

THE SCOOP

Issue 4 Friday 4th December

Mon 7th - Rehearsals for Bubble Nativities taking place—these are being recorded and will be sent to you. + Y1/2 sports hall athletics

Start making your homemade Christmas decorations for your year group bubbles!

Thur 9th –PTA Enterprise 5 nativity and sporty sale 4pm

Fri 11th—Cross Country in school

Mon 14th—Bring your decorations in today!

Tues 15th—Y1 nativity (remote)

Wed 16th—Y2 nativity (remote) + FSM Hampers for Christmas should be available today—we will be contacting you directly.

Thurs 17th—YR nativity (remote) + Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation (non-school uniform)

Friday 18th—Last day of term.

Rec collection at 2:00pm

Y1/2 collection at 1:50pm

Y3/4 collection at 2:00pm

Y5/6 collection at 1:50pm

Mon 4th January—all children back to school at staggered start times as per this term

8:25-8:35 (Y1,Y2,Y5,Y6)

8:35-8:45 (Reception, Y3,Y4)



St James'

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It is lovely to enter the festive period; in schools this is a special time of year and we can see and hear (and even almost feel) the children's excitement grow as we nudge closer to that special day! They are looking forward to Santa visiting and all of the festivities associated with this time of year. It will undoubtedly be a real challenge for most of us to make things work but I am sure that we will all have a very merry time!

A few letters have been sent to you from school and the Local Authority outlining the importance over the next two weeks of keeping everyone safe. We all know that it is impossible to protect ourselves fully from Covid but hopefully we can try to avoid bubble isolation—we can only achieve this by making sure that if you or your family have any symptoms that you avoid leaving the house and attending school and book in for a test. If we can continue to follow the guidance set out, we stand the best possible chances of being able to make the most of seeing loved ones! Thank you in advance for your support!

It is imperative that you contact us if your child tests positive for Covid-19 even after school has closed for Christmas. If this is prior to Tuesday 22nd at 3pm then the class or year group may need to isolate for 14 days over the Christmas period. It is important that we are made aware of this to ensure that we continue to follow PHE guidance and notify families appropriately. Please email the school if there is a positive test via admin@st-james-pri.gloucs.sch.uk.

School is busy as usual, and very muddy! With children continuing to spend more time outdoors and having to keep bubbles entirely separate we are all getting a little bit muddy (I have even purchased a new pair of wellies for school). We are sorry if they arrive home with mud all over them and are trying to get them to avoid the muddy areas and trying to keep clean! With windows and doors open to support ventilation we are aware that they may be a little colder than usual—please send them with extra layers to keep warm.

Christmas rehearsals are underway and these will be sent out to you via our YouTube channel shortly; please enjoy and treasure. Our YouTube channel is a great way of managing our videos and whilst we can't prevent all copying of anything on a digital platform it seems to be a great way to effectively manage the viewing. Please be mindful not to share or put on Facebook etc. We will continue to make them visible via the link only and will take down after the New Year!

On behalf of the staff and governors at St. James' we truly wish you all a very Merry Christmas and New Year! Stay safe, enjoy those precious moments and have a wonderful rest. We are truly blessed to have a wonderful community surrounding our school.

Lisa Harford

Headteacher





Things to remember:

- * **Christmas cards** can come in to school for your child's own class—they will be given out after quarantine in the **final week**
- * **Christmas gifts for staff are welcomed;** these will need quarantining by staff before being opened
- * **Christmas Dinner Day**—children can wear Christmas jumpers **£1 donation to go to Bristol Children's Hospital**—they do not need to wear uniform
- * There will be a few special treats happening on the day!
- * Please **no crackers** this year—as these are shared
- * Please refrain from swapping children's gifts in school—please do this away from school
- * **Children finish at 1:50pm or 2:00pm on Friday 18th December**



New PE Uniform



01242 580062
info@universaluniform.co.uk

We have been working behind the scenes to develop a new PE Uniform that children can wear on the days that they have PE. Our criteria included something that was smart enough to look a bit like uniform that the children would feel proud to wear; that would be practical and keep them warm, include lots of options and could be bought from our new official uniform supplier or in part from the supermarket! We also wanted to continue this to supply our staff with the same kit, this means that we can celebrate being one community at events and on trips! The uniform will be on Universal Uniform's website shortly for you to purchase and wear from January. Alternatively they can continue to wear their old kit until September 2021. All children will need to be in new PE uniform from this date!



This is the new colour scheme.

The children will no longer wear house t-shirts.

All children will be expected to wear this clothing/or supermarket alternatives in navy blue only in September 2021

It will be available to buy from January via Universal Uniform.

It will have the school badge on the front and school name on the back.

All kit, if purchased at Universal Uniform will have the school logo and St. James written on it.

We would like all children to wear either t-shirt but the rest needs to be navy blue, including hoodies.

There is no separate male/female uniform—children may wear what they like.

We hope to have samples in school in January. <https://theschoolwearcompany.co.uk/>

They will also be supplying school jumpers and book bags shortly...much easier for you!

Inconsiderate Parking and Driving

Parking enforcement continue to monitor the roads around the school and stated recently:

“We visited on the 12th, 13th and 19th October, one vehicle was observed parked on Rowena Cade Avenue, the driver moved the vehicle when asked to do so. we also attended Merestones Drive, two Penalty Charge Notices were issued at this location. All officers that have visited have said that their presence prevented poor parking.”

As a school we are becoming increasingly frustrated by **parents' poor driving skills** and views on safety, particularly as it is our own school community they are putting in danger! We have asked time and time again for parents to park lawfully and to refrain from obstructing driveways or other cars! **Please can our school community get behind this please... Parking Enforcement urge you to email in directly to Highways: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/contact-us/>**

Vehicles causing and obstruction, preventing emergency access, parking on the pavement or blocking driveways are parking illegally. Report these instances to 101@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk. Parking on zigzag lines, double yellow lines etc please make a parking enforcement request to: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/e-forms/parking-enforcement-requests/>



Competition Results!

Well done Hannah and Anabella for winning this competition. Their pictures will be projected onto the Queens Hotel and they have both won a cream tea for their family.



Please help us by...

Labelling everything!

With children wearing their PE kit to school every week it would be helpful if parents could spend two minutes checking that their child's hoodies/sweatshirts, in particular, have their name written on them. This is the lost property that we collected from lunchtime today that wasn't named—we delivered all named clothes, water bottles, pots back to their owners!

The job is taking a lot of time—please help us by naming everything!

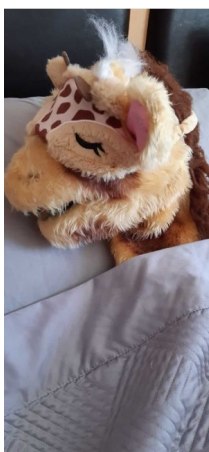
All unnamed lost property is being given to the PTA every few weeks.

Anything without a name is being left of the far gate/fence for parents to collect—this includes smaller jumpers too that could belong to younger pupils.



Gloucestershire Healthy Living Workshops with

Once again the children have all taken part in a Coram workshop this week, this has been done in a Covid secure way using the well ventilated hall and in class bubbles. Thank you to the PTA for supporting this workshop.



What children experience

Children's experience of Coram Life Education's sessions is fun, engaging and memorable. Children meet Harold the Giraffe puppet ('Healthy Harold'), and friends, have discussions and watch short films about healthy eating, legal and illegal drugs and their effects, the body and how it works, friendships and their influence, and how choices and behaviours can affect children's health and education outcomes. Coram Life Education's interventions include challenging social norms – misperceptions of peers' engagement with risky behaviour – to engender more positive behaviours.

Away in a manger

A walk through candlelit Christmas crib for 2020

St Peter's Church, Leckhampton, GL53 0QJ

Open 3-6pm Christmas Eve

www.southcheltenham.church/christmas

From the office



Please remember if you have to drop off something or speak to one of the admin team :

- 1 family at a time in the office area
- Sanitise your hands and wear a mask when waiting to speak to one of us in the office
- Do not come to the school if you have any symptoms
- Please refrain from bringing dogs into the lower carpark to protect our children who are often scared