

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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C of E Primary School
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Date: Friday 13th Sept 2024



Doug Stitcher

Mr D Stitcher, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

This week has seen an increase in inconsiderate parking.

In particular, we have had people parking on the yellow lines on Earl Street, and even parents driving onto someone's driveway on Oozebooth. I'm fairly sure nobody would like to find themselves blocked in like that!

We know it's difficult to park, but we have made such good progress over the last few months, please help us keep it up! And help us to keep your children safe!

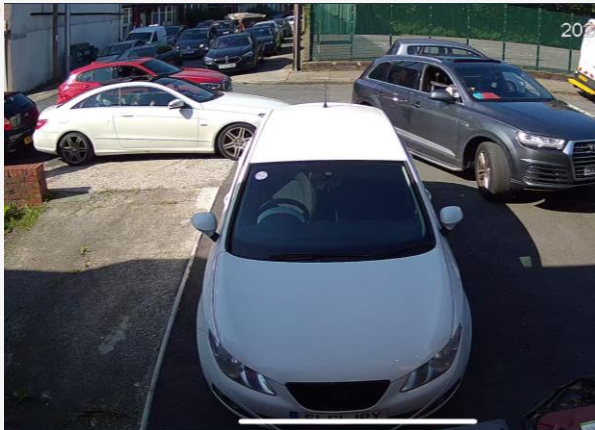
In better news, **this has been the best first 2 weeks for attendance since before Covid!** In fact, we are currently at **97%** - that's above the national average!

Well done! Let's try and maintain that for the whole year and make sure our children really get the most out of being at school!

As always, thank you for your support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Stitcher



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Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October 2024

Appointment slots for the Autumn term parent meetings will be released on the School Spider app on Monday at 12noon.



APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL ARE NOW OPEN FOR PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL

Applications for school places in 2024/25 are now open 🎓

Make sure you get your applications in on time. The deadline for Secondary school applications is 31 October 2024 and the Primary schools applications closing date is 15 January 2025 📅

For more information and to apply go to ➡️
<https://blackburn.gov.uk/school-admissions>



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HARVEST APPEAL

Each year we collect food for people who may need extra help, and we hold those for less fortunate. We are appealing for donations of non-perishable items. Donations should be brought into school from Monday 16th September – 23rd September.

**Harvest Assembly @ St James' Church on:
Tuesday 24th September 2024 @**

KS1 – 10:30am

KS2 – 11:00am

HARVEST APPEAL

HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOOD BANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST

DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from the list to support people facing hardship.



DONATE MONEY

help to cover the costs of storing and distributing emergency food as well as delivering additional support and advice.



SHOPPING LIST TOP FIVE ITEMS

- Tinned Soup
- Custard
- Rice Pudding
- Rice
- Cereal

*Don't forget...
You can help transform more lives with a financial donation too.*





www.blackburn.foodbank.org.uk
01254 672756
info@blackburn.foodbank.org.uk
Registered Charity Number: 1190517 | Registered in England and Wales





Family Hub



Darwen | Little Harwood | Livesey | Shadsworth

Parent Group Leader
Training opportunity

Empowering Parents Empowering Communities (EPEC) is a parenting programme delivered by parents who live in their own community.

Parent Group Leader training equips parents to facilitate Being a Parent group/course in their own communities, with continued support from specialist EPEC Supervisors.

Being a Parent helps parents to learn practical skills for everyday life and bring up confident, happy and co-operative children. The programme supports parents to develop positive parenting strategies, learn effective communication skills and supports them to understand their children's behaviour and development.

Parent Group Leader training is voluntary and is delivered 1 day per week over 10 weeks. This will be from the 30th October at Earcroft Centre Darwen

Once trained parent group leaders will deliver the programme for 2 hours a week in an 8 week block, this will be delivered alongside another parent group leader, the programme does not run during school holidays.

Contact Laura Mckelvey 01254 666536 laura.mckelvey@blackburn.gov.uk for an informal chat and to find out some more information.



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attendance **MATTERS**



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS 5R WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FOR LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

RG	96.1%
RW	97.4%
1A	93.4%
1F	92.9%
2K	97.3%
2W	95.6%
3B	95.8%
3M	95.3%
4A	98.8%
4S	99.1%
5B	96.2%
5R	99.6%
6H	98.2%
6V	95.5%

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		Aisha & Rayyan M	
RG	Muhammad A. P & Ahmad M. P	RW	Safaa A & Adam K
1A	Maryam P & Muhsin P	1F	Haleema A & Yusha D
2W	Dulnitha E & Aaysha C	2K	Fatima M Y & Unathi N
3M	Anaya M & M. Umar	3B	Amina M & M. Deen H
4S	Muhammad Malik & Ammar Asif Patel	4A	Saba I & Zoya H
5B	Amna M & Amina M	5R	Saifan R & Fatimah M
6V	Shujah A & Phoenix M A	6H	Haider A & Jabir S



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Forest Pre-School & Nursery

"What an amazing week we have had in nursery! The children continued to learn about their senses and had some special visitors in this week. They got to meet Mrs Bristol's baby rabbits and had the opportunity to hold and pet the them. The children described the rabbits using words such as fluffy and soft. We then sang a nursery rhyme about rabbits to end our special visit. The children have used their senses to paint and draw self portraits. We discussed what we could see in the mirror and talked about our facial features. They blew all of the teachers away with their painting and drawing skills. "

Action

Have a lovely weekend.

Reception

The children have had a fantastic week in Reception. They went over to the discovery area and enjoyed exploring the outdoor space. We have been learning lots of counting songs and have listened to the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Action

- The discovery area sessions are on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. If you have wellies or wetsuits, these would be appreciated to ensure your child remains clean and dry. Please also make sure all items are labelled with children's names so they are easier to find if lost.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

"We have explored our local area looking at the feature of Blackburn. We saw hills, car, building, bus stop and much more. What other things can you find in Blackburn? Please discuss with your child. We have been learning about Firefighters and beginning to write words and phrased about what they do and what they use."



Action

- In DT, we will be looking at Tudor house. Please can you bring in any cardboard box such as; cereal boxes, amazon boxes etc. Thank you in advance.

Year 2

This week we have been continuing to look at The Jolly Postman in English. We had lots of fun pulling all the different letters out of the envelopes. We also completed a science experiment where we measured the feet of children from year 3, 4, 5 and 6. We even got to measure Mr Cameron's foot!

Action

- Remember to be completing your reading at home at least 3 times a week, and getting it signed by a grown up. How many team points can you earn for excellent reading?



YEAR GROUP updates



Year 3

Year 3 have been working hard on their place value this week. This includes rounding and adding and subtracting 10 and 100. In English, the children have boxed-up a story and have started trying to write like the author. Keep up the good work Year 3.

Action

- "P.E. is every Wednesday. Also extra P.E. will take on Monday 23rd and then every 2 weeks after."

Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant week this week. In Maths we have been looking at sequences and adding 1, 10 and 100 to a 4 digit number. In English we have been writing a character description of a character from 'Captain Underpants!'

Action

- Please ensure children are reading 3 times a week and diaries are being signed



YEAR GROUP updates



Year 5

We've had a brilliant week of learning in Year 5! The children are working extremely hard at understanding the powers of 10 and have managed to show courage whilst finding one tenth and one hundredth of any given number. We have also read the first chapter of our new fiction text, 'Outlaw' and are gripped by the opening pages - mother nature and the gloomy, wet weather helped by adding more suspense! We're in anticipation to find out more and cannot wait for next week!

Action

It is important you listen to your children read at least 3 x per week and sign their planners. Please also remember to complete homework, which will be given on a Friday and should be completed by the following Wednesday. Thank you :-)

Year 6

"Year 6 have worked very hard in answering questions in their SAT mock tests. We will continue with normal lessons next week. In Maths, they are continuing on Place Value and in English they are yet to discover what is actually in the garden shed!"

Action

- "Please remember to read 3 times a week and planners signed. Keep practicing your times tables. P.E will be on Monday and Tuesday next week. Please complete your homework and books are to be handed in on Wednesday."



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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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.



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