



NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Remember our school

website address:-

www.stjameshullacademy.co.uk

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I wanted to take this opportunity to give you some up to date information regarding all the exciting things we have planned to enhance the children's learning this term.

Sports Day

You are invited to attend our sports days which will take place on Wednesday 29th June.

Our KS1 and reception children will take part in sporting activities in the morning from 10.00 am.

KS2 children will take part in sporting activities in the afternoon from 1.30 pm.

School Uniform

To remind you, school uniform is as follows:-

Boys

Red school sweat shirt

White polo shirt

Light grey school trousers (**not charcoal or black**)

Light grey school shorts for the summer (**not charcoal or black**)

Girls

Red school sweatshirt or cardigan

White polo shirt

Light grey school trousers (**not charcoal or black**)

Light grey school pinafore dress or skirt (**not charcoal or black**)

Red and white gingham dress (for the summer)

Grey or white socks

Grey, white or red tights

From September we are asking that all children wear black shoes for school (no heels or trainers).

PE

When our children compete against other schools, comments are often made about how smart they look in their PE kits. Thank you for ensuring your child wears plain red shorts and a plain white T-shirt for PE. They will also need trainers to wear during PE lessons throughout the year.

Health Week

Our Health Week this year begins on Monday 27th June.

During this week many lessons will focus on healthy lifestyles. Children will learn, amongst other things, about healthy lunch boxes, how to wash their hands properly, cleaning their teeth and keeping their heart healthy. The older children will learn about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.



Year 6 are coming towards the end of their primary school education

Our year 6 children took their end of primary school tests (SATs) during the week beginning 9th May and we are very proud of their attitude and effort, not only during SATs week but throughout the year.

Over the next few weeks they will take part in many special activities including:-

- a leavers' church service at St James' Church, Sutton on Friday 8th July.
- a garden party and graduation ceremony on the afternoon of Wednesday 13th July.
- a production by year 6 children on Friday 15th July at 1:30 pm.

Leavers' Church Service

On Friday 8th July, we will be taking the whole school up to Sutton for our leavers' special service at St James' Church. The service will begin at 1:40 pm and parents are invited to join us at the church. **Please remember that due to lack of space you are not able to bring younger children to the service.** Also, I must request that if you do not attend the church service that you do not come along to the church to collect your child at the end of the service. We will walk the children back to school where they can be collected as usual at 3:15 pm.



Celebration Open Night

You will receive your child's annual report on Monday 11th July. This will provide you with a lot of information about your child's academic progress since September.



You are then invited to accompany your child to school on Wednesday 13th July at 3:15 pm to look at his/her work and the displays in all of the classrooms. All the teachers will be on hand to help you enjoy this experience.

Having read your child's report, if you feel you require a more formal meeting with your child's teacher, please speak to her/him to make a mutually convenient appointment.

Core Values

Please talk to your child about our core values of **Respect, Kindness and perseverance.**

How do these values influence their behaviour at home?

E-Safety Training for parents

We make every effort to ensure the children are safe whilst using the Internet, both in and out of school. Our next Internet Safety day for pupils is Wednesday 6th July. It is essential that parents also understand the real risk to children using the Internet. For this reason we are organising some training for parents too. This will take place on 6th July - more information will follow.

We also have links on our website for sites regarding E-Safety which you may find useful.



Attendance

Thank you all for your continued support with our efforts to improve attendance. We continue to work with the Educational Welfare Officer to ensure all of our children attend school as expected.

Sandshoes

Could you please ensure that your child's sandshoes are in good order and replace them if need be?

Class Assemblies

Children will present an assembly to their relatives and friends at 9:00 am as follows:-

Year 1 - Tuesday 21st June

ClassLK - Thursday 30th June

Year 3 - Wednesday 6th July

After School Clubs—The following clubs will take place after school from 6th June until 15th July at 3.15 pm.

Monday	Football Club - year 3 and 4 children Reading Club - year 1 children
Tuesday	Cricket Club - KS2 children Cookery Club - year 4 children
Wednesday	Netball Club - KS2 children Art Club - year 2 children Lego Club - year 5 children
Thursday	Dodge Ball Club - year 5 and 6 children Art Club - year 3 children

Maths Fair

Well done to year 4 pupils for organising an amazing Maths Fair. The feedback from parents and children was fantastic. There were over 20 activities that everyone enjoyed. The main request from the children is please can each class have a longer slot next year?



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. Also, it is not permitted for your child to wear any nail varnish whilst at school.

SUMMER FAIR

On Thursday 21st July we will be holding a summer fair.

We have lots of stalls and activities planned and in order for it to be a success we would like to ask for your help and generosity in donating items for the following:-

TOMBOLA - we need new or unused items

BOOKS - in good condition

BOTTLES - of any description, unopened and in date ie. wine, soft drinks, sauces, perfume etc.

CAKE STALL - cakes, biscuits or buns (home made or bought)

Items can be brought in from this week onwards and leading up to the fair but items for the cake stall will need to be brought in from Tuesday 19th July. If you are able to help with any of the above please send to school with your child or bring to Mrs Fitzpatrick at the school office.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU!

Fundamental British Values

At St James' CE Academy, we understand the importance of encouraging children to regard people of all faiths, races and cultures with respect and tolerance. We provide an environment to allow pupils to understand that while different people may hold different views about what is 'right and 'wrong', all people living in England are subject to its law. Through our school ethos and teaching, we emphasise the importance of supporting the rule of English civil and criminal law.

The government set out its definition of British values in 2011. These values are:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

A document published by the DfE in November 2014 called "Promoting Fundamental British Values as part of SMSC (Spiritual, moral, social and Cultural) education in Schools", outlines how key British values can be made explicit to children.

We take every opportunity to promote and explore these five key values in a meaningful way that is fundamental to the British Values. These values lend themselves to being discussed and explored across the curriculum and through our school ethos. For example:

Democracy - We work hard to ensure that our pupils have a voice. On a whole school level this means we have an active School Council, which promotes a 'Pupil Voice', giving the children the opportunity to vote for their preferred member of the council and for all pupils to contribute and impact towards the school procedures and environment. Only recently the gates leading from the playground onto Ilchester Close were opened to reduce congestion on Dorchester Road. This was as a direct result of suggestions made by the school council. In classes we encourage and support children to learn to listen to and respect the opinions of others even if they do not always agree. Through all their learning activities, children are encouraged to discuss, listen, debate, question – all excellent life skills to learn for use when living and taking part in a democratic society. Moreover, through our half-termly topics we explore a range of matters linked to democracy. As part of our learning about democracy, all of our key stage 2 pupils will take part in a 'Brexit Referendum' in school on Thursday June 23rd, which is being organised by our year 6 pupils.

The rule of law - The children are taught about the importance of laws, they explore the rules that their class abides by and consider what would happen if there were no class rules. Rules around behaviour are discussed regularly in school assemblies and are embedded in our reward system. The children also learn through cross-curricular activities about laws, which govern our country. The children learn about "fair play" through taking part in sports events and PE lessons, they learn how to play within the rules of a particular sport, in addition to this they learn how to accept both winning and losing a match.

Individual liberty - Our pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing they are in a safe and supportive environment. The children learn that every choice they make has a consequence; we support children in thinking through their actions and the consequences that follow from that choice. We accept that all children make mistakes and our role as educators is to guide the children in learning from their mistakes, in effect learning from the consequence their actions had led to.

Children learn about their rights as young people and how these can be lived out in their lives, with an emphasis on keeping themselves safe, for example through E-safety lessons and PHSE activities.

Mutual respect - We teach pupils at St James about our core value of Respect through a variety of approaches. The children are taught to respect themselves and their peers. Through learning about their rights the children learn about their own responsibilities and the need to respect others and their environment. The work the children did recently with Phil Williams, environmentalist, reinforced learning about the importance of respecting our planet and as a result the school council have requested that we establish an eco-club to help children learn more about recycling etc.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs - We help our children to show tolerance towards each other by teaching them about the culturally diverse society they live in. We have a broad and balanced RE curriculum, which explores key faiths, their religious practice and culture. Through cross-curricular work the children learn about other cultures, exploring similarities and differences. Where possible we provide opportunities to invite representatives from different faith groups and cultures to share their knowledge with our children to enhance all of our children's learning and understanding. We actively encourage our children to ask questions, debate and discuss. During our RE day in March, children learnt about six different religions.

As part of their learning about British Values, all of the children took part in a day of special activities to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday, organised by our Year 6 pupils. They learnt all about the Royal Family, took part in an art competition and each class crowned their very own Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip. In addition, the children learnt the National Anthem.

Diary Dates - Summer Term 2 2016

7 th June	Six year 5 pupils attending the Book Awards at—Hull City Hall
10 th June	Class photos to be taken in all year groups from reception to year 6
14 th June	Fifteen year 6 pupils visiting The University of York as part of their Shine Programme Year 5 pupils are cruising along The River Humber Parents of nursery children invited to attend a phonics information session at 9am
15 th June	Y6 to attend Kid Alert session
16 th June	All children in classes from reception to year 6 are taking part in a science workshop. Parents are invited to join us for a special 'Science Performance' at 2.30 pm—more information will follow shortly Parents of nursery children invited to attend a phonics information session at 3pm
17 th June	Health Fair for all children in classes from reception to year 6 (organised by year 5 pupils) Reception and year 1 pupils taking part in a sponsored bounce
20 th June	Year 6 pupils taking part in a morning of maths, science and engineering at Winifred Holtby Year 5 children taking part in String Concert at Hull City Hall
21 st June	9.00 am—Year 1 pupils present a class assembly to their family and friends
22 nd June	Ten year 5 and 6 pupils taking part in inter-school rugby tournament
23 rd June	Year 5 children taking part in language and library experience at Winifred Holtby Year 6 pupils are holding a 'Brexit Referendum' at St James Year 3 pupils are visiting St James' Church in Sutton
24 th June	International Day—Each class will learn about the culture and traditions of a chosen country
w/b 27 th June	Health Week Children will visit the local library over the next 2 weeks
29 th June	Sports Day —reception and KS1 in the morning/ KS2 in the afternoon
30 th June	9.00 am—reception pupils present a class assembly to their family and friends Year 5 and 6 pupils are going on their residential visit
5 th July	Year 5 pupils taking part in Little Devils Kitchen—more information to follow
6 th July	E-Safety Day— Parents invited to attend info session—details to follow 9.00 am—Year 3 pupils present a class assembly to family and friends
7 th July	Year 5 and 6 pupils' Fun day Year 3 and 4 pupils attending Cleeve Fest at Cleeve Primary School
8 th July	pm - Leavers' church service at St James' Church, Sutton
11 th July	Reports out today
12 th July	Year 2 pupils taking part in a mock wedding at St James' Church
13 th July	pm - Year 6 garden party/graduation ceremony 3:15 - open evening for all parents
15 th July	Year 6 leavers' concert—am to whole school/ pm - to parents
18 th July	Year 6 pupils begin their secondary education
19 th /20 th July	pm -KS2 production—performance to parents- more info to follow
21 st July	2.30 pm—Summer Fair
22 nd July	3:15 - School closes for the summer holidays