

THE SCOOP

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Focus on: Generosity

DATES FOR THE DIARY

September – Letters sent home to all year 6 parents explaining how to apply for secondary places

Mon 2nd & Tues 3rd School INSET Days – Closed for Pupils

Wed 4th – Children back to school today – No Reception pupils in school this week as staff on home visits

Mon 9th – Y6 Parent Information Session 9-9:30am + Reception start part time sessions + Y5 Parent Information Session 9-9:30am (please note change of date)

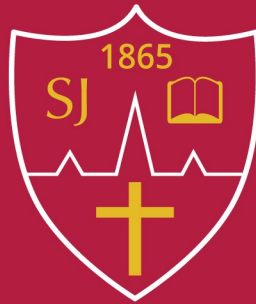
Tue 10th – Y2 Parent Information Session 9-9:30am

Wed 11th – Y4 Parent Information Session 9-9:30am

Thur 12th – Y5 Mayan experience day all day +PTA Pre-loved School Uniform Sale 3-3:20pm

Fri 13th – Y3 Parent Information Session 9-9:30am + Termly Overviews to parents + PTA Y2-Y6 Popcorn Club – Film tbc 3-5pm

Sat 14th – Grammar Entrance test Day



St James'

Church of England
Primary School

Welcome Back! Welcome Back!



Welcome back everyone; we do hope that you have all had an enjoyable break. We are very much looking forward to this term at school; the teachers have planned exciting learning opportunities to engage your children with a focus on ensuring as always that our curriculum is broad and balanced.

Our club list has been sent out today and clubs will start on Monday 16th September, children should all attend the first week unless notified and if it is then oversubscribed we will let you know of any changes. Dates are being finalised for the year and I hope to share these with you next week. Remember that all dates agreed so far will be displayed on our calendar <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=stjamescofeprimary%40gmail.com&ctz=Europe%2FLondon> (a Google calendar that you can download) or on our website.

A new sporting and clubs calendar can also be found at <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=47atf6sdgih4liz3gv26lkubs%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=Europe%2FLondon>

May I also take this opportunity to welcome our new teacher **Mrs Anisa Sutch**; she is teaching in year 4 and we are very excited by her appointment and the ideas she brings. **Mr Ben Jones** is also joining us in year 3 (covering Mrs. Knight's maternity leave) and **Miss Charlotte Moore** is replacing Mrs Fiona Smith. We welcome back Miss Ladley from maternity leave and say a big congratulations to **Mr and Mrs Knight** on the birth of baby **Frankie** – she is doing well. Obviously our school community has been shaken by the tragic news that I shared on Wednesday and we hope to give you further information in the coming weeks.

Staff at St. James' are very happy to talk to you about your concerns, needs or just to introduce yourselves; getting to know the whole family is important to us. Staff are usually busy before school but more than happy to chat after school, if you need more privacy then please make an appointment via the school office. Alternatively you can talk with staff at the information meetings listed.

Finally, welcome to all our new children and parents; St. James' is a happy friendly school which truly is at the heart of the community – we hope you and your children are very happy here!

Lisa Harford



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Start of term arrangements... just a few things to remind you about!

Attendance

All children should enter school using the gate and make their way round onto the playground. **The gate opens at 8:25 and will be locked at 8.40am** (to allow parents time to leave after the 8:35 drop off time). If children arrive after the gates have been locked they should come to the school office or parents of younger children should bring their child to the office and a member of staff will then ensure that the children are taken to their classrooms.

Registration takes place between 8.35am and 8.50am for the morning session.

Pupils arriving **during** registration, i.e. after 8.35am will be marked late.

Pupils arriving **after** the registration period is over will be marked with an unauthorised absence mark unless there is an acceptable reason for lateness when they will be marked with an authorised absence mark.

Year 1 starting the day

We hope that your child is feeling happy coming in to the big playground at the start of the day. We are hoping as the first couple weeks go by they will be happy being dropped off at the picket fence. Of course, if your child is struggling then please bring them to their teacher for a handover. In order for the rest of the school (340pupils) to be able to get in to school can we ask you to keep the access path clear and once you have dropped your child off return to the parents' area to wave goodbye. The gates also need to be closed promptly to ensure the children safety. If you are at all concerned please come and speak with us. Year 1 have settled back in to school – we are super proud of them!

Communication with Teachers and the school

If you need to pass on a message to your child's teacher in the mornings please speak to a member of the office staff and they will ensure that the teacher either receives the message, i.e. regarding a dental, medical appointment etc.

School uniform

The children have come back to school looking very smart in their uniforms. May I please remind parents of the importance of ensuring that all items of uniform are named; it is impossible to return unnamed uniform to its' rightful owner and we really do not have enough space to store a lot of lost property. Any unclaimed, un-named lost property will be disposed of at the end of each half term. If your child has lost something, parents are welcome to look in the lost property box after school. This is located at the back of school, infant playground, near the outdoor reading area. **Please remember we do not allow any type of earring to be worn, those that have newly pierced ears may cover them with tape until they can take them out. A no earring policy ensures that all children at all times are safe. Please come and speak with me if you have any concerns.**



Nut Allergies

We currently have several children in school who have very severe nut allergies. May I please remind parents that they are asked not to provide peanut butter sandwiches, bags of peanuts (or mixed nuts) or other products which are obviously peanut based. I am aware that many food products display warnings such as 'may contain traces of nuts'. Parents do not need to eliminate all of these from lunchboxes but be sensible. Please also remind your child that snacks should be: fruit, fruit based products e.g. fruit bars, bread sticks, cereal bars or similar. Freedom Friday is the only day that we allow other snacks. Any child bringing in crisps etc. on any other day will be asked to put them away. We hope to encourage healthy eating but also the ability for children to make choices and understand how balancing a diet works. **PLEASE NO NUTS OR CHOCOLATE FOR SNACKS, OR NUTS IN SCHOOL.**



PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS:

These are a chance to hear a short presentation about the year. It typically includes timetables, events and curriculum but is also a chance to ask questions. The dates are listed above in the 'fortnight at a glance'. If you are unable to attend, don't worry, the information will be handed out. All information sessions are at 9:00 am.

Please look out for our Reception Curriculum evening and phonics evening (a maths evening will follow after Christmas) and for Y1 and Y2 there is a planned phonic evening again this term. Year 3,4,5 will be invited to a maths event later this term and Y2 and Y6 look out for our SATS information sessions for parents.

Peripatetic music lessons

Peripatetic music lessons are available in school for the following instruments; woodwind, brass, piano, drums, guitar and ukulele. Please collect a letter from the office if you are interested in your child beginning to learn.



Crisp packet and Pringles tub recycling...

Thanks to Mrs Theyer and her knitting skills—the sale of knitted ducks raised enough money to purchase two new crisp recycling bins. KEEP RECYCLING!



Promoting a love of reading across school!

Look out for our new outdoor reading area thanks to Mrs Theyer!

From the office

Parent Helpers Wanted!

Can you spare a few hours each week, if so we are looking for parents to help in school. Please come to the office and let us know of your availability.

Please remember to return your signed data sheets as soon as possible **even if you have not made any changes**. These form an important part of our information base and help when we need to contact you.

Please bring medicines to the school office and complete a permission slip if you need medicine administered. Return letter requesting details of any medical issues and/or allergies that your child may have. If your child does not have any medical needs or allergies we ask that you complete the reply slip on the letter and return to school before 13th September.

