



St James' Church of England Junior School

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"With exploring minds, and faith, we achieve our challenging goals."

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Dear Parent / Carer

The 2015/2016 School Year for St James Juniors has already proved to be an eventful one. As a Governing Body we are extremely proud of all the school has achieved throughout the year so far.

We had the SIAMs Inspection in November rating the school as "Good". A quote from the report: "Pupils know that any issues are dealt with promptly and fairly. As a result they are confident and they feel valued." As a Governing Body we are gratified that the children feel valued in the school. During the Inspection, the children were praised for their politeness and great behaviour.

With Ms Maughan announcing her retirement we commenced the search for a new Head Teacher. The spring term ended with the successful appointment of Mr Beattie who will commence his Headship in September 2016. During the appointment process Mr Beattie remarked about the amazing behaviour and attitude of the children in what was for the school a stressful day. We are thankful to both the children and staff for assisting with the smooth running of the appointment process.

Experience Easter was a superb event continuing the partnership between St James Church and the school. The children enjoyed learning more about the events of the last week of Jesus' life on earth.

The summer term then brought us the inevitable Ofsted Inspection just a few weeks ago! The Ofsted rating of "Good" is a credit to Ms Maughan, the staff and the children. The dedication and hard work of the past two and half years has definitely paid off. We are sure that you will be as delighted as we are with the "Good" status the school has achieved. Thank you to all the parents who contributed feedback to the inspectors, both verbally and via the online facility. It was most appreciated. The excellent behaviour of the children was again noted as "good...smartly dressed...well behaved...listen attentively...value each other's opinions...enjoy school...good attendance record..." which they should be very pleased with. We would recommend that if you haven't already done so you read the Ofsted report.

Well done to the Year 6's in completing their SATs tests. They have put so much effort in.

Now we look forward to an exciting 2nd half of the summer term.

With reluctance we will have to say goodbye and thank you to Ms Maughan at the end of July but we also look forward to the autumn term with a new Head who we believe will take St James Junior School from strength to strength.

Thank you once again for your partnership with the school.

The Governors of
St James' CE Junior School

