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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 back in school this week. Here are our Pupils of the Week-

Class 1 - Zane H

Class 2 - Luca R

Class 3 - Amy B & Alisha M

Class 4 - Matthew M, Zayne M & Ellis D

Class 5 - Layla O

Class 6 - Poppy M & Joseph M



Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 1 - Ava L

Maths Class 2 - Olivia A & Marcie S

Maths Class 3 - Melissa S

Maths Class 4 - Evan C

Maths Class 5 - Aiden P

Maths Class 6 - Issie A



Attendance winners:

Class 2, 3 & 6 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.

Overall school attendance this is week: 99.54%

Please note all Covid-19 absence is excluded

Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - Anya N

Class 2 - Jasmine S

Class 3 - Rosa F

Class 4 - Harrison S

Class 5 - Nancy H

Class 6 - Charlotte J

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 weeks winners were Lillia T & Isla D



Spelling Shed 



Every student. Every day.



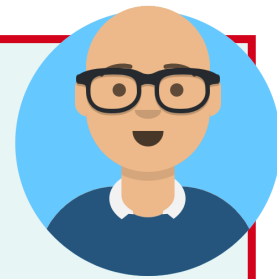
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As ever, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns about any aspect of school life.

Mr Beattie



Good Afternoon Parents,



As we quickly approach the end of our first week back, I wanted to share some key messages with you. Firstly, I wanted to reassure you that the children have worked really well this week and found their feet once again. If you consider the Christmas break, it is the first time many of them have been in school for 12 weeks. That's two summer holidays back to back, and for some remote learning had become the 'norm' and school was something they were having to get their heads around and adjust to. They have done incredibly well in doing so. I spent Thursday morning visiting each class for a mini-assembly, in which teachers spoke really positively in how the children had shown their kindness, their respectfulness and their efforts in giving their all. It was great to hear and see the St James' Way back in action. For me the lasting memory I will take away from our first week back is seeing the children together laughing and having fun at playtime. Good medicine for them and for anyone else watching. Wishing them all a restful weekend and we carry on again on Monday.



I-Watch/Wearable technology – We continuously encourage an active lifestyle with our students and are well aware that many of them wear fit bits, step counters and smart watches. Unfortunately many of the newer, more expensive models include cameras and/or the capability to use the internet or message other people. This breaches our online safety and safeguarding policies, and we ask that children do not come to school with any devices with this capability. Thank you

Drop off & Pick ups – It has been a week where we have all had to adjust to a different daily routine. By and large our staggered timetables are working well, despite the horrendous weather we have been having. In these early stages, if I could just re-emphasise some of the key messages that have been shared with parents recently around drop-off and pick up time.

- Lower bubble are to arrive for 8:40am and no later than 8:45am so that they can be registered and order lunches before lessons start at 8:50am.
- Older children should not arrive until 8:50am when their registration begins.
- We will accept siblings coming together but we ask that families without siblings respect these times so as not to overcrowd the gates at the start of the day.
- We would prefer children to pre-order meals at home so to allow registration to run smoother, but there will be time allocated for this for those who are unable to do so.

Collection time is staggered over 15 minutes from 3pm – 3:15pm with adults joining the queue on the playground whilst wearing masks, unless medically exempt from doing so.

Older children are permitted to walk from site themselves, although we will stagger their departure so as not to overcrowd the pavements directly outside.

If all parents can continue to respect social distancing from each other whilst around the busy school perimeter.

Traffic – I know that this week we have been gifted with some pretty horrendous weather. This increases our problems with traffic during busy drop and collection times. I have today received a couple of emails from nearby residents asking me to share the message with parents. If I could please ask parents to be mindful of nearby residents when choosing where to park and avoiding areas that include double yellow lines. Thank you.



PE days – Children coming in outdoor PE kit, with their hoodies and leggings/jogging bottoms is working really well in school and helping us avoid busy changing areas and potential virus transmission. You will have all received a welcome letter from the teaching staff this week detailing when each class is timetabled for their PE lesson.



Homework—Weekly homework has been set on Seesaw and the expectation is that homework is completed along with Spelling Shed, Timetables Rockstars and regular reading at home on a weekly basis, with reading diaries being completed. We encourage parents to keep using the Seesaw Family App which helps you to see when work is set and communicate with teachers—please contact the office if you need log in details.

Lateral Flow Tests – Further to the guidance related to the Lateral Flow testing, we are aware that some families are now using kits to complete the twice weekly testing. Please note that whilst it is encouraged that families of primary school children are regularly testing, IT IS NOT recommended that any children below 12 should be using the tests (this is the advice of Public Health England).

Coming up at St James—

Monday (15th) — Girls Upper Bubble Sports Group 3.15—4.00 p.m.
Mrs Pickering Maths Tuition Group 3.15—3.45 p.m.

Thursday (18th) - Boys Upper Bubble Sports Group 3.15—4.00 p.m.
Miss Morgan, Mrs Kitchin & Mr Tyson Maths Tuition Groups 3.30—4.00 p.m.

Friday (19th) - Lower Bubble Football Group—Class 5 Only—3.15—4.00 p.m.

For all sports groups children should come in PE kits as they would on their normal PE day.

