

# ST JAMES' Newsletter

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*Doug Stitches*

Mr D Stitches, Headteacher

## Dear Parents/Guardians

I can't believe we are into the last two weeks of the school year already!

I hope your child enjoyed their transition day – whether it was with their new teacher here or at their new secondary school. It's always a very exciting time of year.

Now everyone knows where they are, I can share some staffing updates with you. Firstly, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Power who has been with us since 2019! We are thrilled that she has secured a promotion at Lower Darwen who will be very lucky to have her.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Mekari who, after nearly two years as one of our Reception teachers, is leaving us for pastures new in September.

Mrs Kothari and Mrs Gariwala will also both be leaving us as they are relocating. They both joined us in 2020 and will very much be missed.

We wish everyone leaving us all the best as they embark on their new jobs,

adventures and lives.

However, we are delighted to say that we have appointed Miss Kay as a new Year 2 teacher. Miss Kay has been with us as a student teacher this year and we are excited to welcome her as part of our teaching team in September.

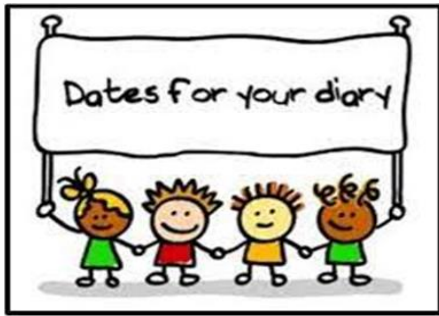
We are also very pleased to welcome Miss Kilshaw back after her maternity leave.

Finally, just a reminder that next Wednesday is our summer fair! Last year's event was a huge success! I've decided to give the stocks a miss this year, but I'll be showing off my skills on the Beat the Goalie stall!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Stitches





**Monday 8th July - KS2 Sports day @ 9:15am Yr3 & Yr4**  
**KS2 Sports day @ 1:15pm Yr5 & Yr6**

**Tuesday 9th July – Rec & KS1 Sports day @ 9:15am**

**Wednesday 10th July –Summer fair – KS1 playground**

**Monday 15th July 2024 at 10:30am and 2:15pm - Early Years Graduation, KS2 hall**

**Tuesday 16th July 2024 at 2:30pm - Year 6 leavers worship, KS2 hall**

**End of year church service, St. James' Church - 18th July 2024 at 10:30am (KS1) and 11:00am (KS2)**

**Closure after School – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**



## Pre-school Sports Day

Our pre-school sports day on Thursday went exceptionally well, even with the sudden downpour at the end! The pre-schoolers did really well completing the sporting events. A big thank you to our Year 6 helpers, and to all parents and families who came to watch.



## Summer Fair – Wednesday 10 July

**All KS1 and KS2 children will finish school at 2pm.**

KS2 children who do not walk home alone will be collected from the normal pick up points.

Collecting KS1 children at home time

**Reception classes through normal classroom entrances**

**Year 1 will be collected from external door near 1J.**

**Year 2 will be collected from the main blue doors at KS1.**



## Kind To Teeth Parent Champions Training

Public Health, working with Food Active and AP Smilecare are looking to recruit a new wave of parent champions to support the borough's important work to improve oral health for our children and young people. The next training dates are 16th and 17th July and 23rd and 25th September.

Parents should book on our Eventbrite page using the links provided above, and for more information on how to look after children's teeth, see here.



### BwD Free Pre-loved Uniform Pop - Up Shop

A free pre-loved uniform pop-up shop will take place on Saturday 20th July at both the Blackburn and Darwen Family Hubs.



# FREE Summer Lunches

Monday 29th July – Friday 23rd August 2024  
11.30am-1pm

Family Hub Livesey  
Family Hub Darwen  
Family Hub Shadsworth  
Family Hub Little Harwood  
Hancock Street Children's Centre

To Register please  
call 01254 585000  
or drop in to one of  
our Family  
Hubs/Childrens  
Centres



**Family  
Hub**



Darwen | Little Harwood | Livesey | Shadsworth



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## Increase to Nursery Fees from September 2024

<u>Session</u>	<u>Times</u>	<u>Charge per session</u>
Breakfast Club	8:00am-8:30am	<b>£3.00 inc breakfast</b>
Morning Session	8:30am-11:30am	<b>£14.00</b>
Lunchtime	11:30am-12:10pm	<b>Cost of main school meal (lunch included)</b>
Afternoon session	12:10pm-3:10pm	<b>£14:00</b>
After School	3:10pm-5:00pm	<b>£8</b>



## Parking and road safety

We would like to remind and encourage all parents to park safely and considerately.

Please always bear in mind that by not parking safely the consequences of your actions can be life changing. Please support the school in this very important matter.

You could help by:

- Always looking for a safe place to park
- Never stopping in the middle of the road to let your children out
- Never letting your children exit the car straight onto the road
  - Never parking on the zig-zag line
- Driving well within the speed limit and being extra vigilant when approaching the school
- If you live close enough to walk then please do – walking is a great way to start the day with fantastic health and well-being benefits

**Please go to the School Crossing Patrol staff on Earl St for crossing the road safely.**

**Please follow their instruction for safe crossing.**

**8:15 – 8:45 (morning)**

**2:55– 3:25 (afternoon)**





# Mercy to Humanity

My name is Nazir, I am in 4J, my mother and I are going on a Humanitarian Aid visit with a charity called 'Mercy To Humanity' to distribute food packs to the displaced Syrian refugees who were affected by the devastating earthquake that took place in Turkey.

A year on from the devastating earthquake that took place in Turkey, where millions lost their lives and households, many are still suffering living in tents and camps.

I would like to help raise as much funds as possible and I have bought sweets from my savings which I will be selling at our school summer fair as well as various things.

My aim is to raise money for the needy and reach our target of £2500.

Please can you support me by visiting my stall at the summer fair and see if you can help in any way.

Your donations will contribute and improve the quality lives of these refugees by:

- Cooking and distributing hot meals
- Distributing food packs
- Visiting orphanages
- Visit Mercy to Humanity Projects such as the bread factory
- Hosting activity sessions with orphans
- Distributing hygiene packs
- Packing and gifting orphans with toys
- Visiting families and supporting them emotionally and financially
- Supporting orphans and widows

Your support and donations will be much appreciated.

Thank you



# School Uniform Reminder

## PE KIT

Children to come to school in PE kit on their PE/Games days

- ☐ Navy blue shorts
- ☐ White round neck t-shirt with logo
- ☐ Black pumps (not trainers)
- ☐ For health and safety reasons headscarves are not allowed in PE or games. If required a sports/athletics hijab may be brought in to wear during the session
- ☐ For health and safety reasons earrings, Taweez, head scarves, watches, bracelets etc are to be removed by the child before the session. If earrings cannot be removed by the child they must be covered over before arriving at school.
- ☐ Long hair is to be tied back safely.

## GAMES

Children to come to school in PE kit on their PE/Games days

- ☐ Appropriate dress is required for outdoor games and swimming
- ☐ Trainers may be worn for outdoor games.
- ☐ Children must not wear football boots inside the building
- ☐ Some KS2 children will require a swimming costume, a towel and a swimming cap.
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## EARLY YEARS CENTRE

V-neck royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan with logo  
White polo shirt with logo  
Black trousers, joggers or leggings

## KS1

V-neck royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan with logo  
White polo shirt with logo  
Grey pinafore dress, skirt or trousers  
White or grey socks/grey tights  
Pale blue gingham summer dress (Spring 2–Autumn 1)  
Black shoes

## KS2

V-neck royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan with logo  
White shirt  
School tie  
Grey pinafore dress, skirt or trousers  
White or grey socks/grey tights  
Pale blue gingham summer dress (Spring 2–Autumn 1)  
Black shoes

Headscarves must be royal blue and not contain jewels or beads.

For health and safety reasons, we advise children do not wear jewellery to school.

**Official school uniform stockist: Whittaker's Schoolwear, 20 – 26 Church Street, Blackburn, BB1 5AL**



# attendance **MATTERS**



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS 2S WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FOR LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

RS	98.5%
RJ	93.6%
1S	98.0%
1J	98.6%
2S	99.0%
2J	92.7%
3S	95.5%
3J	95.5%
4S	98.0%
4J	91.9%
5S	93.3%
5J	95.0%
6S	93.3%
6J	93.0%

95%  
and  
above

90% -  
94.9%

Below  
90%



If your child is absent due to illness, the office must be informed before 08:35 on that day.



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# WHOLE SCHOOL updates



## *St. James' Stars of the Week!*

Well done everyone, we are very proud of you. Who will be receiving a certificate next week?

Pre-School & Nursery		All Nursery children	
RS	Melissa F & Juwairiyah P	RJ	Muhammad-Hassan. S & Muhammad-Yaseen P.
1S	Inaaya M & Anastasia A	1J	Aaysha C & Sienna S
2S	Raees K & Sakeena R	2J	Rumiasa R & Shehryaar S
3S	Ibrahim Q & Yusha S	3J	Inaya M & Zain D
4S	Joudy A M & Umar V	4J	Fatima T & Fatima V
5S	Zahra G & Arfa K	5J	Ayra K & Muhammed M.
6S	SACRE Gardeners Baktash M	6J	Ibrahim N & Yusuf M



# YEAR GROUP *updates*



## *Forest Pre-School & Nursery*

The children in Nursery excelled themselves this week! They competed fantastically in our pre-school sports day event over on the KS2 astro-turf, and it was amazing to see so much sporting potential! The children were also treated to their animal trip over in KS1 today, from an outside company. We hope that you enjoy looking through our photographs on the Family app with your child.

## *Action*

The school summer fayre will be held on Wednesday 10th July (thank you for all of your donations), and we hope to see lots of you there!

## *Reception*

This week we have been enjoying the sunshine and using our outdoor areas to complete maths lessons! We have been making number to 10 using part whole models and even writing number sentences to match. In literacy we have started learning about dinosaurs, see if your child can tell you a dinosaur fact they have learnt this week. RS have performed a fabulous celebration class worship, well done!

## *Action*

- Mrs Gells class (RJ) have their final class worship on Thursday morning at 9am. Please come and watch your children perform :) Go to the KS1 blue doors ready to start at 9.



# YEAR GROUP *updates*



## *Year 1*

"All the children enjoyed meeting their new class teachers on transition day and are excited about going into Year 2. Today we have had our animal visit and will share some photos of the children with the animals in the next newsletter. "

## *Action*

- Next week we have Sports Day. We look forward to seeing as any of you as possible to support the children.

## *Year 2*

"We have had an exciting week meeting our new (or old) teachers for when we start KS2! Year 2 have been superb during this transition and have impressed their teachers massively. A reminder that next week is a busy school week with Sports Day on Tuesday and Summer Fair on Wednesday (weather dependent)."

## *Action*

- Check planners and sign three times a week.



# YEAR GROUP updates



## Year 3

"Year 3 have had a really busy week! We enjoyed our transition day and finding out about what year 4 will be like. 3S had a brilliant visit to Blackburn Museum and all the teachers were very proud of their behaviour. In DT, the children have planned their belt and are looking forward to making it.

## Action

- "Sports Day Reminder-Please wear PE kits on Monday, bring a water bottle and (hopefully) a sunhat. Wednesday 10th July- Summer Fair-Please remember school finishes at 2.00pm so the fair can start at 2.15PM.3J Museum Visit Thursday 11th July- Please bring a waterproof coat and footwear that is suitable for walking. "

## Year 4

Year 4 have had brilliant week. We have been writing a mystery story in English and plotting coordinates in Maths. Year 4 are really enjoying swimming and are becoming a lot more confident swimming without armbands!

## Action

- As it is the summer fair on Wednesday the 10th of July, school will finish at 2PM.



# YEAR GROUP *updates*



## *Year 5*

Year 5 enjoyed their transition day on Wednesday. They worked in their new classroom and are excited to be going into Year 6 very soon. We worked on arithmetic questions and voted for our new committees for the next academic year. We have been working on decimals and started a new book in English. Our new book is 'Work it girl' where Mia Jemison chases her dream to be an astronaut.

## *Action*

Sports day is on Monday so children must wear their P.E kit on Monday and Tuesday. Your child must continue to read 3x and log on to Century Tech. Have a lovely weekend.

## *Year 6*

"We hope that the children had a great time at their high school transition days. The rest of the week has been busy with our end of year production and creating a prayer garden. Only 2 weeks left!"

## *Action*

- Swimming is still on next week





# PRAYER

*for the week*

Dear God

Help us to love the world we live in.  
Help us to have the courage to be exceptional in all we do.  
Help us to respect the people around us  
Thank you for making our school your home.

Amen



## After School Clubs

Tuesday

Year 1 Phonics Club

Years 3/4 Athletics Club

Follow the school on social media to keep up to date on what is happening in and around school!

Facebook: [@StJamesCofEBlackburn](#)

Twitter: [@st\\_blackburn](#)

Please note that you don't need to have an account to view our social media pages.

