



St James' RC Primary Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

We started the week by congratulating Miss McCarthy on her fantastic achievement at the London Marathon with her amazing time of 4 hours 25 minutes. We are all so proud of her. Well done also to the parents who completed the Marathon. I know that I spotted a few!



On Monday, the children who belong to the uniform groups proudly wore their uniforms for St George's Day and they all looked extremely smart.

Also on Monday, the Junior Travel Ambassadors announced the winners of the competition that they organised.

KS1 took part in Beep Beep Day this week. Our Junior Travel Ambassadors, Maddie and Aleks, led a KS1 assembly on Road Safety. They also invited the children to bring in a soft toy to demonstrate how to hold hands while crossing the road. The KS1 children were all very engaged and the Junior Travel Ambassadors did a great job. Well done to Maddie and Aleks and also to Mrs Pearce who supported this initiative.



I hope that the parents who came into school this week to hear about the Phonic Check, The KS1 SATs and the Multiplication Check found the information helpful. Thank you to Miss McCarthy, Mrs Martin and Miss Atkinson for organising these meetings.

The children walked to Petts Wood Library on Friday to see the men's and women's Premiership Trophies which Barclays had organised.



Well done to Year 5 for organising a KS2 Cake Sale in aid of Alzheimer's Society. They raised £130.11. Thank you to all the parents who donated cakes.



We want to remind you that on Friday 5th May at 12:05 there will be a whole school family picnic on the school field in honour of the Coronation. The children are asked that day to come to school dressed up as Queens, Kings, Princes or Princesses. If they prefer they can wear red, white or blue. Families are of course welcome to bring chairs or picnic blankets to sit on whilst having their picnics. If the weather is not kind to us the picnic will still go ahead but inside. There will be no school lunches that day so please remember to either send your child in with their lunch or bring their lunch when you join us.

As we start the month of May we remember that May is dedicated to Mary Our Mother and the Holy Rosary. Mrs Wilson will be leading a morning Rosary Club for KS2 children next week which will start at 8:30. Children will learn how to pray the Rosary and its importance and they will talk about the most important events in the lives of Mary and Jesus. Please could you let the office know if you would like your child to attend. Mrs Wilson will collect the children at the school gate every morning. If your child attends Breakfast Club and you would like your child to attend please also let the office know and Mrs Wilson will ensure that she collects them too.

I hope you all have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend. **We return to school on Tuesday when we ask that all children wear summer uniform.**

God bless.

Mrs Weeks

Dates for your diary

May

Monday 1st Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2nd All children in summer uniform

Tuesday 2nd-Friday 5th Rosary Week (KS2 invited to say the Rosary in Y5 Classroom at 8:30 each morning)

Tuesday 2nd Y5 visiting The Mosque, Keston

Wednesday 3rd Y3 visiting Jubilee Park

Thursday 4th Nourish Special Coronation Lunch Menu

Friday 5th Coronation Family Picnic during lunch (Families can join us from 12:05)

Monday 8th Bank Holiday

Tuesday 9th –Friday 12th Year 6 SATs

Wednesday 10th 2pm Y4 Bromley Y Workshop

Wednesday 10th Y5 Puberty Talk

Friday 12th Y6 Visiting Petts Wood Library

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 **FOLLOW**. This Sunday is traditionally known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. We explained to the children that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who helps us to make the right choices. All we need to do is to follow him. Jesus is a patient shepherd who never gives up on us. We asked the children who they knew that impresses them by always setting them a good example. We can follow Jesus in the simple things we do in our lives every day, and make life better for everyone around us.

Safeguarding

This recently published video by Financial Times Films gives an important insight into the impact of social media on our children and on our family life. The 15-minute video is well worth parents watching as it asks parents to reconsider how they talk to their children about their social media use. You can find the video on YouTube by following the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UY2HOpuTlk>

Sports News

On Tuesday this week two of our girls' football teams took part in a friendly competition with Poverest and Southborough schools. Our two teams played really well - for some children it was their first ever match! We came away with two wins and two losses. Many thanks to the parents who accompanied us.

Mrs Connolly

Library News

Please find attached a poster promoting the Chatterbooks Celebration Event which is taking place at Bromley Central Library on **Tues 9th May from 5-6.30pm**. A number of libraries run Chatterbooks groups for 8-11yr olds which is where children take part in some fun activities consisting of quizzes, games etc and sometimes author visits. They are really keen to promote these groups and thought holding a special event for not only existing members but also those who may like to join in the future would be a good plan. They have the wonderful author Mo O'Hara who will be running a graphic novel workshop which we are sure is going to be enormous fun. Places need to be booked by emailing bromleychildrensteam@gll.org

Holy Club

At Holy Club the RE Ambassadors chose to reflect on the Acts of the Apostles 4:32-37. They discussed how Jesus relies on us to help others. Together they shared their prayer intentions and the group participated in spontaneous prayer.

Mrs Wilson

Spotlight on a Club

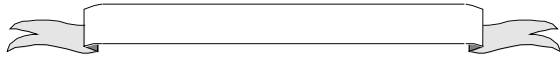
LAMDA

This week some of our children who belong to the LAMDA After School Group presented an assembly to KS2. Chimbusonma, Matylda and Nishca performed brilliantly. LAMDA classes run every Thursday after school until 4.20. Please contact the school office if your child is interested in joining this club.



AWARDS

Headteacher Awards



Year	Sharing our love of God, every day in all that we learn,
Rec	George
Year 1	Nicole
Year 2	Ada
Year 3	Aidan
Year 4	Joey
Year 5	Joshua
Year 6	Herkus



KS1 AWARDS

Year	Gold Sticker Award		Golden Promises
Rec	Jaxton	Perla	Henry
Year 1	Teddy	Harry	Mia
Year 2	Logan	Hugo	Sophia

KS2 AWARDS

Year	Respect in class	Pride in work
Year 3	Luke	Emily B
Year 4	Lukas	Joey
Year 5	Riya	Daniel
Year 6	Mia	Noah

Congratulations to **Layla** in Y6 who is the winner of the Courtesy Cup this week.

ATTENDANCE

Class	Attendance (%)	Occasions Late
Rec	98.0	0
Y1	96.33	0
Y2	99.0	0
Y3	98.44	2
Y4	95.63	0
Y5	98.13	0
Y6	98.13	0

Well done to Y2 who had the best attendance last week.

WEEKLY WINNERS

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

PTA NEWS

We had our Summer Term meeting on Wednesday and minutes will be circulated shortly. We had the meeting in the Year 6 classroom and it was great to see the new KS2 desks and chairs which the PTA funded. A great improvement!

Did you know that at the Irish Music Night children now go free?

Please email pta.stjamesprimary@gmail.com to get your tickets.

The PTA have lots of exciting events planned this term including the:

Irish Music Night – Get your tickets now!

Summer Ball – Get your tickets soon!

Summer Fair – Get your raffle tickets in a little while, to be honest it can probably wait for a couple of weeks!

We will of course be continuing with the Friday ice cream sale.

Thank you.
The PTA Committee

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 13th May – Irish Music Night 7pm

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

Saturday 15th July – Summer Ball