

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Doug Stitches

Mr D Stitches, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back! I hope you had an enjoyable and restful break.

It's been a very busy first week here at school and I just wanted to give you a couple of important updates.

Attendance:

You will have seen that the government have **increased** the fines that issued for taking children out of school during term-time. We really need to see children in school every day (and on time!) We will be changing how we report absence to you this year so you can see the impact it is having on your child's learning. But let's start how we mean to go on, with everyone in every day!

Equality, Diversity and Justice

We began our term with some training for all staff about Equality, Diversity and Justice (EDJ); which is a key priority for us this year. We will be looking at how we all have rich and diverse heritages and understanding more about racism and how it impacts our society. We had planned to do this before the unrest over the summer, but it does seem even more pertinent now. As we make progress with this, we will be holding events for you to get involved.



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Coffee Morning

Our hugely successful coffee mornings are back! The first one is at 8:45 am on **Wednesday 25th September**. Aside from very expensive cakes and top-of-the-range coffee, we will have members of staff to talk to about SEND, checking if you're eligible for free school meals and even more excitingly, we will have the team from the Walk to School initiative that all the children have been participating in. They will be around to chat to about issues with road safety.

Road Signage and Parking

You'll have noticed the council have re-painted the road markings making it even clearer where you should avoid parking. This week has been a good start (we've only had to tell a couple of cars to move), but we need to keep it up. We are in talks with the council about further measures so that we no longer have to come out and take on extra roles as lollipop people and traffic wardens!

I'm sure this will be another exciting and fun year!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Stitches

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Can you help our school?

Do you have any of the following items that you no longer require and would be willing to donate to our school:

- Children wellies
- Trikes
- Balance bikes
- Outdoor play equipment suitable for age 2 years and above
- Artificial grass



Donations
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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		Halima L & Muhammad Azaan Y	
RG	Aliza R. & Ahmad P	RW	Polina H & Ibraheem A
1A	Maryam B & Adrian C	1F	Zoya N & Amaan P
2W	M. Aayan H & Sienna S	2K	Mubarak Hassan A & Eesha Y
3M	Aisha Chen & M. Isshaq Ashir	3B	Fatima A & Ilhan N
4S	Harris A & Zara A	4A	Rehan A & Inaaya A
5B	Mohammad Siddiq & Asfa S	5R	Ajwa M & Faris H
6V	Aamir Z & Fayha s	6H	Noor A & Zainab G



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Forest Pre-School & Nursery

"The children have had a fantastic first week back at nursery and we are extremely impressed with how well they have settled in. We have explored the new areas in the classroom, learnt the nursery routines and the children have already become super stars during tidy up time. We have started to explore our topic about senses and have used our eyes, ears, hands and nose to explore different objects at nursery. The children have answered how, why and what questions during our topic lessons and have 'wowed' their teachers with their answers. "

Action

Reception

Wow what a fabulous week we've all had. The children have settled in really well and they are getting used to their new routines quickly. We will begin to look at our families so if you have any photos you would like to send in for us to share please email us at:
office@stjames.blackburn.sch.uk

Action

- PE is on a Friday so children can come in PE kits. Please remove any earrings or cover them up at home. It is really important that children's belongings are labelled or they will be easily lost. Discovery area sessions will begin next week so wellies and wetsuit donations are welcomed.



YEAR GROUP updates



Year 1

"The children have settled in extremely well and we are so proud of what they have achieved so far. In English, we have been learning about Firefighters, they have role played being a firefighter and using fire hose to put out a pretend fire. Discuss with your child what firefighters do and what equipment they use."

Action

- "Year 1 will be using Google classroom this year. This will be for homework and any additional information. Please see the links below to join the correct class. 1F <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjgwOTc3MjQ0MTI5?cjc=wnwum4f1A> <https://classroom.google.com/c/Njk3NjgyNDg3OTE0?cjc=a7adm6f>"

Year 2

"Welcome to Year 2!

We have started this term looking at the Jolly Postman in English and Place value in Maths. The children have been working hard to remember all they learnt last year. It has been lovely to start getting to know them all."

Action

- "Please can you listen to your children read 3 times a week. PE is on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please can you remove any earrings on PE days."



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

"Year 3 have settled in brilliantly in our first week back to school, showing a real passion for learning. We have started our new text 'Dear Greenpeace' which we have enjoyed reading! We have also began looking at our new science 'Animals including humans', looking at the types of food we should be eating."

Action

- "A reminder that when reading books are given out you should read with your children and sign their planner three times a week. Children should also practise spellings from their log books."

Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant first week back and have settled in really well. In Maths we have started to look at Place Value and decimals and in English we have been creating our own comics based on 'Captain Underpants.'

Action

- Please ensure children wear their PE kit on Thursdays as that is our PE day. We will also have an additional PE slot every other Monday so children need to wear their full PE kits from home.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 5

"Welcome back Year 5 :-)!"

We have had a wonderful first week back and enjoyed learning all about Roman Numerals and used Alan Peat sentences to write descriptive paragraphs. In Science we learnt about 'solubility' and cannot wait to carry out our investigation on which materials are soluble and insoluble. "

Action

Please read at least 3 x per week and sign / leave a comment :-)

Year 6

Welcome back Year 6! It has been so nice to see everyone looking smart in their school uniform. This week we have started place value in Maths, working with numbers up to 7 digit numbers. In English we have started our new book, Skellig. Next week we are preparing for our mock SATs

Action

- Please encourage your child to practice their timetable for accuracy and speed. This will help massively in their maths. Please read 3x at least.



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



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Facebook: [@StJamesCofEBlackburn](#)

Twitter: [@st_blackburn](#)

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