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

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Welcome to this week's newsletter

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

The children have all been working extremely hard this week. Here are our Pupils of the Week-

Class 1 - Logan H

Class 2 - Ava L

Class 3 - Robert M, Skyler C & Amy A

Class 4 - Lauren H, Rosalee T & Jett H

Class 5 - Harry B

Class 6 - Zaahira F & Freddie J

Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - Modana M

Class 2 - Charlotte B

Class 3 - Lexie R

Class 4 - Rory W

Class 5 - Tia K

Class 6 - Jack E



Attendance winners:

Class 2 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.
Overall school attendance this week is: 96.72 %

Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 1 - Evan C
Maths Class 2 - Bethan A
Maths Class 3 - Harry EB
Maths Class 4 - Freddie J
Maths Class 5 - Joseph F
Maths Class 6 - Scarlett H

Each week, all of the children gaining 100% in a reading quiz are placed into a prize draw to win a book of their choice. This week's winners were Bella T & Clara S



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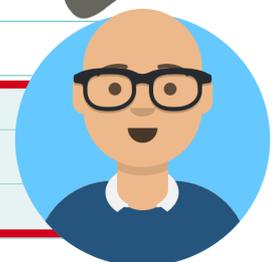
Every student. Every day.

Every week, children are encouraged to take part in the '**St James' Fitness Trail**' and a winner is drawn from everyone who has completed it that week.

Well done to this week's winner, Lewis G, who has won a sporting prize of their choice.

As ever, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns about any aspect of school life.

Mr Beattie





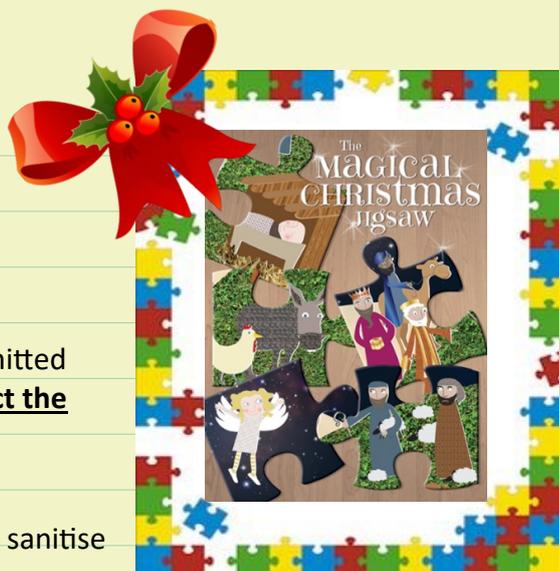
I write to you at the end of the penultimate week before our Christmas break. The students and staff continue to be busy balancing Nativity rehearsals around completing their topics across the curriculum. Yesterday we enjoyed a lovely afternoon alongside the children and staff at St James' Infants who came to watch our dress rehearsal. There was an abundance of festive acting, singing, dancing and DJing and I'm sure that our live audiences on Monday will be just as appreciative of the children's efforts. Please see some important guidance we would like to issue in order that we keep the day as safe as possible.

Enjoy a restful weekend.

NATIVITY SAFETY GUIDANCE

We have taken the following measures from National guidance to ensure that risk can be minimised for families, students and staff during the Nativity performances:

- Ticketing – the performance will be ticketed to ensure that we do not exceed agreed numbers in the church. Entry is only permitted with a ticket. **If you have not already got your ticket please contact the office on Monday morning.**
- Mask wearing – Mask wearing is mandatory whilst in church
- Sanitising – There are sanitisers in church and all encouraged to sanitise hands upon entry
- Mindful of social distance – Staff will be available to assist you with seating. We ask that you leave adequate space between groups of parents. The viewing gallery from upstairs will also be available.
- Lateral Flow tests – In line with advice that schools have received this week, we request that all audience members take a LFT before attending.
- Air Monitors/Ventilation – throughout all rehearsals we have been monitoring ventilation in the church. In order to keep CO2 levels at a safe measure we have to open side doors and the front door to keep a flow of air coming through the church. This does leave the church quite drafty so make sure you come prepared with a coat.



Please excuse the lengthy list of Health & Safety Instructions, though I'm sure you can appreciate the lengths we are having to go through in ensuring that we can offer a live Nativity this year. Faced with an alternative of not being able to see the children perform live, it seems a manageable sacrifice. Thank you all for your continued co-operation and consideration.

COSTUMES – Please ensure all children who need costumes from home have them with them on Monday. For our 'Upper-School Choir', this means that all Year 5 & 6 children can come to school dressed in their Christmas jumpers. Could children in the choir please make sure that they attend the evening performance at 5pm, also. All of the children have worked incredibly hard over the past few weeks and we would like a full strength choir so that we can perform at our very best during the evening performance.

DROP OFF/COLLECTION – The afternoon performance is likely to finish at approx. 2:30pm. If parents have attended the afternoon performance and would like to collect children early that is fine, please note however they will return back to class first, so can be collected from the front yard at 2:30pm

Please drop off your child for the evening performance AT SCHOOL at 4:30pm.

Evening performance will be finished at approx. 6pm, again like the evening performance, lower school children will return to class to change out of their costumes. Parents can collect from the front yard following at 6pm.

Any parents of the upper school choir, who are in the audience can collect directly from the church. Anyone not collected here will be taken back to school and can be collected from the front yard at 6pm. We have adequate staffing around the children at all times until they are collected.

Other School Messages—Please note the following notices, messages and reminders—

- **As has always been the case with school performances, there is no photography allowed for the Nativity. The school will take photos and put them on the school website, however for safeguarding reasons parents and families must not take their own photos or videos. Thank you.**
- Christmas Jumpers – All children need Christmas Jumpers on Wednesday for their Christmas dinner. Upper choir will also need for Nativity as stated on the first page.
- Angel Service 24th December— You will see whilst in church that children from both schools have been busy making various Angels in preparation for the Church Service on Christmas Eve, please see attached flyer for details.
- Attendance letters – your child should have received a letter today stating their current attendance status. Well done to the children who have achieved 100% attendance this term and receive their 100% certificates.

Here are links to some activities which have been happening in school this week (click on pictures) -



Sneak peep.... Nativity rehearsals



Class 6 making Christmas Cards



Lower school Angels



Year 6 Maths Battleships

Check out some of the other [galleries](#) showing the children learning and exploring a range of different topics. Check out your child's [class page](#) here.

Coming up at St James' -

- Monday 13th December—Nativity 1.30 p.m. & 5.00 p.m.
- Wednesday 15th December—Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day
- Thursday 16th December—Carol Service at 12.30 p.m. and school finish at 1.30 p.m.

Weekly Clubs & Activities

⇒ Wednesday – Judo Breakfast Club

