

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Doug Stitcher

Mr D Stitcher, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who has continued to park considerately - it is really appreciated! Can I just remind you not to drop off on the yellow lines on Earl Street? This is one of the most dangerous driving habits we are still seeing. Cars behind you think you've stopped and may attempt to overtake. Remember, it is the children's safety that is at risk when this happens.

I would also like to remind you to speak to our staff with respect. We have had a couple of incidents where parents have been unnecessarily aggressive towards our staff. All of our teachers and support staff are here to help you. We really cannot tolerate any abusive behaviour, and it

may result in you being unable to come on to the school premises. So please, be kind! We have formal processes in place should you need to raise a concern.

And finally, don't forget that next Wednesday is our first coffee morning of the year. We have had an excellent response and are looking forward to seeing many of you there. It will be a great opportunity for you to ask any questions, give us feedback and find out more about how to sign up for free school meals.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Stitcher



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Celebration Lunch in school – Thursday 3rd October

To mark the start of the 2024-2025 school year we have decided to have a welcome back to school celebration lunch open to all pupils if they would like to have a school meal on Thursday 3rd October. Please order your child's meal on the school spider app, the meal is **FREE** for all pupils in Reception class, Year 1 and Year 2, and children entitled to pupil premium in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. For all other children the cost is £2.40.

Menu:
<i>Homemade pizza margherita with oven baked chips and freshly prepared salad</i>
<i>Or</i>
<i>Halal chicken burger in a bun with oven baked chips and freshly prepared salad</i>
<i>Or</i>
<i>Cooks choice of oven baked jacket potato with freshly prepared salad</i>

Please order your child's meal on the school spider app



If you think your child may be eligible for pupil premium/free school meals please follow the link below..

<https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-meals>

PUPIL PREMIUM PARENT INFORMATION

WHAT IS IT?

'Pupil premium' is **additional funding** for our school to ensure we can support all pupils to **achieve their best.**

It's not a personal budget for individual pupils, but we will aim to **prioritise the academic support** of eligible pupils with it.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

Your child may be eligible if you receive: income support, jobseeker's allowance, employment and support allowance, asylum seeker support, universal credit, child tax credit, working tax credit, or state pension.

Remember: Our school can only receive pupil premium for your child if you claim it.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Get in touch with your **local council as soon as possible** to see if you're eligible.





Book your Parents Evening appointments now..
Appointment slots for the Autumn term parent meeting:

Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October 2024 are available
on the School Spider app now.



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



attendance **MATTERS**



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS 6V WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FOR LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

RG	95.2%
RW	99.2%
1A	98.6%
1F	99.5%
2K	97.3%
2W	98.1%
3B	98.0%
3M	95.1%
4A	99.0%
4S	99.0%
5B	98.0%
5R	98.3%
6H	99.3%
6V	99.7%

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		Zidan H & Sophia P	
RG	Amina K. & Muhammad Z. Asif	RW	Abdullah M & M.Azaan A
1A	Aaisha P & Naila N	1F	M. Adam B & Aaira P
2W	Fatimah H & M. Dawood A	2K	Kulsum L & Kiswa H
3M	Ayesha P & Musa R	3B	Faris C & Urwaa R
4S	Yahya S & Maariyah P	4A	Layla B & Farhan A
5B	Isma'eel A & Annaya N	5R	Nazir S & Subhana S
6V	Huda S & M. Ismail A	6H	Anaabia I & Aysha I



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Forest Pre-School & Nursery

"The children have had another fantastic week at nursery. They have enjoyed playing outside in the sunshine whilst making flower soup in the mud kitchen and building trains using crates. The children have used their artistic skills to make collage teddy bears this week. We have talked about how many eyes they need and where their ears are. We are really impressed with their work. We have also started to talk about friendship and being kind to others. The children are learning to say 'we are kind, our hands are kind, our feet are kind and our words are kind'."

Action

"Please can all parents remember that no phones are allowed to be used in our nursery building. Thank you "

Reception

This week the children have settled more into school life. They have been learning how to touch count and have been looking at repeating patterns. In literacy the children have enjoyed our class text- Goldilocks and the three bears. The children have been acting out the characters and singing songs related to this. However their favourite thing this week has been dough disco! Ask your child all about it.

Action

- Children now have a lending library book to look at and for parents to read. We will have an upcoming phonics meeting so keep an eye out for dates. Homework books have also been sent home, we look forward to seeing lots of fabulous work. Thank you to those who have sent in family photos.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

"Thankfully, London is no longer burning. This week we have started to learn about the 'Great Fire of London' and we are going to create a controlled fire, as a stimulus to help the children describe a fire using some of their senses. We have discussed the importance of fire safety with the children and safety measures have been implemented to ensure safety. Please begin to talk with your child about about fire safety in the home. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask."

Action

- PE is on Monday and Wednesday. If your child wears earrings, please ensure they are removed on these days or they are covered up with a plaster for the safety of your child. Thank you in advance.

Year 2

Year 2 have continued to look at the book 'The Jolly Postman', they have written an extra chapter in the same style of the author. In maths we finished looking at numbers to 100. In science drew around each others feet and those of other children in school to see whether our feet get bigger as we get older.

Action

- "Homework books have been sent home. Please find this terms homework on the school website. This weekend, please can everyone check their children's hair for nits. Thank you."



YEAR GROUP updates



Year 3

Year 3 have had a superb week looking at writing a letter responding to Greenpeace, persuading them not to remove our trees. We have also moved on to measuring using mm, cm and m in Maths, which we are much more confident in!

Action

- "3B have a parent worship on 3rd November.
- If someone different is picking up your child please inform the office. "

Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant week. This week we have finished reading Captain underpants and looking at the features of a fantasy story. In Maths we have started to measure the length of shapes. In science we have been investigating complete and incomplete circuits.

Action

- Please ensure children are learning their times tables.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 5

We've had another wonderful week of learning in Year 5 from making paper rockets using a straw and card to exploring the character of Much in 'Outlaws'. We also enjoyed becoming musical maestros and used the glockenspiel to follow notes for the song, 'Living on a prayer'. The week finished off with learning more skills and rules on how to play 'Handball' and cannot wait to play a competitive game of it.

Action

Please remember to complete homework and have it ready to be marked on Wednesday / Thursday. Thank you :-)

Year 6

We have continued to focus on place value this week in Maths. We have looked at rounding, placing numbers on a number line and ended the week with an arithmetic. Next week we will have an end of unit test (place value) In English we have been looking at up levelling our vocabulary to describe the garage in Skellig. In Grammar, we have looked at past and progressive sentences, irregular and regular verbs as well as modal verbs.

Action

- Your child will have 10 spellings to learn weekly. They will be tested every Friday afternoon. Please help and encourage your child to continue to practice their timetables for accuracy as well as speed. 6H will be leading a part of the Harvest Church service on 24.9.24. We look forward to seeing you then.



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

- Year 1 & 2 Multi Skills club (Thurs – 3:05-3:50pm)
- Phonics Club (Mon – 3:05 – 3:35pm)

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.

