

The week ahead @ Saint James

“Be strong and courageous and do it!” 1 Chronicles 28:20



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Mon 6 th May	Mon 13 th May	Fri 17 th May		Tues 21 st May	Wed 22 nd May
Bank holiday	SATs week begins	SATs week ends	Sports Day (provisional) KS2: am KS1: pm	Church service - Pentecost Year 1 & 2	Year 6 educational visit

Collective Worship

This week's theme:
Skills and talents

This week's bible story:
Gideon grows in confidence
Judges 6-7

A message from the Senior Leadership team

This week, as you will be aware, Saint James Primary School was inspected by Ofsted, the first inspection of the school since 2018. Until the publication of the report, in a few weeks time, we are unable to reveal the results of the inspection. However, we can comment on how proud we are of all the pupils, staff and governors who were involved over the two days. We would also like to extend a huge 'thank you' to everyone who took time to speak to the inspectors and complete the online parent questionnaire. We really appreciate the kind words and sentiments that were shared.

It is fair to say that the experience over the two-day, graded inspection was gruelling and forensic, with probing questioning of staff, governors and pupils, as well as lesson observations, monitoring of break and lunch time, work scrutiny and a multitude of interviews for the leadership team. However, after the recent, well-publicised, negative press surrounding OFSTED, we can only comment that the process was fair and should provide an accurate representation of where Saint James Primary School currently sits, as a school.

Common themes interspersed through past newsletters include the pride that we feel for the hard work and dedication of the staff at Saint James Primary School and the tremendous behaviour and attitude constantly shown by all of our 590 pupils. This could never be more true than this week and we hope the eventual report truly reflects this. As a school whose desire is to interweave our Christian values of Love, Respect and Courage into everything we do, it was abundantly evident to us that this could be seen in the actions of all members of our Saint James 'family' over the past few days. Something that fills us with tremendous pride.

Thank you for all of your ongoing support. We truly hope you are able to celebrate a successful report with your fantastic children upon its eventual publication.

This week's newsletter is the shortest one in the 105 editions of it in its current format. Normal service will resume next week. One of our many highlights of the past few days was watching members of our journalism club accosting one of the inspectors on the playground during lunchtime and requesting an exclusive interview! We look forward to reading that article, with eager anticipation!

Please enjoy a peaceful and relaxing bank holiday weekend. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday.

A message from the Senior Leadership team

Year 6 Bring and Buy Sale

Monday 3rd June 2024

Calling all in the Saint James Family!



Year 6 are looking to host a bring and buy sale to raise money for our sponsored children, Prince and Eneza. However, we require your help. Whilst our Year 6 children will be making the donations, we hope that you can bring some spare change along and come and support us and buy some of these items. We will be selling:

- Books
- DVDs
- CDs

This sale will take place under the canopy by the main school carpark (if it is bad weather then we may move into the entrance to the hall by the office). Books will be sold for 50p each, whilst DVDs and CDs will be £1.

We hope to see you there!

Attendance league

This week congratulations are extended to Argentina class who have achieved a perfect 100% attendance. Well done also to Japan, Gambia and Portugal who achieved 99% attendance for the week.

Attendance League 23/24 season	
Saint James C of E Primary School	
1	ARGENTINA
2	JAPAN
3	GAMBIA
4	PORTUGAL
5	POLAND
6	ITALY
7	SWEDEN
8	CHILE
9	WALES
10	KENYA
11	SOUTH AFRICA
12	SCOTLAND
13	NORWAY
14	ENGLAND
15	FRANCE
16	FINLAND
17	CHINA
18	INDIA
19	GERMANY
20	SPAIN
21	BRAZIL

Year 6 Bring and Sale

To raise money for our sponsored children from Rwanda, Prince and Eneza, Year 6 will be hosting a 'Bring and Buy' sale on Monday 3rd June.

Mr Magrane, our History subject leader, has created the advertising poster. However, we're not sure the famous image of Lord Kitchener, from World War 1 recruitment posters, is historically accurate! It may be more persuasive, though!