

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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C of E Primary School
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Doug Stitcher

Mr D Stitcher, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

What a busy week that was! Firstly, I need to thank everyone involved in our Summer Fair! It was a huge success – in spite of the ever-changing weather! We raised £1,419.69

A special thank you to:

- **Tempting delights**
- **Bowland Wild boar park**
- **Eureka**
- **Smithills open farm**
- **BBF limited**
- **Teaching personnel**
- **Simply Doughnuts**
- **The Catering Co**
- **Frangos**
- **K2 Taj**
- **Bill the Candyfloss Man**
- **Community Coming Together**

All staff who have worked so hard to bake, cook, donate and plan the fair.

There has been a lot of time and planning go into the fair which is very much appreciated and would not have been possible without the generosity of our staff.

Well done to Nazir who raised £202 for their charity and thank you for your generosity. The charity will keep 100% of the proceeds raised.

And whilst the weather got the better of the KS1 Sports Day, the KS2 Sports Day managed to go ahead. I had the best time with the megaphone! Well done to everyone who took part and came to support the children.

Next week is our last week of term; we finish at the usual time on Friday 19th July 2024.

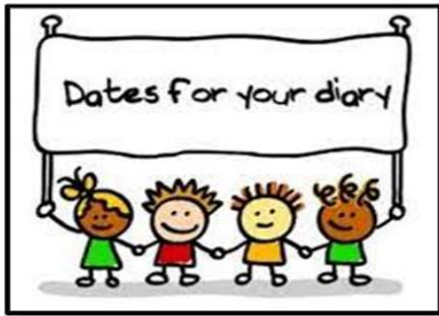
Have a lovely weekend. Maybe, just maybe, it's finally coming home!

Mr Stitcher



ANNUAL SUMMER FAIR





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

Wednesday 17th July 2024 @ 1:30pm – re-arranged KS1 Sports day

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

Closure after School – Friday 19th July



Increase to Nursery Fees from September 2024

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

Price increase of Breakfast Club & School Meals from September 2024

We would like to advise that from Tuesday 3rd September 2024 there will be a price increase to the cost of breakfast club and school meals. The current price for breakfast club is £1 per day, this will rise to **£1.50** per day, to ensure all children attending continue to receive a healthy breakfast and the best supervision before they start the school day. School meals will also increase from £2.35 to **£2.40** per day for a nutritionally balanced two-course meal. It should be noted that a school meal still provides excellent value for money. We continue to work closely with LCC who provide the catering service and have taken their advice with the price increase but still remained lower than the recommended charge per day. They continue to offer an exciting and varied range of meals which are both healthy and nutritious. All of the menus are developed in line with the nutritional standards which meets the government food standards and gives value for money.

There will be no impact for KS1 children who receive the Universal Infant Free School meal offer, or our students in receipt of Free School Meals.

For parents who pay for school meals we would like to remind you that it may be worth making an application for Free School Meals <https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-meals>

I ask for your understanding with these price increases and fully appreciate that times are tough. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask them and I'll do my best to answer them.

Please be reassured that, we will continue to assess the meals to ensure that their quality is maintained.



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 3J WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FOR LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

RS	95.6%
RJ	97.3%
1S	95.0%
1J	96.7%
2S	97.4%
2J	96.2%
3S	95.6%
3J	98.2%
4S	97.8%
4J	95.5%
5S	94.6%
5J	96.3%
6S	96.6%
6J	96.2%

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		Zohan A, Aaminah G, Aisha K, Ahmed C	
RS	Khadijah A & Ayaan M	RJ	Naila N. & Rafia Z.
1S	Amna A & Momina S	1J	Fatima Noorah S H & Zara A
2S	Mahir K & Bareera B	2J	Radwan B & Muhammad Umar I
3S	Aaisha U & Inaaya A	3J	Muhammad Zain AA & Alisha- Ann W
4S	Asfa S & Karim A	4J	Fatimah R & Tabraiz M
5S	Issa P & Umaymah F	5J	Sana J & Shujah R
6S	Sharjeel A & Ayaan R	6J	Mariam J & Mohammed I



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Forest Pre-School & Nursery

This week we have been exploring the theme of Summer but unfortunately we haven't had the weather to match! We've been talking about the different seasons, the months of the year and the weather we usually see. We have also been decorating pictures of ice lollies and playing ice cream shops.

Action

"The Graduation ceremonies for Pre-School children will take place on Monday 15th July. You should have received a letter outlining the details and the time of your child's ceremony. We look forward to seeing you then. Please can all school books and any other resources be returned next week before we close for the summer. Thank you."

Reception

The children thoroughly enjoyed our 'Zoo to You' visit last Friday. We had a jungle themed day throughout Reception, making biscuits, face painting and even holding a real life snake! This week the children have spent time consolidating their learning and getting ready for year one. We have observed and learnt about the lifecycle of a butterfly and this week we got to say goodbye to the butterflies and let them fly into the wild.

Action

- Please bring in a strong named bag next week for all your children's books and work. We will also be selling the bracelets the children made for the Summer Fair after school over the next couple of days for £1 each if you didn't get chance to buy it on Wednesday.



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. 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

This week the children have worked exceptionally hard to apply the spelling pattern rules for words ending in 'el' and 'al' into their written work. In English, we have wrote our own poems in the style of Allan Ahlberg to his well known poem, 'Please Mr Butler'. We finished the week off with making our edible boats, in Design Technology, and cannot wait to take them home and enjoy eating them! We are looking forward to watching England play in the finals this weekend and will celebrate all their successes regardless of the score line :-)

Action

- Please remember to return any phonic / free reader books. Thank you for all your continued support :-)



YEAR GROUP updates



Year 3

"It has been a very busy week here in year 3. We have been researching wild flowers for our non chronological report in English and solving missing number problems in maths. We have made power point presentations about the Romans in history and created our own interpretations of the Buddhist 8-fold pathway to happiness in RE. The children enjoyed sports day and are eagerly awaiting the overall result, while our whole year group had tremendous results on the tombola at the Summer Fair. 3J had a fantastic time on their museum trip and were all very excited to see an Egyptian mummy and handle 3000 year old artefacts.

Action

- Please continue to practise times tables on hit the button. Return reading books and planners to your class teacher. It would be helpful if you could teach your children how to tie their own shoelaces. Thank you.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant week this week. In Maths we have been translating on a grid and in English we have been looking at an information text on Hunting. Thank you for coming and supporting the children on Sports Day. They had lots of fun!

Action

- Please ensure children remember to bring in their swimming kits on their swimming days!



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 5

"Year 5 had a lovely week, establishing and planning a biography on the life of Mai Jemison in English. In Math's, they created boxes using nets as a guide and used these boxes to fill popcorn for the summer fair. Year 5 have had a very competitive day on Sports day. All the children had the spirit of teamwork and took part in all the activities, even when some activities were outside of some pupils' comfort zones. Well done!"

Action

One more week till the summer holidays!
Please remember to continue to read 3x a week and use Century Tech.

Year 6

"One week left! What a year it has been! The children still have a lot of things to finish and complete: their play and the gardening and we can't wait to show you. Costumes for the show are white school shirts, black trousers and shoes. SATs results will be in their end of year reports. If the reports are open before you get them, please contact the school"

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

**NO AFTER SCHOOL
CLUBS NEXT WEEK**

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

Facebook: [@StJamesCofEBlackburn](https://www.facebook.com/StJamesCofEBlackburn)

Twitter: [@st_blackburn](https://twitter.com/st_blackburn)

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

