

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Doug Stitches

Mr D Stitches, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

What an exciting first week back! It was wonderful to see so many of you supporting our Black History Month celebration yesterday. I'm sure you'll agree that the children were fantastic! It was the perfect mix of learning about some significant people of colour from history and understanding a bit more about what we are doing to promote equity, diversity and justice.

I'd like to re-iterate my thanks to all the staff involved in bringing the idea to life. As I said yesterday, it does take a lot of work to organise, but it was definitely worth it!

For us, this isn't just something we are doing in October – we have a lot of work planned over the course of the year to increase our understanding and the children's.

I just wanted to make you aware of our New Reception Open afternoon on Monday 11th November. We have always offered one to one tours of the school to anyone interested in joining St James' in

September, but we have had so many requests to put on an open afternoon, we felt that we should!

Please tell your friends who have children due to start school next year to pop along. It's always good to see a number of different schools so that you can pick the right one for you and your child (and of course, we're the best!). We look forward to seeing many of you (and your friends and family there).

Finally, you may have noticed the chaos on the roads earlier this week caused by the council appointed contractors demolishing the building next to EYC. We have had an apology and assurances that they will try to stick to the agreement and not block the road during rush hour.

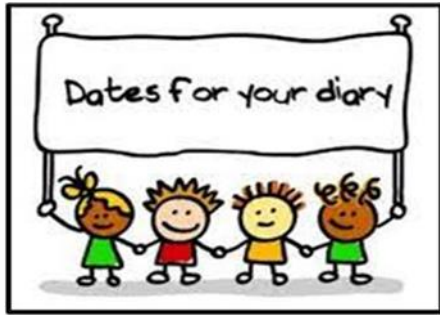
Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Stitches



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Wednesday 27th November – School Winter Warmer @ 2pm in KS2 hall – children staggered finishing times, more information to follow.

Monday 9th December - Year 1 & 2 Carol Concert @ 2:15pm in KS2 hall

Tuesday 10th December - Year 3, 4 & 5 Christmas Carol Concert @ 2:15pm in KS2 hall

Wednesday 11th Dec - Reception nativity @ 2:15pm in KS2 hall

Thursday 12th Dec – Year 6 Pantomime @ 2:15pm in KS2 hall

Monday 16th Dec – EYC Christmas Carol Concert @ 11:00am in EYC

Monday 16th Dec – EYC Christmas Carol Concert @ 2:30pm in EYC

Wednesday 18th December at 10:30am (KS1) and 11am (KS2), Church service

Friday 20th Dec – School closure @ 3:05pm



New Lunch Menu – November 2024 – February 2025

The Autumn/Winter school lunch menu is available now on the School Spider app.

Please order your child's lunches for the full term to ensure they receive the meal of their choice each day.



CHRISTMAS Lunch

Roast Halal Chicken & Vegetarian Sausage
or
Roast Quorn Fillet & Vegetarian Sausage
Served with
Sage & Onion Stuffing
Roast & Mashed Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy
~
Iced Vanilla Sponge

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The menu card features a festive red background with white snowflakes and a yellow star. It includes illustrations of Santa Claus, a snowman, a reindeer, and a penguin. The Lancashire County Council logo is at the bottom right.



Free Christmas Cracker

**Christmas Lunch Menu
Tuesday 3rd December**



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PE Dates

Autumn 2

This is a list of dates your child will have PE this half term. It is important that your child wears the correct PE uniform for their PE lesson.

As this half term your child will be doing Dance in PE, they will need to wear suitable INSIDE clothing, including pumps.

A reminder that when it is your child's PE day they must NOT wear earrings to school.

	<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Week 4</u>	<u>Week 5</u>	<u>Week 6</u>	<u>Week 7</u>	<u>Week 8</u>
Reception (RG & RW)	Friday 1st Nov	Friday 8th Nov	Friday 15th Nov	Friday 22nd Nov	Friday 29th Nov	Friday 6th Dec	Friday 13th Dec	Friday 20th Dec
Year 1 (1A & 1F)	Monday 28th Oct	Monday 4th Nov	Monday 11th Nov	Monday 18th Nov	Monday 25th Nov	Monday 2nd Dec	Monday 9th Dec	Monday 16th Dec
	Wednesday 30th Oct	Wednesday 6th Nov	Wednesday 13th Nov	Wednesday 20th Nov	Wednesday 27th Nov	Wednesday 4th Dec	Wednesday 11th Dec	Wednesday 18th Dec
Year 2 (2K & 2W)	Tuesday 29th Oct	Tuesday 5th Nov	Tuesday 12th Nov	Tuesday 19th Nov	Tuesday 26th Nov	Tuesday 3rd Dec	Tuesday 10th Dec	Tuesday 17th Dec
	Thursday 31st Oct	Thursday 7th Nov	Thursday 14th Nov	Thursday 21st Nov	Thursday 28th Nov	Thursday 5th Dec	Thursday 12th Dec	Thursday 19th Dec
Year 3 (3B & 3M)	Monday 28th Oct	Wednesday 6th Nov	Monday 11th Nov	Wednesday 20th Nov	Monday 25th Nov	Wednesday 4th Dec	Monday 9th Dec	Wednesday 18th Dec
	Wednesday 30th Oct		Wednesday 13th Nov		Wednesday 27th Nov		Wednesday 11th Dec	
Year 4 (4A & 4S)	Monday 28th Oct	Thursday 7th Nov	Monday 11th Nov	Thursday 21st Nov	Monday 25th Nov	Thursday 5th Dec	Monday 9th Dec	Thursday 19th Dec
	Thursday 31st Oct		Thursday 14th Nov		Thursday 28th Nov		Thursday 12th Dec	
Year 5 (5B & 5R)	Friday 1st Nov	Monday 4th Nov	Friday 15th Nov	Monday 18th Nov	Friday 29th Nov	Monday 2nd Dec	Friday 13th Dec	Monday 16th Dec
		Friday 8th Nov		Friday 22nd Nov		Friday 6th Dec		
Year 6 (6H & 6V)	Tuesday 29th Oct	Monday 4th Nov	Tuesday 12th Nov	Monday 18th Nov	Tuesday 26th Nov	Monday 2nd Dec	Tuesday 10th Dec	Monday 16th Dec
		Tuesday 5th Nov		Tuesday 19th Nov		Tuesday 3rd Dec		Tuesday 17th Dec



attendance **MATTERS**



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS 2W WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FROM LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

RG	86.8%
RW	97.7%
1A	94.3%
1F	90.5%
2K	92.6%
2W	99.0%
3B	93.7%
3M	96.0%
4A	96.3%
4S	97.3%
5B	97.0%
5R	97.9%
6H	94.3%
6V	92.7%

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		Jannat I, Hafsa N, Maryam M & Zohan A	
RG	Liyana R. & Abdul Qadir A.	RW	Aaima A & Zaynab B
1A	All of 1A & Abeer S	1F	Amara A & Rayyan M
2W	Huda A & Aysha K	2K	Amyra M & Hassnain A
3M	3M & Darius	3B	Bareera B & Sakeena R
4S	Zara RM & The Whole Class	4A	Salma A & Zayn H
5B	Manahil M & Hareth J	5R	M Moez I & Fatima V
6V	Liyanah P & M.Saad Z	6H	M.Patel & M Patel



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Forest Pre-School & Nursery

"This week the children have been learning about the Hindu celebration of Diwali. The children have created some fantastic artwork including Rangoli patterns and Mendi designs. "

Action

As the weather is getting colder, please can your child learn to put their own coat on. This is great for developing independence.

Reception

"The children have made an excellent start to the new term and have worked really hard. This week we started reading a new book called 'Lost and Found'. We looked at the meaning of some of the vocabulary within the book and answered some questions. In Maths, we counted objects to ten and looked at different representations. Finally, the children did a fantastic job of presenting their work to parents and carers. It takes a lot of courage to do this so well done everyone. "

Action

- "Thank you for regularly signing your child's planner. Please continue to read with your child at home. This term is extremely busy so please continue to check the School Spider app for any messages/notices. "



YEAR GROUP updates



Year 1

"Well done to all the children for their outstanding performance yesterday to celebrate Black History Month. Thank you to everyone who came to support the children, we know they really enjoyed performing for you."

Action

- "Just a reminder than PE is on Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure the children's earrings are removed or covered up on these days to ensure the safety of your child. Please continue to read with your child and sign their diaries."

Year 2

Year 2 did amazingly well performing their Black History Month presentations. Thank you to all the parents that came to watch. This half term is always a busy one. We started a new book in English: The true story of the three little pigs. We have always spent some time discussing medicines as part of science.

Action

- Please could you discuss with your child about medicines in your house and the importance of keeping children safe with them.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

We have settled in incredibly well this week. We have made potions in our English lesson and created instructions alongside these. We have also started practising our 3s and 4s timetables. Thank you for all parents who attend the Black History Month presentation.

Action

- Sign planners 3 times a week and check dates for PE.

Year 4

"Year 4 have worked incredibly hard on their Black History Month performances this week. Miss Ahmed and Mrs Stott were very proud of you on Thursday! In Maths we have been making numbers 100 times larger and using multiplication facts to help us work out other calculations. In English we began our new class novel, 'Wave me Goodbye' by Jacqueline Wilson and in Science we started explore how sounds are made. "

Action

- "Please practise times tables on the 'Hit the Button' website. Check PE dates (on previous newsletter) to ensure your child is wearing the correct kit/uniform for school. Pumps for dance should be brought in a named carrier bag, not worn to school. Thank you. "



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 5

Well done Year 5 for your fantastic presentations on Thursday. You all spoke clearly and relayed important information. This week we have started reading 'Street Child' in English and Year 5 have been captivated by looking into the past and comparing their lives to children from the Victorian era. In Maths, we have started our topic of Fractions so any extra work with working out equivalent fractions will be beneficial.

Action

Please remember to wear the correct daily uniform and only wear PE uniform on the days highlighted on the last newsletter. Please remember to read at least 3 times a week.

Year 6

"Thank you for attending Year 6 presentation on Walter Tull and Justice. Year 6 have practiced completing mental calculations in Maths where they have to apply their reasoning skills and use more than one operation to get to the sum. In English, year 6 have started off with poetry. They will perform, read aloud and retell a poem from memory. With this in mind, the selected poems have been chosen for their use or rhythm, rhyme and imagery. "

Action

- "Please continue to read with your child at home and sign their planners. P.E will be on Monday and Tuesday next week, please ensure your child wears the correct PE kit."
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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)
- Year 4 Timetables Club
- (Tue 3:05 – 3:50pm)
- Year 6 Maths
- (Tue 3:05 – 3:50pm)

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.

