

# 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,

We've had another wonderful week of learning including a Year 5 trip to the river, violins in Year 2 and a really informative phonics and reading parents workshop in Reception, which if you didn't make I would recommend looking through the slides that have been shared on Dojo.



In Collective Worship we have continued to think about our new vision and values and looked in particular this week at the importance of loving each other. We looked at 1 Corinthians 13 using our Space Makers practice of Dwelling.



**COURAGE - 'love never gives up; and its faith, hope, and patience never fail' 1 Corinthians 13:7**

### Reminders:

- Now the gates are open in the mornings please walk your children round to their classroom doors and wait with them until the doors open at 8:45

**PTA AGM**  
**Tuesday 3rd Oct**  
**7PM**  
**at school**  
**Please come!**



### Save the Date

St James Hanney Primary School  
Helping Hands Indoor Community Day  
**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
10am – 3pm

## Governance focus: Parent communication plan

Our Governors and myself have been working hard to develop and improve our communication with all stakeholders and have begun this by focusing on you as parents. See below are aims. We are keen to involve you and if you have any thoughts please feel free to talk to me or Caroline Watson (Y1 parent) your elected Parent Governor.



## Communication with Stakeholders: Core Aims

Overriding Objective: for St James' to be the school of choice for parents in the local community

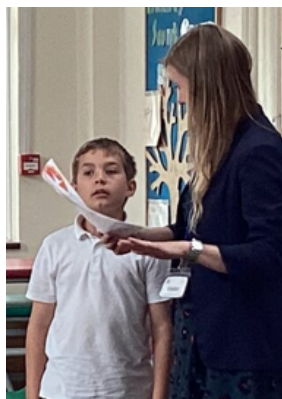
- Be aware in a timely manner of all key events throughout the school year
- Be informed as quickly as possible of any changes, updates, information or alerts
- Have accurate and timely information about individual children letting parents know how well they are doing, what they need to do next and how parents can help with their learning
- Be provided with information so that parents can help with learning
- Join the school with celebrating the success and achievement of children in the school
- Be responsive to any concerns in a supportive manner

## Learning Celebrations:

This week we celebrated some amazing writing produced by Shakespeare Class! I know Mrs Dipple was very proud of them!




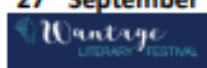









Daniel shared with us his swimming achievements and we also got to celebrate Georgia receiving her Blue Peter badge. She demonstrated both courage and kindness writing about her environment concerns she has for the planet. A brilliant achievement!



# Key Dates for the Diary



Sept/Oct 2023

<b>Year 1 local walk</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> September</b> 	Year 1 will be taking a walk in the local area as part of their learning this term.
<b>Wantage Literary Festival</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup> September</b> 	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.
<b>Michaelmas Fayre</b> <b>30<sup>th</sup> September 2.00pm</b> 	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!
<b>KA Open morning</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> October</b> 	King Alfred's Academy are running open mornings for Year 6 students from 9.00am-11am on 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> October. Please notify school if your child will be attending.
<b>Parents' Evening</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup> October</b> 	Parents' Evening will be on 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> October from 2pm-6pm. More details on how to book your slot/s will be out soon.
<b>Friends of St James AGM</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> October</b> 	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!
<b>Year 5 Science Trip to Harwell</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> October</b> 	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.
<b>Rags to Riches</b> <b>Bags to school</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> October</b> 	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.
<b>Individual School Photos</b> <b>16<sup>th</sup> October</b> 	These will be held within the school day. Details on how to order your child/ren's photo will follow after the day.
<b>Harvest Festival</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup> October</b> 	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.
<b>End of Term 1</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> October</b> 	Last day of term. Schools ends at 3.20.

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