

The week ahead @ Saint James

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



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Friday 11th October

| Fri 18 th Oct | Fri 25 th Oct | Mon 4 th Nov | Wed 13 th Nov | Thurs 14 th Nov | Fri 15 th Nov |
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| INSET day | Last day of the half-term | First day back to school after half-term | Parents' Evening | Parents' Evening | Children in Need non-uniform day |

Issue 121

Collective Worship



This week's theme:

Harvest

This week's bible verse:

Wandering in the desert

Exodus 15:22 – 16:5.

A message from the Senior Leadership team

It's been another busy week in school with lots of exciting learning taking place. We've seen Year 3 develop as responsible global neighbours, when considering the impact of plastic pollution and, through the volume and quality of our donations to Eastleigh Basics Bank, the whole school has made a positive impact on the lives of those less fortunate. Even the staff have joined in... by eating cake. In the name of charity, it's amazing what sacrifices can be made!

We are pleased to announce that this week has seen the establishment of two new, important teams at Saint James Primary School. We are grateful to the willing volunteers who have filled the vacant positions on the SJSA and we are excited that we now have a prefect team with a head boy and girl and deputies. We will share more details in future newsletters.

You heard it here first – the learning in Year 3 is rubbish!

Outrage and indignation aren't words frequently used to describe the feelings of either staff or pupils at Saint James Primary School. However, they could justifiably be used to convey the depth of feeling that the children in Year 3 experienced when exploring the school site on Monday! Whilst walking past our environmental area, an area designated as a haven for wildlife, the children stopped abruptly in their tracks. Staring in disbelief, they beheld a mountain of plastic bags posing a threat to the creatures that make our grounds their home. Riled to the point of wanting to take affirmative action, they soon realised that their feelings closely emulated those of Isatou Ceesay, the Gambian protagonist in the inspiring true story they were focussing on in their latest English learning journey!

Not dissimilar to the UK, for years plastic bags have been a cheap and convenient option for carrying goods in Gambia. However, when these bags break, or are no longer needed, they are carelessly discarded, leading to an unsightly accumulation of plastic waste alongside roads. The stagnant water that accumulates in the bags provides a prime breeding ground for mosquitoes and diseases, while the burning of bags leaves behind a foul and toxic smell. If that isn't enough, the discarded bags also strangle plants, kill livestock, and pollute the environment. Quite some legacy!

Isatou's response was to take action, and she began to collect the plastic bags and recycle them into something new. Her efforts not only helped to clean up the environment, but also provided income for women in her community who had been struggling to make ends meet.

Inspired by the Gambian women and their repurposing of plastic bags, Mrs Thompson decided to put her crocheting skills to good use. After cutting the bags into strips and joining them to make a large ball, she began to expertly crochet a new, stronger alternative. As you will see from the photograph, the resulting bag was truly impressive.

Although their response and consequent writing may prove to be less transformational than that of Isatou Ceesay, Year 3 are hoping to convey the urgency of need for an international response to plastic pollution. Their writing, and wish to be responsible and proactive Global Neighbours, will hopefully showcase their desire to inspire a positive change, themselves.

As an aside, our hard-working site team would like to make it clear that the mountain of plastic bags were 'planted' intentionally and temporarily by the Year 3 team and were not a result of poor grounds maintenance!



Hampshire Road Safety Team – Are you using the correct car seat?

The Hampshire Road Safety Team are responsible for educating young people and their families on the importance of keeping safe when travelling in a vehicle. Part of this education includes ensuring young people are travelling with correct restraints. It is a worrying statistic that 37% of children are currently in the wrong type of seat for their age and/or height.

To raise awareness, the Road Safety Team would like to share a car restraint leaflet with you to ensure you know how to always keep your child(ren) safe – in the correct restraint. There are also hints and tips about choosing the right seat, transporting other people's children and how to fit different types of car seat. To read this informative leaflet, please visit: [In car safety parent guide..](#)

In Isaiah it tells us; ‘the Lord will send rain for the seeds you plant in the ground. The harvest will be rich and great.’ However, it mentions nothing of sending rain for the walk to church for the Harvest Service!

‘There’s no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothes!’ Depending on where you look, a number of sources claim to be the origin of this quote ranging from Alfred Wainwright to Billy Connolly, or it could be a traditional Swedish proverb. In school, although we would like to live by this adage, sometimes it is simply not possible. When the field is waterlogged, it becomes dangerous to hold a Sports Day and, when there is a strong chance that children will be sitting in wet clothing for the rest of the day, a walk across West End to St James’ church becomes impractical. It was therefore with regret that we made the difficult decision to hold the Year 5 and 6 Harvest Service in the hall on Thursday, rather than at the church.

Although it is always special to attend a service at the church, Reverend Vicky and Reverend Linda made the resulting celebrations in school powerful, thought-provoking and thoroughly enjoyable!

We know that; unlike Nigella Lawson, Ms Lenney can pronounce the word ‘microwave’ correctly; unlike Gordon Ramsay, Mr Magrane uses vocabulary suitable for any audience; unlike Mary Berry, Mrs Thompson can’t retire off the proceeds of her cookbooks and unlike Jamie Oliver, the only influence Mr Walsh has over school dinners is what he orders via the Aspens app. However, a comparison could be drawn between the aforementioned members of staff and famous TV chefs, through their performance in our special ‘Harvest Festival Edition’ of ‘Ready, Steady, Cook!’ With Reverend Vicky and Reverend Linda enthusiastically accepting the role of host, Ainsley Harriott, in the two respective services, they pitted the willing members of staff against each other to see who could create the most appetising dishes. In the service for Key Stage 1 and Lower Key Stage 2, Ms Lenney’s ‘interpretation’ of a pavlova triumphed over Mrs Thomson’s healthy-looking filled baguette, whereas it was a dead heat between Mr Walsh and Mr Magrane in their highly competitive cook-off!

So, although very enjoyable, why did we get to experience this spectacle during our Harvest celebration? Surely it was not simply the opportunity to showcase the, somewhat dubious, cooking skills of members of Saint James staff? Thankfully, no. We were able to revel in how our teachers and support staff were able to create something beautiful and wonderful from only a few ingredients and then observed how God’s creation was even more amazing for all of us!

In addition to the entertaining interludes from Saint James staff, a number of powerful prayers and pertinent readings were shared by the children, allowing us to consider the importance of Harvest. We were able to celebrate God’s generosity, as well as the kind contributions that our children and wider school community have made to benefit Eastleigh Basics Bank and those less fortunate. Thank you to everyone who donated food items for this extremely worthwhile cause.

No Saint James Harvest celebration would be complete without beautiful singing and this year was no exception. From the upbeat Saint James staple, ‘Cauliflowers fluffly’ to the rousing ‘Harvest of the world’, each service was accompanied by delightful singing. Thank you to Chris Fay, music director at St James church, and Mr Upfold for accompanying and leading the children in their vocal praise.

As always, we would like to thank Reverend Linda and Reverend Vicky for leading us in such joyous celebrations. However, a special thanks needs to be given this year for how accommodating they were in managing to adapt their respective services in light of last-minute changes. They were truly enjoyed by both pupils and staff!



Open day at Wildern for Year 6 pupils

As you are probably aware, one of the Wildern School Open days coincided with our Year 6 residential visit to Little Canada. Since then, many of our Year 6 pupils have had the opportunity to visit, in advance of submitting their preferences for a secondary school place.

Wildern have since told us that, due to an unprecedented demand from all its feeder schools, they have scheduled a further date for Monday 21st October. If you have not done so already, and would like the opportunity to see the school, please sign up to visit on that day.

School photos

Your child should have brought their photo proof home, this week. We would like to remind you that the deadline to order for Free delivery back to school is Friday 25th October.

After this deadline, parents will be charged postage for their orders. To place your orders, please follow the instructions on the proof card.

Let them eat cake, its all for charity

The phrase 'Let them eat cake', is traditionally attributed to the last French queen, Marie Antoinette, when she was told the peasants had no bread to eat. Such a disregard for the plight of the poor in France, probably goes some way to explaining why she eventually parted company with her head, by means of the guillotine! Had she uttered such a phrase within earshot of the Saint James staffroom, we feel she would have had a more welcome reception!

Unfortunately, over the past few years our Saint James family, including staff, pupils and parents, has been devastatingly impacted by the cruel, indiscriminate disease that is Cancer. In remembrance of members of our community who have been affected by Cancer, two former members of staff, Gina Austin and Nickie Natt, held a Coffee and Cake morning in the staffroom on Monday breaktime in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care. Contributions were so staggering, that there was enough cake to sustain the staff over two days! No mean feat!

Once all the cake had finally been demolished, an impressive total of £482.25 was achieved. This will significantly increase once the Gift Aid contribution has been added.

Although not an event that directly involved the children, we wanted to celebrate it as so many members of our Saint James family have been impacted by this disease. We would like to say an enormous 'thank you' to our wonderful bakers and providers and to everyone who donated so generously to this worthwhile cause. It's rare we extend a 'thank you' to people for eating cake! Not the hardest chore in the world!

To put this achievement into context, £258 could pay for a Macmillan Nurse for a whole day, someone to provide medical, practical and emotional support for people living with cancer and their loved ones. We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Gina and Nickie for organising this event. It was lovely for staff and pupils to see you both again.



Open Morning

Monday 21st October
9.45am-10.45am



Wildern Lane, Hedge End, SO30 4EJ
wildern@wildern.org
01489 783473

Please sign up
using the QR code
(1 ticket per family)



Every Student Matters,
Every Moment Counts

AUTUMN TERM

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

ST JAMES

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| MONDAY FOOTBALL KS1: YEARS 1-2 | WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL KS2: YEARS 3-6 | FRIDAY DODGEBALL YEARS 1-6 |
| TUESDAY FOOTBALL KS2: YEARS 3-6 | THURSDAY FOOTBALL KS1: YEARS 1-6 NETBALL KS2: YEARS 3-6 | START DATE WEEK COMMENCING 4TH NOV |

All bookings must be made in advance and are for the first half of the term.

£5 PER SESSION
BOOKING FEE MAY APPLY

REGISTRATION LINK
learningthroughsport.co.uk/st-james/

Events at Eastleigh Football Club

The most closely associated colours with football locally are probably the red and white of Southampton, with blue and white conjuring up (for many) less favourable connotations of one of their biggest south coast rivals – Portsmouth. However, there is another team who wear blue and white and hail from the local area; Eastleigh Football Club. Eastleigh, who have seen England internationals Tyrone Mings and Matt Le Tissier turn out for them at the beginning and end of their careers respectively, are keen to forge links with the local community and schools.

There are currently two initiatives that they would like to share with the families of Saint James, as a school in their local community.

On October 26th, they will be holding a 'Schools Day'. All pupils, teachers, friends and family will receive 50% off tickets for this game, as a way of celebrating their link with local schools.

In addition, during October half-term, they will be holding a Half Term Holiday Football Course. This is priced at only £20 per day or £80 for the week and includes free entry for first team fixtures.

More information about both of these initiatives is included on the attached flyers.

OCTOBER

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

FOOTBALL COURSES

AT EASTLEIGH FOOTBALL CLUB,
STONEHAM LANE, SO50 9HT
9AM - 3PM | AGES 6-13

MON 28TH OCT - FRI 1ST NOV
£20 PER DAY
£80 FOR THE WHOLE WEEK

FREE TICKETS AVAILABLE
FOR FIRST TEAM FIXTURES!
FUN FOOTBALL PRIZES
MEET FIRST-TEAM PLAYERS

BOOK YOUR
PLACE ONLINE



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ANY QUESTIONS?
CONTACT JOSH NACE | JNACE@EASTLEIGHFC.COM

SCHOOLS DAY AT THE SILVERLAKE

JOIN US FOR EASTLEIGH FC VS BOSTON UNITED ON SATURDAY 26TH
OCTOBER AS WE CELEBRATE THE YOUTH OF OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

ALL TICKETS 50% OFF!

FOR SCHOOL CHILD AND ALL ACCOMPANYING FRIENDS AND FAMILY

THE SCHOOL WHO SELLS THE MOST TICKETS RECEIVES A
SIGNED SHIRT FROM THE FIRST TEAM!

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW AT [BIT.LY/SCHOOLS50](https://bit.ly/schools50)
USING CODE: "SCHOOLS50"
ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL: [JNACE@EASTLEIGHFC.COM](mailto:jnace@eastleighfc.com)

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Nasal Flu Vaccinations

A couple of weeks ago, you received an email about the Nasal Flu Vaccination, which will be administered in school, to those who want it, on Monday 4th November. We have included the link again here, if you missed this message. Please note, the link will expire two working days prior to the session.

School Code: **SH116331**

Session date: **Monday 4th November**

Year Group: **R-6**

Link to website: <https://www.hampshirehealthyfamilies.org.uk/nasal-flu-vaccination-programme>

If you decide you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine against flu, please still submit the form to record your decision. This will enable us to update your child's immunisation record.

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Healthy
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Today's Health, Tomorrow's Future

HAS YOUR CHILD HAD THEIR FLU NASAL SPRAY YET?

Why have it?

- 1 Protect your child from getting ill
- 2 Protect vulnerable family and friends
- 3 Quick and easy nasal spray
- 4 Avoid taking time off school/work
- 5 It's better than having flu!



**IT'S
FREE!**



THIS IS A SCHOOL BASED PROGRAMME

To contact your local school team, go to our
website: www.schoolvaccination.uk