

Learning together with courage and kindness

'For the good of all' 1 Corinthians 12



St James News

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Dear St James Families,

After our first full week back at school, all the children should be feeling so proud of themselves and the brilliant start they have made to term! In Collective Worship this week we sang 'Cross Over the Road my Friend' reminding ourselves about the Good Samaritan and the importance of Kindness. I also shared our new school prayer that has been written with the help of Reverent Alec to reflect our vision, values, the Holy Trinity and the pattern prayer (Thank you, sorry & please)

St James school prayer

Dear God, thank you for everyone who is part of
the St James community.

Lord Jesus, we are sorry for the mistakes
that we have made,

Holy Spirit, please help us to be kind and courageous,
for the good of all. Amen.

Digital Safety:

In line with the new Keeping Children Safe in Education, St James is ensuring a vigorous approach to online safety. As part of this I encourage all parents to consider what they have in place at home to ensure everyone is safe online. Please click on the link to see an excellent guide for parents from the NSPCC <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>



NSPCC

Please remember to check the age rating of games your children are playing - for example Fortnite is PEGI 12 and has been shown to be very addictive.

Parents:

Part of our school vision and values focus on our school community. As parents you are such an important part of that and I am very keen to invite you into school this year as often as possible. It is also vital we have your support to make our school the best it can be for the good of all!

How could you help?

- Offering an activity you would like to run at school - this could be a brilliant enrichment opportunity for the children - during or after school.
- Donating your time to offer a skill that could be used in school.
- Maybe you would like to organise a social event for families or parents.
- Perhaps your work might be able to offer a trip opportunity or donate resources
- Attending community days
- Being part of Friends of St James

Save the Date

St James Hanney Primary School
Helping Hands Indoor Community Day

Saturday 4th November 2023

10am – 3pm



Learning Celebrations:

This week we have celebrated our wonderful Year 6 class - they have already become brilliant role models and all truly deserved their Headteacher's award for being such amazing 'Buddies' to Inkpen children!

















We also got to celebrate some of our sporting achievers including Byron, who last week found out he had won the LC40 Elite Champion for 2023! Congratulations!

Key Dates for the Diary



Sept/Oct 2023

Date	Information
Phonics & Early Reading workshop 18 th September 	There will be a phonics and early reading workshop for parents in Inkpen Class after school on Monday 18th September. This is most useful for parents with younger children but all are welcome!
Year 5 Coleshill Trip 21 st September 	Year 5 will be spending the day at Coleshill. Full details can be found in parent letter.
Year 1 local walk 26 th September 	Year 1 will be taking a walk in the local area as part of their learning this term.
Wantage Literary Festival 27 th September 	Year 5 and 6 will be attending the literary festival in Wantage. Following the success of the mini 2022 Festival, 2023 sees the return of some great names, poetry events, history and fiction panels along with more free family-friendly activities.
Michaelmas Fayre 30 th September 2.00pm 	Come and support the wonderful Hanney Michaelmas Fayre, which raises money for local grants. It's a great day out for the whole family too!
KA Open morning 3 rd – 5 th October 	King Alfred's Academy are running open mornings for Year 6 students from 9.00am-11am on 3 rd – 5 th October. Please notify school if your child will be attending.
Parents' Evening 10 th & 11 th October 	Parents' Evening will be on 10 th and 11 th October from 2pm-6pm. More details on how to book your slot/s will be out soon.
Friends of St James AGM 9 th October 	St James PTA are a crucial part of our school community and have successfully raised significant amounts of money for the school and our children. Please continue to support them by attending this years' AGM and find out what plans there are for the coming year! Our PTA needs you!
Year 5 Science Trip to Harwell 10 th October 	Year 5 will join other students from UK schools at Harwell campus and meet NASA astronauts Nicole Stott and Susan Kilrain. The whole day is being provided free of charge by Harwell Campus. Full details to follow.
Rags to Riches Bags to school 12 th October 	This is a great way to raise funds for the school by getting rid of unwanted clothes, shoes etc. Bring your bags to school (by 9am) or leave them at the village hall car park and SAC will ensure the bags get into school. We can store bags in the shed if you want to get rid of them before this.
Individual School Photos 16 th October 	These will be held within the school day. Details on how to order your child/ren's photo will follow after the day.
Harvest Festival 18 th October 	All parents are invited to join us at St James Church from 10-11am. Each class will be performing something for the Harvest Festival. Details of donations to follow.
End of Term 1 19 th October 	Last day of term. Schools ends at 3.20.
20 th October 	Teacher INSET. School closed for children.

Please remember to keep your contact information up to date and let us know immediately if anything changes.