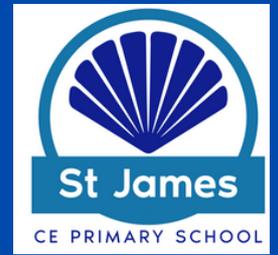


Learning together with courage and kindness

'For the good of all' 1 Corinthians 12



St James News

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WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE?

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Dear St James Families,

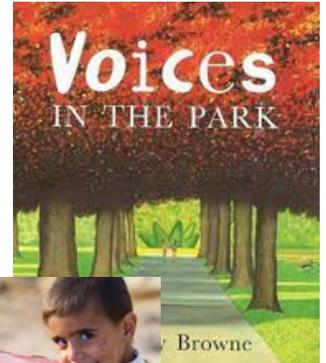
Attendance this week: 95.7%
School & Trust target: 96%

With our curriculum driver of **EMPATHY** this term, linked to our values of community and kindness, we have had a week thinking of others.

In Collective Worship we thought about seeing things from other people's point of view, using the Anthony Browne book 'Voices in the park'.

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less."

As part of this there has been a focus on charity this week: Thank you to everyone who has donated a box to the Samaritan Purse, this is such a lovely way to demonstrate kindness to people we haven't met. Last day to drop off boxes is Monday. We ended the week with Children in Need, which thanks to everyone's generous donations raised £213.51.



Friends of St James:

The new team have been voted in and have a new name and a new logo! Introducing 'St James Helping Hands'. They are very keen to get as many people involved as possible, so please don't be shy!

Jess, Fiona, Emma and Lucy are now officially in the roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary and are supported by a wider group of parents, many of which have been instrumental to date in running events and raising funds. We really hope we can continue the work of the departing team and once again huge thanks to all of those who have devoted their time in the past.



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Moving forward, there are a few bits of information we would like to share:

- You don't have to attend evening meetings to support us...
- There are lots of ways to stay in touch and get involved (see the end for details). We have a Whatsapp group for people who would like to help at the odd event or deliver a task. There are many ways to support the school, whether it be assisting at an event to run a stall, design a poster, wrap some sweets, build some things, paint a sign.... you name it we can use your help.
- You can also submit your ideas via email. Evening meetings will have a Zoom joining option so you can join in from home or work.

Please do join in: it is going to be fun, sociable and most importantly beneficial for your children. Any help, even if you only have an hour once a term, is gratefully received!

Where are all the men? Dads, Carers, Grandads, Uncles, Brothers ... WE NEED YOU!

Our latest photo hasn't captured it, but we have some amazing blokes from across the community that join in for our events and activities. We would LOVE to grow this to include more male voices in how we choose, set up and run events, and bring in as many different skills as we can. Please do drop us a line through one of the contact points below to show your interest.

Rebrand: The band formerly known as Friends of St James is changing to Helping Hands, St James. This isn't going to happen straight away as we are a legally registered charity but we do have a subcommittee operating already as Helping Hands whilst we deal with the paperwork. This change is to reflect the fact that we have a slight change in direction which puts INTERACTION, COMMUNITY and POSITIVE ACTION at the heart of the organisation.



Charity and Fundraising

Did you know that we are a registered charity who contributed over £15,000 to the school last year through buying resources, trips and equipment to enhance the experience for your children. Thanks to a mix of event fundraising, grants and ad-hoc donations, last year's purchases included the Sandpit, Ninja Obstacle Course and hooking up electricity to the Cabin. We endeavour to spend the money we make in each year so it will be of direct benefit to your children.

How can you help?

The committee has four named members who will be in post until the next AGM in the Autumn and who ensure the legal requirements are delivered. Aside from this, we have some sub teams forming to share the workload. Do you have any special skills to add to the mix? Or perhaps you'd like to join one of our new teams? COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM, EVENT PLANNING TEAM, CREATIVE TEAM

Upcoming Fundraising Events

Christmas Jumper (and sweets!) Sale: 28th November

Mince Pies and Mulled Wine at the Nativity: 6th & 7th December

Holly Fair: 9th December



How to contact us:

Via the **Whatsapp Group**

Email: friendsofstjameshanney@yahoo.com

Facebook page: <https://m.facebook.com/groups/355714218236045/> or search for **St James Helping Hands**

Leave a written message in the folder in School Office

Sleep:

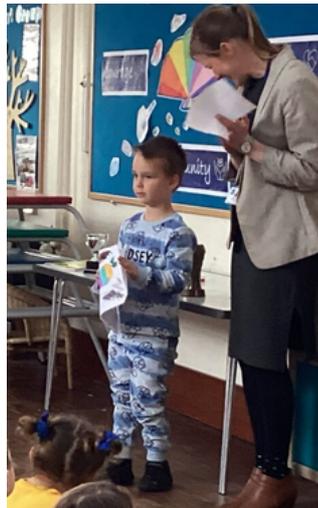
This can be so challenging for so many of us. Please arrange to speak to Mrs Richardson, our Home School Link Worker if this is something you feel your family would benefit from help with.



At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely. Our free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND. We can talk to young people directly, or parents. The helpline is open 5 times a week The number is 03303 530541. You can read more here: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>

Learning Celebrations:

This week in celebration Collective Worship we were celebrating what we have done for others with a focus on Children Need. We also heard about Iuy and Alfie's scouting award at the Remembrance Sunday Service for excellent presentation! This was followed by lots of individual achievements - see photos below!



Key Dates for the Diary

Nou/Dec 2023



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27 th – 1 st December 	Year 6 Residential Year 6 are away at Yerworthy Lodge for a week of making memories!
4 th – 8 th December 	SEND Review parent meetings Parent teacher meetings to review ISPs and set outcomes for Term 2 & 3.
1 st December 	Jack and the Beanstalk Panto Years 1 - 4 will be travelling to the Oxford Playhouse for some pantomime fun.
3 rd December 	Family Advent Service 9.30am at St James Church.
8 th December 	Christmas Carol Performance Years 5 & 6 will be travelling to Creation Theatre at Longwall in Oxford for this Christmas classic.
8 th December 	Fun Run for Helen and Douglas House 11am on the school field. More details to follow.
6 th & 7 th December 	Reception & Year 1 Nativity 2.30pm in the Hall. More details to follow.
11 th – 15 th December 	Year 5 Swimming Intensive Week Please ensure children have their swimwear with them in school every day this week.
13 th & 14 th 	Christmas Lunch 13 th December: Reception, Years 1, Yr2 & Yr 6 14 th December: Years 3, 4 & 5 Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on their Christmas dinner day.
13 th December	Donaldson Class Christmas sing song 2:30pm
13 th December 	Christingle Service 4pm at St James Church – Please come and join us at St James Church. Children from Years 4-6 will be invited to sing or read. Details to follow.
15 th December 	Festive Film Club: 3.20pm - 5.00pm Children are invited to stay at school and enjoy a festive film. If you would like your child to attend, please donate £5 (which will go towards a light tea and refreshments).
18 th December 	Rock Performance 2.15pm: Parents of children who attend Rock are invited to their performance in the hall.
19 th December 	Years 2 & 3 Carol Concert 2.30pm in the Hall. More details to follow.
20 th December 	Last day of term – School ends at 12:30

Reminder:

Please make sure your child/children have a waterproof coat and wellies in school. (If you would like support with this please let us know) We love being outside and to allow us all to be on the field wellies are essential!



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



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS IN THE VALE BENEFICE 2023

All are welcome to join us to celebrate the coming of Jesus at one of our special services this Advent and Christmas in the Church of England, Vale Benefice Churches in Denchworth, East Challow, Grove and West Hanney.

3rd Dec - 1st of Advent

8am	Grove	Holy Communion
9.30am	W. Hanney	Parish Eucharist
10am	Denchworth	(no service)
10.am	Grove	Holy Communion
11am	E. Challow	Parish Eucharist
6pm	Grove	(no service)
6pm	Denchworth	Advent Carols

24th Dec - 4th of Advent

Christmas Eve

8am	Grove	Holy Communion
10am	Denchworth	Parish Carol Service
4pm	Grove	Crib Service
4pm	E. Challow	Carols round the crib
5.30pm	W. Hanney	Carols round the crib

Midnight services

11.15pm	E. Challow	Midnight Mass
11.30pm	W. Hanney	Midnight Mass

10th Dec - 2nd of Advent (St Nicholas)

8am	Grove	Holy Communion
9.30am	W. Hanney	(no service)
10am	Denchworth	(no service)
10am	Grove	Sunday Clubs (no main service)
11am	E. Challow	Patronal Festival
4pm	Grove	Christingle Service
6pm	Grove	(no service)

25th Dec Christmas Day

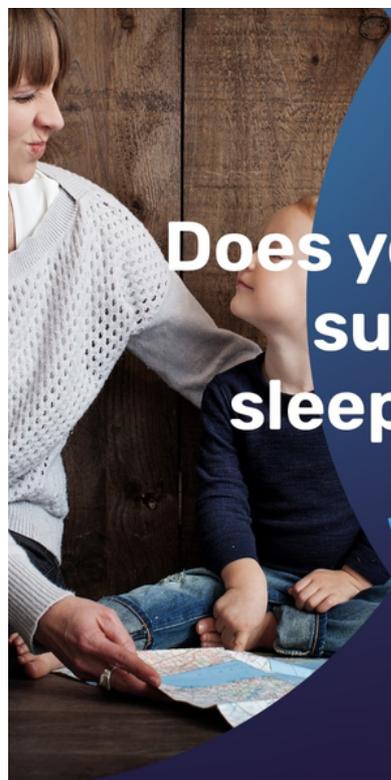
9am	Denchworth	Holy Communion
9.30am	W. Hanney	Family Eucharist
10am	Grove	Family Communion
11am	E. Challow	Family Eucharist
6pm	Grove	(no service)

17th Dec - 3rd of Advent

8am	Grove	Holy Communion
9.30am	W. Hanney	Parish Eucharist
10am	Denchworth	Holy Communion
10am	Grove	Holy Communion
11am	E. Challow	Parish Carol Service
4.30pm	W. Hanney	Parish Carol Service
6pm	Grove	Parish Carol Service

30th Dec - 2nd Sunday of Christmas

8am	Grove	(no service)
9.30am	W. Hanney	(no service)
10am	Denchworth	(no service)
10am	Grove	Family Communion (with Baptism)
11am	E. Challow	(no service)
6pm	Grove	(no service)



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