.15pm



- 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

Please do NOT send your child to school with:

- chocolate
- sweets
- biscuits
- crisps
- cakes
- pies/pastries

## Online Learning Zone!



Children in Yr3,4,5&6 all have logins for Spelling Shed – The weekly spelling are on this website/app with lots of games and activities to help the children learn spellings – Please ensure that they access this at home – This will really help them improve!

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.



We are supporting Enfield Food Bank this Harvest Festival. If you are able to donate any of these items please send them into school by the end of the week:

- Long life milk · Long life juice/ squash · Tea/ Coffee/ Hot chocolate · Tinned meat (pork and chicken) and Fish · Tinned fruit and vegetables · Tinned soup · Tinned vegetarian meals · Sweet and savoury snacks · Jam/ spreads · Baby items: Nappies (4&6), milk, food
- Toiletries (shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toilet roll and washing powder



Church Service – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 9.10am  
Families and friends welcome – we hope you can attend

*Congratulations!*

*Penelope took part in a dance and singing concert at the weekend based around Disney – she has been practising with her dance for some time! She wanted to share with you some of her photos – Congratulations Penelope of your hard work and showing the value of courage in your performances!*



If your child takes part or achieves something outside of school, please do let us know for the newsletter!

## Top tips to support your child's reading

Here at St James'CE Primary School, we are deeply aware of the importance of children reading at home. **Reading at home is invaluable** to a child's academic development.



Research has shown that one-on-one reading time and access to books are important predictors of future literacy skills and, inevitably, future educational outcomes.

Here are some easy ways that YOU can help YOUR child/children become strong, successful readers:

### 1. Build reading into your child's daily routine

Find a regular time for reading in your child's day, so that they can begin to expect it as part of their routine. This can be any time of day. Some children enjoy reading before bed, but others can just be too exhausted at night. It might be better for some children to read just after dinner, or in the morning after breakfast, when they have more energy.

### 2. Read every day.

Reading regularly at home provides children with the practice they need to become great readers. Remember, "The more kids read, the better they read," and the same holds true for the opposite effect, "the less kids read, the poorer they'll read." Beyond practice time, reading at home reinforces a positive attitude around reading—kids start to enjoy reading!

The best way to incorporate reading in the household is to devote at least 20 minutes, at the same time every evening, to family reading time. Make it part of a routine, as discussed in tip #1.

### 3. Make a special reading spot.

Designating a special reading spot for children to read with their parents guardians is not only fun, but is also a great way to create a distraction-free zone where children can concentrate. The reading spot should be rid of any extraneous noise, toys, etc. Putting some pillows or a comfy chair in the corner of a living room and surrounding the area with books is a great way to go.

### 4. Be a great reading partner!

It's no fun to read when you're forced to or feel embarrassed to read. Building trust and supporting a child reader is crucial as a reading partner. Here are some tips for becoming a great reading partner:

- Be patient and encouraging.
- Read aloud and track the words with your finger
- Read the same stories over and over. Try reading the same stories in different ways, with different voices to make it fun and interesting.
- Ask questions about the story while you're reading to gauge comprehension.
- Gently correct mistakes and re-read the entire sentence.
- Give positive feedback and tell the reader he or she is doing a great job.



## Football Report against Capel Manor & Honilands



On October 7<sup>th</sup> 2024 we played two matches. The first match we played against Capel Manor, Joshua scored a brilliant rebound and made some amazing chances, however they never gave up and they came back to score and it was 1:1, just before the whistle they scored the winner and we sadly lost 2-1 in the first match, but we did well and our skills as a team are improving!

In the second match against Honilands we made more effort and Gallen made some jaw-opening free kick and rebound saves. Sadly, despite our efforts, we lost again 3-0 but we did our very best but our coach Mr Bunyan helped us to succeed and improve our defending and attacking but our midfielders kept passing behind them and gave them the advantage to score. We did our best but we noticed that we did better than when we played our first couple of matches! We hope we can do better in November for the tournament.

From Oliver, Isaiah E, Jason, Rothniel, Joshua, Gallen, Kai, Nehemias and Samuel.

*Next week the Girls take over the baton, with their set of matches – so watch this space!*