



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back

The children appear to have settled into their new classes very well and they should be congratulated for their effort and attitude during the first couple of weeks back at school. We are very pleased to welcome our new children to St James' - those that are starting their full time education in our reception class and the children new to our nursery class.

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School Policies

You are welcome to look at school policies which are kept in the school office .

Attendance and Punctuality

A good attendance record has a very positive impact on children's academic achievement, their ability to socialise and their emotional well being. Please remember that we are unable to authorise any absence due to holidays taken during term time and that penalty notices will be issued to parents of children who are absent due to a holiday (£60 per parent, per child). Holidays during term time can seriously disrupt your child's progress and achievement. Not only do children miss the teaching provided on the days they are away, they are also less prepared for the lessons building on this learning after their return. As a result, your child's progress will be seriously slowed and there may also be a future risk of underachievement.

It is also essential that children arrive at school on time to ensure they do not miss out on any of their learning or cause disruption to the learning of others. Breakfast club is open daily from 7.45 am. Please remember that children can arrive at breakfast club up to 8:40am (if your child requires a breakfast they need to be in school by 8:30 am).

Children should not be on the school site before 8.40 am unless they are attending the breakfast club.



Classrooms are open from 8:45 am and registration is at 8:55 am. Any child arriving after 8:55 am should report to the school office.



Child Protection Co-ordinator/ First Aiders:

Miss Strickland is our Child Protection Co-ordinator. Our first aiders are: Mrs Burton, Mr Jowett, Mrs Smithson, Miss Strickland and Mrs Livingstone.

Car Parking

It is imperative that no parents or taxis use the school drive to turn round, drop off or to park. For the sake of the safety of all of the children please do not come onto the school site in your car to drop off or collect your children. This applies before school, at lunchtime and at the end of the day, including following after school clubs. If you have a problem with this arrangement please make an appointment to discuss it with me as soon as possible.



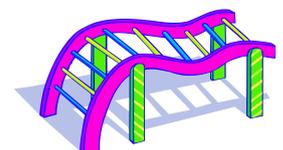
Bikes and Scooters on the Playground

Children riding bikes or scooters on the playground before or after school presents a health and safety risk for other children and adults. Please make sure that your child does not ride his/her bike or scooter on the playground at the beginning or end of the school day.

Unfortunately, due to limited space, we can only store cycles belonging to children who have passed the Bikeability test at school during the day (year 5/6 children). If your child is not in year 5 or 6 and rides to school on their bike or scooter please do not leave it on the school site.

Outdoor Play Equipment

For health and safety reasons it is essential that no children climb on the play equipment on the playground or field before or after school.



Working with Local Businesses and organisations

To enhance our work in all areas of the curriculum and to develop our enterprise skills, we continue to look for every opportunity to work with local businesses and organisations.



Our year 6 children will be visiting Pizza Express in Beverley to learn all about the restaurant industry. They will make their own pizza before visiting St Mary's Church, Beverley.

School Uniform - Important Information

I am delighted with the appearance of all the children in school, they look extremely smart in their new sweatshirts and I thank you for your support of our school uniform policy. There have been some questions raised recently by some parents regarding the uniform colour of shorts, trousers, skirts and pinafores. These items should be light grey not charcoal. If you are in any doubt regarding this, please see the display of uniform in the school foyer.

Please remember to ensure your child has suitable footwear to wear in school. Slippers are not appropriate for health and safety reasons. Sandshoes are available from a number of shops locally, including Boyes in Bransholme Centre and ASDA. Please ensure you write your child's name in their uniform, this prevents any upset if items are misplaced.

School Gates The entrance gate to the school field remains locked throughout the day between 9:00 am and 3:10 pm. If your child goes home at lunch time please arrange to meet them at the main door into the school (school office entrance). Children should return into school via this route on their return after lunch, from 12:55pm.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Service will take place at St James' Church, Sutton on **Friday 16th October at 1:40 pm**. All children, with the exception of our Foundation Stage Class, will walk up to the church. You are very welcome to join us at this service but unfortunately, due to the limited space in the church, we ask that you do not bring younger children or pushchairs with you.

Following the success of last year's Harvest celebration, we would like to once again ask the children (including Foundation Stage) to bring groceries into school that we can deliver to the elderly in our area. We would ask that children bring at least one item of food each into school during the week beginning **Monday 12th**. We will create a display of all the donations received in the school hall on **Wednesday and Thursday, 14th and 15th October**. Any items brought in should be non perishable. If you know of an elderly person (over 65) living in the area who would appreciate receiving a food parcel, please complete the slip below:

I believe that the below mentioned **elderly** person would appreciate receiving a food parcel from the children of St James' C E Academy:

.....(name)

.....(address)

Signed: Date:

Jewellery

We don't consider it is necessary for your child to wear any jewellery whilst at school. However, if you feel that this is essential, please make sure that this is limited to one small pair of stud earrings in the lower lobe area and one watch; these must be removed for health and safety reasons when taking part in P.E. lessons.

Flu Vaccination

Parents of children in years 1 and 2 have been given the opportunity to have their child vaccinated against the flu virus. This will take place on **Wednesday 11th November**. If you have not received a form for your child, please contact the school office.



Dogs on the school site

Please remember that dogs are not allowed on the school site, even if being carried.



PE Kit

Please ensure your child wears the correct PE kit at school. This consists of a plain white T-shirt and plain red shorts. As many PE lessons this term will take place outside, children may need to wear trainers for these lessons.

Music provision

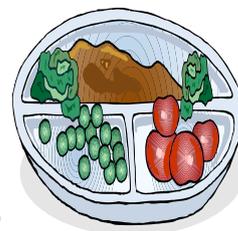
We are delighted that every child in year 5 will receive violin lessons this year and we all look forward to seeing the children perform their new skills in the not too distant future.



School Dinners

We are very proud of the quality and variety of the food prepared, cooked and served by our kitchen staff.

As previously, children are offered one main menu option with one 'reserve choice' of a jacket potato. If your child prefers to eat a jacket potato rather than the main choice they should let their teacher know during registration. A menu for this term was sent out to parents at the end of last term. If you haven't got a copy and would like one please ask at the office. Our School Councillors will soon be collecting the views of all children who are staying at school for a hot dinner.



School dinners are still free for all children in reception, year 1 and year 2. Dinners still cost 50p per day for our KS2 children. Please make sure that your child pays for their dinner either on the day they stay or in advance (you are welcome to pay for your child's school dinners at the beginning of each week).

Unfortunately a number of children are not paying for their dinners in advance or on the day that they are staying. This is causing a difficulty as we have no facility within school to cope with these arrears. If a child owes any money for school dinners at the end of a week, they will not be allowed to stay at school for a school dinner the following or subsequent weeks until the debt is paid. In these circumstances you will either have to provide a packed lunch or take your child home for their dinner.

Reading for Pleasure

At the recent launch of our Multi Academy Trust, four of our year 6 children spoke to the audience of 150 adults about their love of reading and the difference that regular reading at home is making to their achievements in school.

We were very proud of the way that Evie-May, Robyn, Brandon and Jack represented St James' as our Reading Champions.

Mrs Dobson will be working with these children in the future to find ways of encouraging all children at St James' to become avid readers. More information will follow shortly.

You will be aware of the weekly reading competition in each class—please help your child to improve their reading skills by encouraging them to read at home every day.



NURSERY PLACES

Do you know of any children that will be aged 3 in the spring or summer term next year? If so, please let the parent/carer of that child know that we still have places available in our nursery. Contact the school office if you require any information regarding this.



The School Choir

Fifteen year 5 and 6 children from St James' were recently part of a choir made up of children from the primary schools within the Multi Academy Trust.

The choir performed a series of songs at the MAT launch

and they should be commended for the way in which they entertained the audience.

Following on from this success, these children will be joined by some pupils from year 4 to make up a larger choir that will take part in the Voice In A Million concert at The Hull City Hall on Thursday 3rd December. Those of you who attended this concert last year will know what an amazing event this is. We are delighted that Mrs Capes has been able to arrange for us to be involved again and we look forward to seeing our pupils perform.

Outdoor Clothing

I know the weather has been kind to us this week but at the start of term when the weather was not so warm, we were finding that some children were coming to school without a coat. As your child does go out to play during morning playtime and lunchtime, could you please make sure they have their coat in case they need it.

Rugby

As part of our work with the MAT, we will soon be introducing rugby coaching under a rugby academy scheme organised by Hull Kingston Rovers. More information will follow soon.



Mandarin

Every child in Key Stage 2 is taking part in Chinese Mandarin lessons again this year. We are delighted that a Chinese Language Assistant from Archbishop Sentamu Academy will be working at St James' every Monday afternoon and helping the children to learn about Chinese Culture and the language.

School Photos

On Wednesday 21st October the photographer will be in school. He will take individual photos of the children throughout the day as well as of any brothers and sisters within school.

If you would like a family group photo taking that includes younger children not yet at school, please bring your children to the school office at 3.20 pm.



Dates for the Term (and holiday dates for the year)

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with some dates for your diary. There will be additional dates to follow, including our arrangements for Christmas celebrations and I will let you know these as soon as possible. Letters will be sent home regarding visits etc. nearer the time.

DATE	EVENT
5th October	School Choir to Voice In A Million rehearsal at Thoresby Academy
Week beginning 12 ^h October	Children to bring in food for our harvest collection
14 th October	Year 6 children visiting Pizza Express and St Mary's Church in Beverley Year 2 children visiting The Street Life Museum
16 th October	Harvest service at St James' Church - 1:40 pm
15 th October	Year 5 children entertaining the elderly at Sutton Church Hall
Week beginning 19 th October	Parents' evening this week
21st October	Photographer in school - see information on page 1
Friday 23rd October	3.15 pm - school closes for half term
HALF TERM	
Monday 2nd November	School reopens to children (NO TRAINING DAY)
3 rd November	School choir to Voice in a Million rehearsal at St James'
11 th November	Remembrance Day Year 4 to Hull New Theatre to see Horrible Histories Year 1 & Year 2 flu vaccinations
13 ^h November	Children in Need celebration at school
16 th November	Anti-bullying week/Road Safety Week
9 th December	Christmas Fair
18 th December	Christmas service at St James' Church - 1:40 pm 3:15 pm - School closes for the Christmas holidays
4th January	Staff training Day
5 th January	Children return to school
12th February	School closes for half term
22 nd February	Children return to school
24 th March	3.15 pm—School closes for Easter
11th April	Staff Training Day
12 th April	Children return to school
2 nd May	School closed - May Day Bank Holiday
Week beginning 9 th May	Year 6 SATs
27 th May	School closes for half term
6 th June	School reopens to children (No training day)
22 nd July	3:15 pm - School closes for the summer holiday