



St James' RC Primary Newsletter

Friday 5th July 2018

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful Summer Fair we had on Saturday! The atmosphere was lovely and it was good to see everyone having a great time and coming together as a community. Thank you so much to everyone that helped to make this such a success. The PTA make the Fair run so smoothly and make the organisation look effortless when we all know that of course it takes such commitment and hard work. We are so lucky to have such an amazing PTA.

In assembly on Monday we started the week by talking about self-discipline. We discussed how the Bible tells us that a person who has no self-discipline is like a city with no defence (Proverbs 25:28). We talked about how if we have self-discipline we can say no to ourselves when we might want to be greedy or selfish. Children gave examples of when they had shown self-discipline.

Thank you to Mrs Anderson, a parent in Year 1, who successfully received funding for all staff to have training in Outdoor Learning this week. We hope to put this training into practise and continue to use our fantastic grounds as a learning opportunity. KS1 were visited by the RSPB outreach service this week and were certainly able to use our outdoor environment! The children went outside to look and listen to nature. They collected pieces of nature that were interesting to

describe with the focus being on using WOW words!



It was good to hear that Year 5 enjoyed their visit to the Memory Café on Tuesday to talk to the people there. This positive joint venture will continue in September.



On Thursday we were visited by the Orpington Astronomical Society to do a Solar Watch. We again were lucky with the weather as the cloud cover from the morning disappeared for the afternoon.



We were treated to a wonderful performance by the orchestra and violinists this week. It was spectacular and very professional. Thank you to all those that took part and to Mrs Partridge and Mr Feiring who organised it.



I have been out of school this week attending conferences on Effective Partnerships at the Institute of Education, on Character Education at The Oratory and on Attachment Disorders. As a staff we will be studying these areas further in September. I can now sympathise fully with all of you that commute each day into London in this heat!

Please see the attached information concerning two exciting new after school clubs in September. One is a KS1 Art Club that comes highly recommended and the other is for LAMDA which is an amazing opportunity that we would like to offer the children. The Science Club will continue however the maximum numbers for this will be lower and the age range will be smaller. You need to book direct with the clubs.

Thank you to everyone that sent in wonderful comments about The Denominational Inspection Report that was sent to you last week. I have shared all of your messages with staff.

Thank you also to everyone that has already sent back to us the parent questionnaires that were sent out last week. Please send them back to school by Monday 16th July.

Please remember to let the office know if you are able to attend the 'Thank You Event' on Friday 13th at 2pm.

Next Friday we will be holding the annual 'Walk Around' Evening from 4pm until 6pm where children and parents are welcome to walk around the school looking at work from this year and meeting and talking to teachers. We all look forward to seeing you at this event where the Gymnastics Club will be giving a display.

Have a good weekend and enjoy reading your child's report. I believe there is also an important football match that some of you might be watching!

Mrs Weeks

Dates

Tuesday 10th July Year 6 Production at 7pm

Wednesday 11th July Year 6 Production at 7pm

Wednesday 11th-Friday 13th Year 5 STEM Summer School

Thursday 12th July Year 6 to be visited by The Bank of America

Thursday 12th July Gymnastic Presentation to parents at 3:15pm

Friday 13th July Helen O'Grady Drama Performance to parents at 1:15

Friday 13th July Thank you drinks for volunteers at 2pm

Friday 13th July Walk Around the school for parents and children to look at children's work, see new classrooms and meet new teachers 4-6pm

Tuesday 17th July Gardening Council to visit Southmore Court

Wednesday 18th July PTA Golf Day

Wednesday 18th July Summer Walk at 9:15

Wednesday 18th July Children to meet their new teacher.

Wednesday 18th PTA meeting

Thursday 19th July Circuit Judge to talk to Year 6

Friday 20th July Year 6 Mass at 10am

School Garden

Wanted....

We are looking for a petrol strimmer for the school garden. Please contact the office if you have a spare one or one you would like to donate to the school. Many thanks



The wheelbarrow will be on display in Bromley Town Centre at 11am on Saturday and for the rest of the following week. Details of how the public can vote for their favourite will follow. The wheelbarrow, once returned will spend the summer at Southmore Court for the residents to enjoy.

Congratulations to St James' Gardening Club who won second place for the Best School Container Category at Ruxley Manor today. Ruxley in Bloom Annually Gardening Competition 2018 out of 9 participating schools.



PTA NEWS

Thank you to all who came to our Summer Fair last Saturday. It was such a fabulous day and we hope that you and your families and friends had a lot of fun! We'll announce the final fundraising total early next week. Huge thanks are due to all those who volunteered in any capacity and to all parents who donated items for the event. We're so grateful and it all helped to ensure that all ran smoothly on the day. We also cleared out of the school in record time and felt that there were a lot of people who stayed behind to help in some way so thank you all!

We've just circulated details of our next PTA trip to the Churchill Theatre's Madagascar the Musical which is on Thursday 27 September. If you are keen to come then please do return your booking forms by Wednesday 18 July.

Wed 18 July PTA GOLF DAY, Chislehurst Golf Club
PTA MEETING, School Hall

Messages.....

We will have some vacancies for flute and piano lessons from September. If you are interested please contact the school office for a form.

Lost Property

Lost: Nike football boots, size 6 silver and blue. They were in an Arsenal boot bag which is also missing. They were last seen on a peg in KS2 cloakroom.

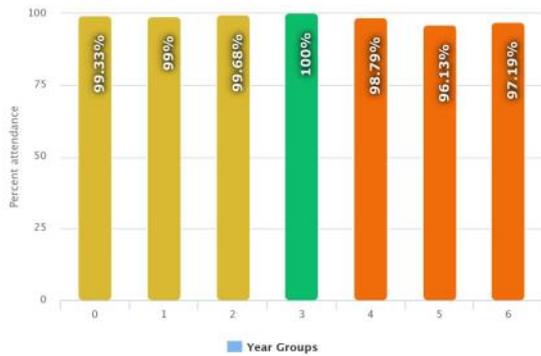
Found: Purse.

Year 5

Please can Year 5 pupils remember to bring in a cereal box for their Design and Technology project on Monday.

Attendance

Please ensure that you are at school by 8:55am



Class	No. of lates last week
Reception	1
Year 1	1
Year 2	2
Year 3	4
Year 4	1
Year 5	0
Year 6	0

The Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word is **WELCOME**. As Pope Francis tell us “God’s will is that we grow in our capacity to welcome one another.” God lives in everyone. When we are welcoming to others, we are also welcoming to God.

Safeguarding

Please inform the office immediately if the school gate or front door is left open. Please do not hook the school gate open or put the front door on the latch. Always make sure that the front door is shut behind you.

Oakies’ Club

Thank you very much for all your replies to the questionnaire. We appreciate the positive comments. The majority of parents have asked if we provide a menu. Due to the number of children varying each day/week we do not have a weekly set menu. Therefore here is a list of all food that we serve at Oakies.

BREAKFAST CEAREALS—bran flakes, porridge (in winter months) Cheerios, Rice Krispies, Shreddies, Corn-flakes.

CARBS—bread, waffles, pancakes, croissants, brioche, bagels, soren

FRUIT—raspberries , strawberries, blueberries, oranges, melon and watermelon

DRINKS—apple, orange, exotic, water, milk, actimels and petit filous yogurts

The children are allowed a portion from each food group if they so wish and as much fruit as they like. Only one juice is allowed.

AFTER SCHOOL SNACK

DRINKS—water - available throughout all sessions

COOKED ITEMS - fish fingers, sausages, chicken nuggets, chicken burgers, sausage rolls, cheese and onion rolls, meatballs and spaghetti, pats, pizza, garlic bread, potato waffles, baked beans, spaghetti hoops,

COLD ITEMS— rolls, ham, jam, tuna, cheese, honey, lemon curd, dairylea spread

FRUIT AND VEG—red/yellow/green peppers, cucumber, carrots, cherry tomatoes, sweetcorn, blackberries, strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, grapes, raisins, apples, melon and watermelon, satsumas, bananas, oranges

The after school snacks are rotated each day, so the children will be offered different items on different days. I hope this will show there is something for everyone.

Oakie Dokie

Janet and team

Polite reminder

Please can you ensure all Breakfast Club and After school fees are paid before the end of term.

Many thanks