



St James' RC Primary Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had a good Bank Holiday last week and are now ready for another one!

This week children were reminded that May is the month of Our Lady. Mrs Wilson led a morning Rosary Club for KS2 children where they prayed the Rosary and discussed the significant events in the lives of Mary and Jesus. Thank you to Mrs Wilson for organising this. We will have our May Procession on Thursday 25th May from Church to our school hall and we of course welcome parents to join us for this beautiful event. On this day we will be asking children to bring in a flower to school.



On Tuesday, Year 5 visited the Al-Emaan Centre in Keston to support their learning of the Islamic faith. The children had an opportunity to visit the mosque and learn about the Qu'ran and the importance of prayer to Muslims. They thoroughly enjoyed experiencing Wudu which is the washing ritual before Muslim prayer. The centre also conveyed their gratitude for the Eid cards created by Year 5 which were distributed to the local community.

The Al-Emaan Centre Community really appreciated and loved the wonderful cards you made! Good gestures like the making of these cards are kind and thoughtful and go a long way to making people happy. The cards were really of a fantastic quality and were really artistic. We handed them out at our Mosque on Eid day to the many people that attended prayers, and also at our Eid in the Park Party. Our community said:

"Wow, what a great card!"

"Oh, how thoughtful and kind!"

"That's a really lovely thing to do, it's made my day!"

On Tuesday Year 1 met some animals that Mrs O'Neil cares for. In their science lesson they discussed whether the animals were omnivores, herbivores or carnivores and about their sleep patterns.





This week, Year 3 went to Jubilee Park to observe and recognise plants in the local area. They were able to draw and label a variety of plants. They spotted Bluebells, Dandelions, Speedwell, Cherry Blossom and Cow Parsley. Thank you to all the adults that helped accompany them and Miss Spencer-Boyce for organising the walk.



Y6 were visited by the Bank of America this week.



We finished our week with a wonderful whole school family picnic in honour of the Coronation. This was a real success and the sun even shone for us. The children all looked fabulous dressed up as Queens, Kings, Princes or Princesses or in their red, white or blue.





Next week is SATs Week for Year 6 and we wish them luck. They have all worked so hard and should be very proud of themselves. We are certainly very proud of them and we are sure that they will do very well. We will keep them in our prayers.

I hope you all have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend and enjoy watching The Coronation.

God bless.

Mrs Weeks

Dates for your diary

May

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 **TRUST**.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear that the disciples were worried because Jesus was leaving them. Jesus tells his followers to trust in him. He also wants us to place our trust in him. We spoke to the children about how knowing who to trust is really important.

Safeguarding

Please see the attached leaflet on advice about a child being home alone or going out on their own.

Oakies

This week the children have been having fun in the playground playing on the grass and making good use of all the outdoor toys and play equipment.

As you can see, some children have been busy building some fantastic designs with the building blocks.

We hope you enjoy the Coronation celebrations and have a lovely weekend.

Oakie doke



Library News

The Children's Library Team are performing a puppet show called The King's Dinner on Saturday 6th May as part of the celebrations for the Coronation at 2.30pm at Bromley Central Library in the Small Hall on the 4th Floor. Booking is required via the telephone number on the attached poster.

Garden News

The RE ambassadors have today planted a St James' Memory Tree in commemoration of the King's Coronation, and of the we may have lost near and dear. The tree is a Grigko, known for its longevity and strength. Mrs Deasy

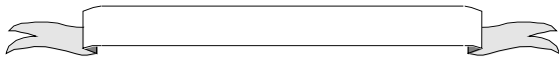
Rosary Club

We were happy to see so many KS2 children attend The Rosary Club this week. The Rosary Club honoured Mary in the month of May and asked her to pray for them as they prayed the rosary together. They reflected on the different mysteries of the rosary.

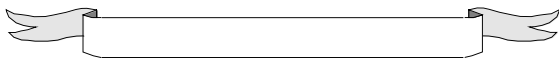


AWARDS

Headteacher Awards



| Year | Sharing our love of God, every day in all that we learn, |
|--------|--|
| Rec | Emily |
| Year 1 | Felix |
| Year 2 | Logan |
| Year 3 | Chimbusonma |
| Year 4 | Francesca |
| Year 5 | Dominic |
| Year 6 | Heidi |



KS1 Awards

| Year | Gold Sticker Award | | Golden Promises |
|--------|--------------------|---------|-----------------|
| Rec | Luca | Maria | Chloe |
| Year 1 | Naomi | Abraham | Sebastian |
| Year 2 | Lucas | Millie | Precious |

KS2 Awards

| Year | Respect in class | Pride in work |
|--------|------------------|---------------|
| Year 3 | Jack | James |
| Year 4 | Orla | Fletcher |
| Year 5 | Oliver | Joe |
| Year 6 | Alexander | Harry |

Congratulations to **Aidan** in Y3 who was the winner of the Courtesy Cup this week

ATTENDANCE

| Class | Attendance (%) | Occasions Late |
|-------|----------------|----------------|
| Rec | 98.67 | 0 |
| Y1 | 91.33 | 0 |
| Y2 | 95.67 | 0 |
| Y3 | 96.25 | 1 |
| Y4 | 98.13 | 0 |
| Y5 | 95.63 | 0 |
| Y6 | 97.81 | 0 |

Congratulations to Reception 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 | 0 |

PTA NEWS

We hope you enjoyed the Coronation Picnic today.

Today is the last day to buy tickets for the Irish Music Night, remember that children go FREE. Please email pta.stjamesprimary@gmail.com to get your tickets.

Apologies for the error, there is a correction from last week's Newsletter. The Summer Ball is on **8th July** (not the 15th July).

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

Hope you enjoy the Bank Holiday Weekend.

God Save the King

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