



St James' CE Primary School

Newsletter Issue 5

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

Monday 5th October

Inset Day – NO SCHOOL

Monday 12th September

Boys Football at Lea Valley School *(if your child is attending you will have received a letter)*

Tuesday 13th October

Tottenham Sports coaches visiting for 'Football Fun. Sessions for the school

Wednesday 14th October

Yr6 Trip to War Museum

Thursday 15th October

Yr4 Trip to St Albans

Harvest Festival –Service at 9.10am at Church – all families welcome

Friday 16th October

Yr5 Trip to Science Museum

Monday 19th October

Yr3/4 Football festival at Raglan School

(if your child is attending you will have received a letter)

Wednesday 21st October

Yr6 Class Worship 9.10am

Yr1 Trip to Greenwich Museum

Half- Term

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October

Friday 18th December

Christmas holidays start at 1.30pm

Autumn Term Clubs

Tuesday

Keyboards Yr3/4/5/6 & Art/craft Club Yr1/2/3

Wednesday

All sports Club - Range of sports -Yr3/4/5/6

Thursday

Sewing club Yr3/4/5/6, Baking Club Yr1/2/3

Friday

Boys Football Club Yr4/5/6 (4.30pm)

ALL CLUBS FINISH AT 4.20PM

A message from Mrs Everard

What a wonderful and busy week we have had at St James'! This week in worship, we have been thinking about **how the world can be full of colour when we share kindness with others**. We explored the impact that our words can have on the feelings of those around us and how something as simple as a kind word or thoughtful action can make a real difference to someone's day.

We also spoke about Mother Theresa's important words:

'Kind words are short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless!'



We also spent time thinking about the **Zones of Regulation** and how we can recognise and talk about our feelings. We reminded the children that, although we cannot always control what happens to us, we can make choices about how we respond and how we approach our day. Most importantly, we reminded everyone that no one at St James' has to manage difficult feelings alone. There is always someone here who can listen, help and support. Andrea, our Play Therapist, also reminded the children about the support available through our **Drop-In and Share sessions**, giving children a safe space to talk, share their worries and seek help when they need it.



It has also been an exciting week for sport, with the **football season getting underway**. Our boys have made a fantastic start, playing some excellent football and showing great teamwork and determination. After four games, we currently sit **second in the league**, with two wins, one draw and one loss. A brilliant start — well done to everyone involved!

We have also enjoyed our first-class trips of the year, with **Year 3 visiting Celtic Harmony** as part of their learning about the Stone Age. It was wonderful to see the children taking their learning beyond the classroom and bringing their history topic to life through an exciting and memorable experience. *(See further on the newsletter for more information)*

As always, I am incredibly proud of the way our children continue to learn, support one another and represent St James' with such enthusiasm. Thank you to our staff for another busy and rewarding week, and to our families for your continued support. Please remember that there is **NO SCHOOL on Monday** – so we will see you back on Tuesday 6th October – wishing you a wonderful weekend and extra day off! God Bless

Mrs Everard and all the staff at St James'



ATTENDANCE

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

YR	Yr1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
88%	100%	94%	98%	100%	96%	98%



This is mixed start to attendance as we have lots of Yellow's – Well done to Yr1, Yr2, Yr3, Yr4, Yr5, Yr6 for all being in the Green Zone! Huge congratulations to Yr1 and Yr4 for gaining 100%! who are in the green Zone! I hope that next week we can get the other classes into the Green! Being in school is so important, especially with the new guidance and rules set out by the government. Being at school, learning, flourishing and growing is so important – Children MUST be at school.

REMINDER OF TIMINGS

Main Gate opens at 8.35am

School Gate at 8.40am

ALL CHILDREN SHOULD BE IN CLASS BY 8.45AM

Collection Time:

Reception & KS1 (Y1/2) : 3.15PM

KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) : 3.20PM

Please be on time to collect your child!



CHRISTMAS!



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

EYFS & KS1 Nativity

8th December at 2.15pm

9th December @ 9.30am

Carol Service @ St James Church

(Yr3,4,5)

Thursday 10th December at 6pm

Christmas jumpers to be worn

Wednesday 16th Decemeber

Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

Christingle Service

@ School led by Yr6

Thursday 17th December @ 2.15pm

Little Wandle phonics Superstars



Congratulations to Elisseo Yr1 & David Yr2 who are working really hard in phonics and in their reading sessions and class sounds this week!



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 1	Year 3	Year 5
<u>Flourish</u>: for consistently showing respect and hard work in all aspects of school life! <u>Zohal</u>: for showing respect and marvellous manners to her friends and adults.	<u>Abrianna</u>: for taking responsibility for her learning and helping herself and others to succeed <u>Jessica</u>: for her perseverance in her work and helpfulness around the class	<u>George</u>: for his amazing concentration and hard work in class <u>Naana</u>: for always upholding our St James' values in everything she does.
We are so proud of you for your success in class - Congratulations!		



HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY HOMEWORK AWARDS



This week in History homework we had:

Hyusein: for his amazing work on inventions. **William** – for his amazing coliseum, **David**, for his rocket, **Dejah** for her facts file comparing Kenya and England as well as a piece of jewellery, **Eli and George** for their artistic skills in creating the USA Flag and finally **Naana and Lloyd** for their 'Big Apple' linked to New York City which is part of their Geography work on USA.

What an amazing display on homework heroes – thank you!



This week the
winning house was:
Edison House





Each week, we will celebrate a child from Yr3/4/5/6 – who have shown commitment, skill, focus and determination in developing, refining as well as developing a quicker speed in TTRS
We are so proud of you!



We are celebrating Yr3 Nuna, Yr4 Olsi Yr5 Nariyah and Yr6 Benjamin – for their hard work, commitment and development on TTRS



Our first project is to reduce plastic bottles being used in school – help us by sending your child with a refillable bottle!



This week we received the exciting news that Ariam – who took part in a competition to get her Monster Mayhem illustration published and she was chosen – so she is now a published Illustrator!
Well done!

Year 3's Iron Age Adventure at Celtic Harmony

Year 3 had a fantastic day stepping back in time at **Celtic Harmony** for an exciting Iron Age adventure! The children became true hunter-gatherers as they explored the woodland and took part in a range of hands-on activities.

They learnt how to make fire using **wood, a bow and string, and friction**, had a go at **flint knapping**, and worked together to build their own **dene**. The children were fully immersed in life during prehistoric times and showed great teamwork, curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the day.

We ended our adventure gathered around the fire inside the **roundhouse**, listening to a fascinating prehistory story. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged with the fun and adventurous outdoor activities and bringing our History learning to life!  

