



St James' RC Primary Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

It has been an exhausting week for Year 6 as they have been completing their SATs. However, they have risen to the challenge and they deserve to be congratulated on their focus and determination this week. We are all very proud of them indeed. They have worked so hard. Well done to them all. Thank you also to Mrs Connolly for everything that she has done to prepare the children for their SATs and for the way she has supported the children during this week. Thank you as well to the adults that have been supporting in the Year 6 classroom as they have helped to make everything run smoothly including Mrs Hutchinson, our Chair of Governors, who has been onsite each day to monitor the proceedings. Finally, thank you to all the Year 6 families for ensuring that Year 6 have been in school on time and ready for each day. We were visited by a Local Authority Representative during the week as a regular monitoring visit and they were very impressed with how everything was being carried out. Congratulations again Year 6!

Year 5 Puberty Talk

The school nurse visited Y5 this week to discuss how bodies change as children grow up.

On Wednesday, Year 4 listened to a talk from Bromley Y about friends and feelings. The children discussed what they would do if they were being upset by their friends and suggested very good solutions.

One of our Year 4 children asked if we could support next weeks' Walk to School Week where children are encouraged to walk or wheel into school. If this is not an option parents are encouraged to park a little way from school to

reduce congestion and air pollution at the school gates and improve road safety. Please see the attached booklet about Walking Activities for Families that you may find useful. We have been talking to the children about how walking is good for both their physical and mental health.

God bless and I hope everyone enjoys The PTA Irish Night on Saturday.

Mrs Weeks

Dates for your diary

May

Saturday 13th PTA Event

Monday 15th Walk to School Week

Thursday 18th Ascension Day Whole School Mass (Year 4)

Friday 19th Year 6 KS2 Cake Sale for CASPA and Diabetic Society

Friday 19th Year 4 visiting Petts Wood Library

Friday 19th Year 4 Sleepover

Monday 22nd CAFOD Workshops

Thursday 25th Whole School Mass May Procession (Year 3)

Thursday 25th Y2 visiting Southmore Court

Friday 26th Y6 visiting Biggin Hill Museum

Friday 26th Year 5 visiting Petts Wood Library

Friday 26th: 9:05 Y1 Class assembly (Parents invited)

Friday 26th P4C afternoon

Monday 29th- Friday 2nd Half term

June

Monday 5th INSET day

Word on Wednesday

This Week's Word is **HELPER**. We talked to the children about how Jesus tells the disciples that, when he returns to heaven, he will ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit to be their helper. The Holy Spirit is a gift for us too. The Holy Spirit is our helper and helps us to live more like Jesus. We can

ask the Holy Spirit to help us, especially at times when things are difficult.

Safeguarding

Please see the following link to the NSPCC advice on helping to keeping children safe by understanding that their body belongs to them and that they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule>

After School Club

The children have had fun this week playing all sorts of board games. We played Rummikub, Scrabble, Headbanz, Monopoly and Trivial Pursuit. Great fun was had by all.

We are hoping for better weather next week.

Have a great weekend.

Oakie doke



Library News

On Monday 15th May from 4-5pm at Orpington Library they will be holding their regular monthly activity for 4-7 year olds called 'Pictures Alive' which looks at a specific picture book author or illustrator. This month they are focusing on Diane Ewen who has illustrated a number of books. Please book at : <https://orpingtonlibrary.eventbrite.co.uk>

There is also the Orpington Literary Festival which is next week. Please see the attached link: <https://www.orpington1st.co.uk/visiting/orpington-literary-festival-2023>

There have two events on Saturday 20th May with authors Penny Chrimes for 8-11 year olds from 11am-12 and Sara Grant for 5-7 year olds from 2-3pm. Penny will be telling children all about her latest book Wilder and Sara will be running a creating stories session for families. For these events please go to the Orpington Literary Festival web site above where you will be directed to an Eventbrite page.

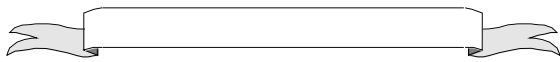
Other News

We are very proud of Hannah in Year 6 as she did a wonderful dance performance at Sadlers Wells as part of the Show Team with Harlequins Dance.

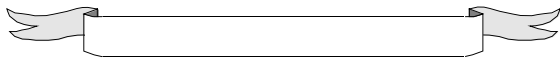


AWARDS

Headteacher Awards



Year	Sharing our love of God, every day in all that we learn,
Rec	Elsie
Year 1	Juilius
Year 2	Lexi
Year 3	Sofia
Year 4	Ethan
Year 5	Riya
Year 6	Emily



KS1 Awards

Year	Gold Sticker Award		Golden Promises
Rec	Alexander	Henry	Aedan
Year 1	Mateo	Leonard	Maria
Year 2	Ethan	Patrick	Olivia M

ATTENDANCE

Class	Attendance (%)	Occasions Late
Rec	98.75	0
Y1	94.58	0
Y2	97.08	0
Y3	98.05	0
Y4	96.48	0
Y5	97.27	0
Y6	98.83	0

Congratulations to Y6 who had the best attendance last week.

Weekly Winners

Year	Number of wins
Rec	1
Y1	0
Y2	1
Y3	0
Y4	0
Y5	0
Y6	1

PTA NEWS

We hope that everyone who is going to the Irish Music Night has a great time tomorrow evening. There will be plenty of Traditional Irish drinks (along with Prosecco!) Thank you for the people who volunteered to work behind the bar. These events are not possible without your help.

We will be continuing with the Friday ice cream sale, regardless of what the British summer throws at us.

We will be sending out details for the Summer Fair and Summer Ball shortly.

The PTA Committee

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 13th May – Irish Music Night 7pm

Summer Fair – Saturday 24th June – 12-3pm

Summer Ball - Saturday 8th July