



## St James' Church of England Junior School

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*"With exploring minds, and faith; we grow and learn together."*

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Good Afternoon Parents/Carers,

With the shorter week this week, we have chosen not to send a typical newsletter, as I'm aware there has been quite a lot of information shared already with reminders, club information, class curriculum letters and flu consent forms all being sent out. Instead, I thought I would just pen a brief message to sum up our return to school.

Children have returned back to school in a really positive manner and it has been great to see how quickly the new Year 3s and other new children joining the school have got used to life at St James'. I have been particularly impressed with their manners and friendly nature to their classmates. It has also been great to see the compassion shown by our older children, who have supported the new students and helped guide them as they get used to break times and lunch times. The teachers are all saying many positive things about the atmosphere in classes and we are certain of yet another productive and fun year at St James' Junior School. In collective worship, we have talked about the mixed feelings around getting used to new routines and the excitement of trying 'first time ever' experiences, and it has been great seeing children put strategies into practice as they reconnect with old friends and enjoy meeting new ones.

Enrichment opportunities are already being mapped out for the term with Judo Club, Adventure Club and Gymnastics already being offered out to our students. In addition music tuition will return to St James' this year with Scott Bradley introducing himself to the children next Thursday and offering out small group tuition in guitar and keyboard. Details of this are attached with this email.

Please check Seesaw for details of homework. The work set is a little lighter than usual just to help us get used to the routines at the start of the year. A reminder again that we can loan out refurbished laptops to support homework if you are unable to access a device at home.

We would also like to share details of opportunities for working with us here at St James' and have attached details of two Teaching Assistant Apprenticeships (link below) and Midday Supervisor vacancies that we currently have. If you are interested please contact either System People or the school office respectively.

<https://apprenticeships.system-people.co.uk/vacancy/spv00593/>



We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday morning. As always, if you have any questions of the school please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Beattie  
Head teacher

