



St James' RC Primary Weekly Newsletter

Friday 31st March 2023

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

I was lucky enough to watch the Harlequins Street Dance Performance on Monday when the children performed for their parents. The children obviously enjoy this club and it certainly wakes them up at the start of the week. The staff also enjoy watching the club each Monday morning. We are very proud of the children for all their hard work. The performance was fantastic! Please contact the office for details if your child would like to join this club after Easter. It is open to all year groups.



The new Create Club that is starting after Easter was introduced to us in assembly this week. This is a club that will be teaching History and Geography through arts and crafts and is open to Years 1-Year 6. Please see the information that has already been sent to you or ask the school office for information. We are also starting a Yoga and Mindfulness Club on Friday lunchtimes if your child is interested. Please note that if your child attends a lunchtime club we always make sure that they either eat before or after the club depending on the time of the club. All clubs except for Choir can be booked directly with the external club involved. Please contact the school office if you would like the details again of any of the clubs offered. Some clubs operate a waiting list and they will contact you if they have a space available.

Well done to Year 2 for winning the attendance award for this term. They very much enjoyed their own clothes day on Wednesday.



Well done also goes to everyone who took part in the Reading Passport Challenge and received their bronze, silver or gold certificates this week.

You will shortly receive letters from teachers, if you have not already received them, summarising the spring term and explaining what each class has been doing. I hope that you find the letters interesting. Everyone has obviously been very busy!

As I explained last week, we have partnered with the Bromley Local Authority Loneliness Champion. They work alongside AGE UK to tackle the problem of loneliness in the borough. Year 5 made Eid cards as part of the Festival of Cards Project and these have been collected to be distributed throughout Bromley. Thank you, Year 5.



Thank you to the PTA who organised a fantastic Easter Egg Hunt on Friday morning for KS1. It looked like so much fun!



On Thursday Y2 Trip visited the local area using their orienteering skills. Thank you to Mrs Martin for organising this. They worked so hard this term on the use of a compass and planning a route. They created a route from the school to Southborough Recreation Ground and then followed their route and successfully ended up playing in the park! Well done Year 2.



A highlight of the week was when Year 5 performed The Passion Play on Thursday morning for their parents and for KS2. Year 5 were able to tell the story so powerfully and confidently. Well done Year 5. I know that staff and parents were extremely impressed by the performance and I want to thank Year 5 for bringing The Easter Story to life. It will have certainly helped the younger children in KS2 to understand the importance of Easter.



Year 5 also brought into school their Easter Gardens this week and it is obvious that they have worked so hard on these. The Easter Gardens have been displayed in the hall all week for staff, children, parents and visitors to see. Everyone has been amazed at the level of detail. Thank you to Year 5 for all their continued hard work and to Mrs Wilson for organising The Passion Play and The Easter Gardens.



As I write this it is pouring down with rain but hopefully the children will be able to return to school after Easter in their summer uniforms although if the weather is cold the children can continue to wear winter uniforms until the end of April. Please see the attached uniform policy.

I wish you and your families a restful Easter break.

“Living Holy Week following Jesus means learning how to come out of ourselves to reach out to others, to go to the outskirts of existence, to be the first to move towards our brothers and sisters, especially those who are most distant, those who are most forgotten, those who are the most in need of understanding, consolation and help. There is so much need to bring the living presence of Jesus, merciful and full of love.” Pope Francis

God bless.

Mrs Weeks

Dates for your diary

April

Monday 17th Children return for the summer term

Tuesday 18th April 3.30pm Y6 Parent meeting about SATs

Wednesday 19th 2pm Y4 Bromley Y workshop

Thursday 20th International Day

Saturday 22nd Stephen Lawrence Day

Saturday 22nd World Earth Day

Tuesday 25th 9:05 KS2 LAMDA Assembly

Wednesday 26th KS1 Road Safety Beep Beep Day with Brake

Wednesday 26th 2:45 Y1 Phonic Meeting

Thursday 27th Y6 Bank of America

Thursday 27th 2:45 KS1 SATS meeting

Friday 28th Petts Wood library visits to see Premiership Trophy

May

Monday 1st Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2nd-Friday 5th Rosary Week

Tuesday 2nd Y5 visiting The Mosque, Keston

Wednesday 3rd Y5 Puberty Talk

Wednesday 3rd 2pm Y4 Bromley Y Workshop

Friday 5th Coronation Family Picnic during lunch

Saturday 6th The Coronation

Monday 8th Bank Holiday (VE Day)

Tuesday 9th –Friday 12th Year 6 SATs

Saturday 13th PTA Event

Monday 15th Walk to School week

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

Friday 19th Year 4 Sleepover

Monday 22nd CAFOD Workshops

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

Friday 26th Y6 to Biggin Hill Museum

Friday 26th: 9:05 Y1 Class assembly

Friday 26th P4C afternoon

Monday 29th- Friday 2nd Half term

June

Monday 5th INSET day

Word on Wednesday

This Week's Words are Holy Week. This coming Sunday is known as Palm Sunday and is the start of Holy Week. Palms will be handed out in Church in remembrance of the welcome and great praise that the people gave to Jesus when he entered the City. Holy Week is a very special time: it includes

Palm Sunday, the celebration of the Last Supper, the washing of feet, the agony in the garden, Jesus' arrest, crucifixion and his resurrection. As a family, share ideas about what you could do, or join in with, to celebrate the start of Holy Week and make it special.

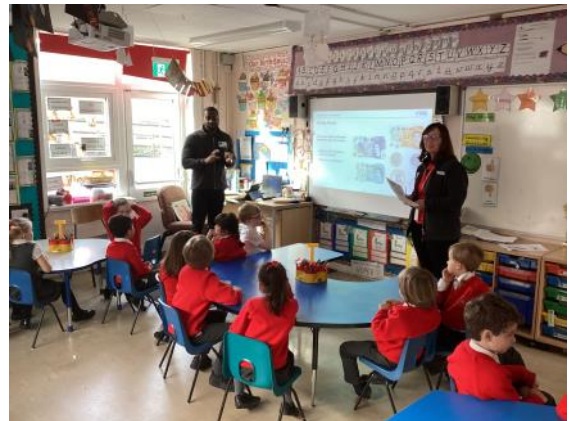
Safeguarding

Happy Maps website is a single hub of reliable, up-to-date and professional advice on mental health problems in children. It covers many common problems including anxiety, self-harm, tics, gender dysphoria, ADHD and eating disorders. It also has a pre-school section for issues such as sleep, behaviour, and fussy eating.

www.happymaps.co.uk

OTHER NEWS

On Thursday Y1 had a money workshop.

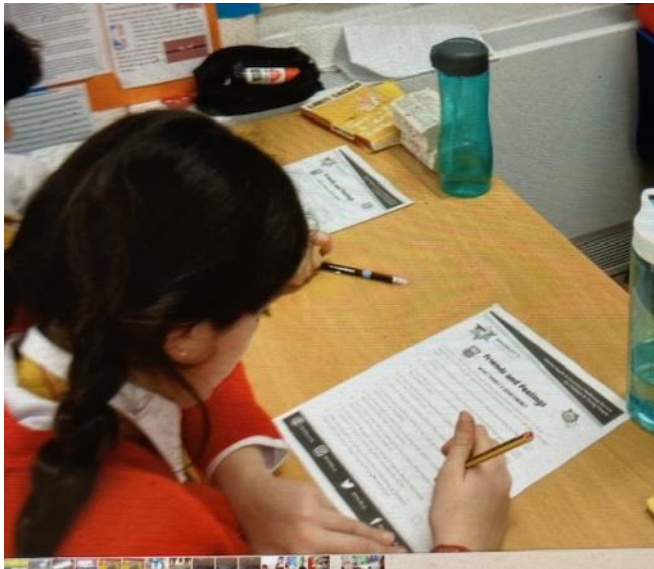


Year 4 spent Thursday cooking a Vegetable Korma. They cooked the curry from scratch, chopping all the vegetables and measuring the spices. Apart from some onion induced tears - they had a fantastic time! Thank you to all our parents who let us borrow their pots too.



Bromley Y

The Year 5 Bromley Y Workshop focused on what makes a good friend. The children discussed the importance of empathy and how it enables you to put yourself in someone's shoes and see things from their view. They also discussed when being a friend might be difficult.



Year 5 also took part in a HSBC Workshop about Digital Money Management. The children learnt about the different ways you can pay money on line and how you can manage your money securely.



Holy Club

The Holy Club read the scripture from Matthew 25: 31-46 which helped them understand that by caring for each other they are caring for God. The group thought about people they care for and why it is important to care for people. George and Chimbusonma lead the spontaneous prayer. Thank you to the RE Ambassadors; Ed, Harry, Xanthe, Emelia and Ashley.

International Day

On **Thursday 20th April**, we are so excited to be celebrating our **4th International Day!** Please see the attached letter for more information. If you would like to come into school and share about your culture, please let your child's class teacher know. We are looking forward to celebrating this day.

Library News

Please find attached the leaflet explaining Easter Holiday Events at Orpington Library. All events are to be booked via Eventbrite:

<https://orpingtonlibrary.eventbrite.co.uk>

AWARDS

KS1 Awards

Year	Gold Sticker Award	Golden Promises	
Rec	Zara	Elsie	Aedan
Year 1	Leonard	Maiya	Lucas
Year 2	Olivia RF	Lexi	Theo

KS2 Awards

Year	Respect in class	Pride in work
Year 3	Mai-Linh	Alberto
Year 4	Samuel	Lonnie
Year 5	Teddy	Renee
Year 6	Freya	Alexandros

Congratulations to **Ethan** in Y4 who is the winner of the Courtesy Cup this week.

PTA NEWS

By the time you see this the KS1 children should have completed an Easter Egg Hunt, and all the pupils will have a Cadburys Cream Egg from the PTA.

Tickets are still on sale for the Irish Music Night, on Saturday 13th May. Please

email pta.stjamesprimary@gmail.com to reserve your tickets.

Hope you all have a great Easter Holidays and you remember that Summer Term means Ice cream Fridays!

Dates for your diary

Irish Music Night – Saturday 13th May