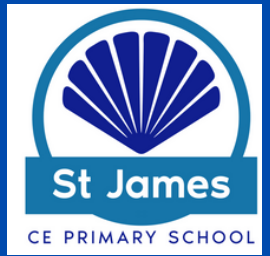


Learning together with courage and kindness 'For the good of all' 1 Corinthians 12



St James News

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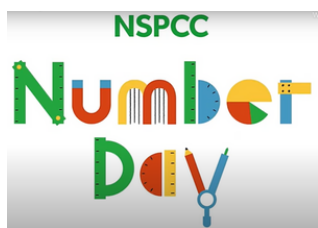
- Learning about staying safe
- English at St James video
- Helping Hands
- Dates for your diary

Dear St James Families,

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance this week: 95.3%
School & Trust target: 96%

This week has again been full of wonderful learning with highlights such as the Year 1 trip to Uffington White Horse, which involved some great compass direction work, creative challenges and the all important hill rolling! Thank you to all staff and parents who supported with this. The children having adventures outside of class are such an important part of our learning at St James and can only happen with the support of our families, both physically and financially.



Another highlight has been Number Day, which the children have really enjoyed - this is such a worthy event and it is great to see the children getting excited about maths, which for some can sometimes be a slightly daunting part of their learning. For more information about this event please visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/charity>



Learning about staying safe:

Next week there will a focus on children learning about safety. In Collective Worship on Monday we will be using the NSPCC 'Speak out Stay Safe' resources, which will be followed up in class. (Please see letter at the end of this newsletter with further details).

This is part of what the NSPCC fund using Number Day.

On Tuesday it is then Safer Internet Day, which we will start as a whole school in Collective Worship (after Open the Book) which has been kindly organised for us by a parent - thank you!



SAVE the DATE
Safer Internet Day
2024 | Tuesday
6 February
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English at St James:

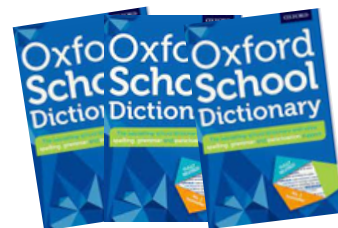
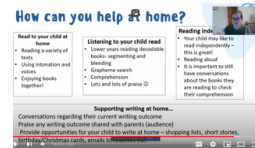
We are very lucky to have a wonderful English team here at St James and as promised here is the parents video about English learning at St James if you were unable to attend the in person training. Thank you to Mrs Rivett for recording this. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wRq-CK2VXqg>

St James Helping Hands:



Thanks to the parents who brought in their bags of clothing to Rags to Riches this week. This raised £90 which goes straight into the pot to support resources and enrichment. As a guide, this amount pays for:

- Almost half the cost of a shiny new set of dictionaries for Year 6
- A new set of brilliant art equipment requested by Year 4.



Easy fundraising

This week we are asking you to support Helping Hands by signing up to easyfundraising which earns money to support the school when you shop online. We have been offered £1 bonus for every new sign up between the 2nd February and 16th February so please do sign up. 500 sign ups = £500 of additional cash to spend on the children at St James.

There are more details on the scheme at the end of the newsletter or you can join quickly using this link here:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjamesprimaryhanney>

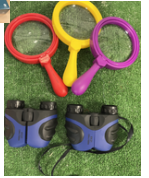
Send the link on to your partners, grandparents, neighbours. Easyfundraising costs you nothing and enables you to raise money via big brands when you shop online. So far over £2000 has been raised for St James by just sixty-three supporters. If every adult in the school community signed up, we could triple this figure, meaning more money which means more trips, more books and more equipment for the children to use. Helping Hands will offer a prize at the end of the academic year in July for the family group who raise the most via their online shopping on Easyfundraising. Happy shopping!

Highlights of plans in 2024

We held our Helping Hands meeting on the 23rd January to confirm how we are allocating funds to support the school and preschool over the coming months. Budgets in primary education are incredibly tight nationally so it really does help when the community find inventive ways to supplement these budgets, bettering the experience for all children at the school.

- £300 to each year group from Preschool through to Year 6 to spend now on trips and enrichment
- £300 to each year group to buy additional resources identified by the pupils and class teachers to support their learning
- £2000 to support a bigger project: yet to be confirmed
- We have identified five core areas across the school which we would like to raise larger sums of money for. These include the library, an octagonal outdoor classroom for the field, benches and tables for breakout spaces outside, improving the school hall and a long term goal to improve the IT equipment enabling better digital usage in school.
- Science Oxford Workshop, enjoyed by Reception last week, funded entirely by Helping Hands
- Games for wet break for Year 4, sourced and donated by parents - thanks to those parents who helped (Mel, Hybre and Peta particularly)

- A new set of dictionaries ordered for whole school use (requested by Year 6)
- An exciting local history visit for Year 5 involving the Hanney Broach for February
- A commitment to fund a Virtual Reality workshop in June for Year 3, 4, 5, 6



Thank you already for new games for Rowling Class and adventure kit for Inkpen Class

Come and join the next meeting if you have ideas or skills to contribute: Thursday 22nd February, 3.20 (school pick up time) in the library.

You don't have to join meetings to contribute ideas, please get in touch: helpinghandshanney@gmail.com



Celebration Collective Worship:








This week the wonderful Year 4s shared some of their brilliant painting exploration, where they had experimented with a riot of colours and painting techniques. They also taught us some Geography linked to their learning on volcanoes - Well done Rowling Class! We also had a bumper week on out of school celebrations from timetable practising, story writing, science diagrams and a treasure map, as well as sporting achievements! Thank you everyone for sharing your wonderful learning!



Key Dates for the Diary

Jan/Feb 2024

<p>8th Feb</p> 	<p>Engineering Fair open classrooms 3-3.30pm</p> <p>This term, the children will be designing and creating a product for our Engineering Fair. These will be judged on 8th February and parents are invited to walk round school and see all the children's entries. The winners will be invited to the final at Williams on 27th March.</p>
<p>9th Feb</p> 	<p>Last day of term</p> <p>School ends at 3.20pm</p>

<h2 style="text-align: center;">After School Enrichment Clubs</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">3:20pm-4:15pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clubs are £3.00 per session, please book via Parentmail</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>This clubs are enrichment opportunities, not childcare</i> <i>*charged via provider not £3.00 a session</i></p>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <p>iRock</p> <p>Who: Reception upwards Where: Library</p> <p>Booking direct with iRock*</p>	 <p>Singing Choir</p> <p>Who: Yr 1 – Yr6 Where: Library</p>	 <p>Football</p> <p>Who: 3, 4, 5 & 6 Where: MUGA/ Field</p>	 <p>Martial Arts</p> <p>Who: Yr 2- 6 Where: Hall</p>	
		 <p>Dungeons & Dragons</p> <p>Who: Yr 4 – 6 Where: Year 5 Finish 4:30pm</p>	 <p>Piano Lesson</p> <p>Who: Yr 1 upwards Where: Harbour</p> <p>Booking direct*</p>	
			 <p>Netball</p> <p>Who: Yr 4 – 6 Where: MUGA</p>	

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

Dear Parent/Carer

NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. programme

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme this term. Speak out. Stay safe. is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the Speak out. Stay safe. programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

Parent/Carer support

Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers.

www.nspcc.org.uk/parents

Activities to extend learning at home

Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe.

www.nspcc.org.uk/activities

Online Safety Hub

For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more.

www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety

Childline – under 12's

Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content.

www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7)

www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)

Talk PANTS with your children

Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.

I hope you find this information about the NSPCC and the Speak out. Stay safe. programme helpful. Please do contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ottaway

Headteacher

St James CE Primary School

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Dear St James Families,



As we come to closing out Week 3 of the new school dinner booking system, I'd like to remind you all that this system will remain in place.

Although we have seen a huge uptake, we are still having dinners ordered through the classrooms on a daily basis. This has been monitored closely since the new system became live, however, once we enter the next half term (after February Half Term), the pre-booked meals will be the only orders placed with our off site kitchen. There will be no room for additions on the day and if you have not booked your child/ren a school meal, a packed lunch must be provided.

The current menu will run until the Easter Holidays. A new menu will be published for after the Easter Holidays and you will receive notification when that is live so that you can pre book the next block of dinners

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the huge amount of support and patience with the new system.

Mrs Bevan



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2024

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King Alfred's Academy
Wantage Primary Academy

FOOTBALL



Millbrook Primary School

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Half Day 1 (9-12:30PM)
Half Day 2 (12:30-4PM)
Early Drop Off (8AM)
Late Collection (5:30PM)



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4. Find your chosen camp and complete the registration
5. For more help please call, Will 0774573743 or email headoffice@fasportstars.co.uk

Thank you!