

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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C of E Primary School
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Date: Friday 6th Dec 2024



Doug Stitches

Mr D Stitches, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

Can you believe there are only two weeks left until the Christmas Holidays? It's already feeling very festive in school this week as the children prepare for the plethora of carol concerts, nativities and pantomimes that they will be participating in over the coming days.

On Monday, Year 2 visited the Memory Café at Revidge Fold URC. They had a wonderful time and put on a superb performances for their audience. They will be sharing their performance (or an adapted version of it) at our church service on Thursday 19th December.

Then on Tuesday, we had our Christmas jumper and Christmas Dinner day. It was lovely seeing everyone dressed in their festive attire and the food we all shared was

delicious! I think it was the best one in the four years I've been at St James'!

Finally, just a reminder about our upcoming performances; please remember that we ask you to only take photos or videos of your own child, not to post images or videos online of anyone else's children or our staff and, perhaps most importantly, turn your phone to silent during the performances! It's very difficult for the children to remember their lines when phones are beeping and buzzing throughout the performances!

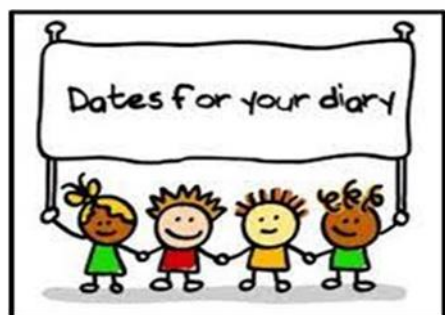
Have a lovely weekend; and I'm sure we'll see most of you in school over the coming two weeks!

Mr Stitches



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Monday 9th Dec	Year 1 & 2 Carol Concert @ 2:15pm in KS2 hall
Tuesday 10th Dec	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 @ 2:00pm 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
Thursday 19th Dec	Church Service at 10:30am (KS1) and 11am (KS2)
Friday 20th Dec	School closure @ 3:05pm
Tuesday 7th Jan 2025	School re- open
Tuesday 28th Jan	International Lego Day special lunch
Tuesday 11th Feb	Internet Safety Day and special lunch
Wed & Thurs 12-13 Feb	Parent meetings in school
Wednesday 2nd Apr	Eid Lunch





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Reception nativity @ 2:15pm in KS2 hall
Year 6 Pantomime @ 2:00pm in KS2 hall

Tickets cost £1.00 per person. No late guests will be permitted to enter. Tickets are allocated on a first come, first served basis. As there will be a lack of space due to the attendance expected, we will not be able to allow prams into school. If you would like to purchase tickets, please purchase tickets from **Monday 2nd December from 8:30am** from the School Office



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FREE Winter lunches

Monday 30th December

Tuesday 31st December

Thursday 2nd January

Friday 3rd January

11:30 – 1:00

at

Family Hub Livesey

Family Hub Darwen

Family Hub Shadsworth

Family Hub Little Harwood

To register please phone 01254 585000 or
drop in to one of our Family Hubs/Childrens Centres



Family Hub

Darwen | Little Harwood | Livesey | Shadsworth



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Family Hub



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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 Tuesday the 14th January at Family Hub Shadsworth

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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EMPOWERING PARENTS EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

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AUDLEY LEARNING CENTRE

FREE OPEN DAY

AT PRINGLE ST, BLACKBURN, BB1 1SF.



☑ SATURDAY
7TH DECEMBER
10:30 TO 13:30

☑ FREE
EVENT FOR ALL

FESTIVE CUPCAKES,
LEGO ROBOTICS,
HENNA TATTOOS,
HEALTHY LIFESTYLES
AND MUCH MORE!

NO NEED TO BOOK
JUST COME ALONG &
JOIN THE FUN

VISITS FROM
LANCASHIRE FIRE
& RESCUE



Blackburn with Darwen

ADULT LEARNING

MORE INFO:

01254 507720



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Free Early Years Education

HOW MANY FREE HOURS YOU CAN GET PER WEEK

	2 year olds	3-4 year olds
Working families	15 Hours Now 30 hours Sept 25	30 hours Now
Families receiving additional Government support	15 hours Now	N/A
All families	N/A	15 hours Now

*Refer to Childcarechoices.gov.uk for Full Criteria & Eligibility & to apply



Free Early Years Education

RECOMMENDED TIME TO APPLY FOR YOUR CODE

- codes **must** be reconfirmed every three months to remain eligible

when your child turns 2 years or 3 years	when they can get Free hours from	Recommended time to apply
1 September to 31 December	Term starting on or after 1 January	15 October - 30 November (no later than 31 December)
1 January to 31 March	Term starting on or after 1 April	15 January - 29 February (no later than 31 March)
1 April to 31 August	Term starting on or after 1 September	15 June to 31 July (no later than 31 August)

Your code may need reconfirming before your child commences a Early Years place if you apply too early.



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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 Wednesday 30th Oct	Monday 4th Nov Wednesday 6th Nov	Monday 11th Nov Wednesday 13th Nov	Monday 18th Nov Wednesday 20th Nov	Monday 25th Nov Wednesday 27th Nov	Monday 2nd Dec Wednesday 4th Dec	Monday 9th Dec Wednesday 11th Dec	Monday 16th 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 3M & 4S WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FROM LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

RG	93.5%	
RW	91.5%	
1A	85.9%	
1F	94.0%	
2K	83.7%	
2W	96.2%	
3B	90.7%	
3M	99.0%	🏆
4A	93.3%	
4S	99.0%	🏆
5B	98.3%	🥈
5R	95.3%	
6H	97.0%	
6V	98.0%	

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		Sophia P, Muhammed Azaan, Khadija S & Fatima D	
RG	Ahmed Maksud P. & Adam A.	RW	Shabbaz K & Amaan P
1A	Amnah H & Feroz K	1F	Muhammad P & Anabia I
2W	Hajrah A & All 2W	2K	All of 2K & Kulsum L
3M	Anaya M & Aaminah P	3B	Muhammad-Rayhan P & Zoya B
4S	Rayyan J & Amelia A	4A	M Rehan Q & Ibrahim Q
5B	Abubakr I & Mitzie Leigh R	5R	Fatimah R & Zainab H
6V	Iman M & Angel R	6H	Aysha I & Arfa K



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Forest Pre-School & Nursery

"This week the children have continued to learn about Winter and read the story Stick Man. The children have started to join in with retelling the story and can remember the key vocabulary. They have been great at spotting when a teacher makes a mistake. We have also started to learn about initial sounds in words. The children have been identifying the initial sounds and spotting the odd one out of a group of objects. "

Action

Please ask your child if they can sing our Christmas concert songs to you at home.

"

Reception

This week the children looked at a new book called 'Journey into Space'. They were able to tell us lots about space. They even discussed some tricky vocabulary, such as 'navigated', 'peered' and 'vast'. In maths, the children learned how to do one less than a number up to ten.

Action

- If you would like to purchase tickets for the nativity, please ask the school office. Thank you for your support.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

"This week we have been reading story Toby the Great Fire of London. We are using our knowledge we have learnt from our History lessons to start to retell the key events. In Maths, we have been learning about the different types of English coins up to 20p. Look on Google Classroom to play a game using coins."

Action

- We look forward to seeing you on Monday for the KS1 carol concert. Remember to book your tickets at the Office.

Year 2

A big well done to the whole of Year 2. On Monday we attended the Open Cafe where all the children performed part of their Christmas carol concert. They sang beautifully, and spoke their lines so clearly! All the children were a perfect representative of our school.

Action

- It is KS1 Christmas carol concert on Monday. If you would like to come please don't forget to buy tickets. All the children have been working hard to put on a lovely show.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

This week, the children have been writing an explanation text about the foods we eat. They have discussed the nutritional value and whether they are good for us. In Mathematics, we have returned to place value, addition and subtraction and looked at better ways to subtract mentally

Action

- Look at key Christmas dates in the newsletter.

Year 4

Year 4 have been very busy rehearsing for the carol concert and are sounding wonderful. In between all of the singing we have managed to research for an information report, learn the features and names of prisms and carry out a science experiment about how to block out the sound from our alarm clocks!

Action

- Please keep practising times tables and reading 3 times per week. Remember to book your seat at the carol concert by visiting the school office asap!



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 5

Well done on another fantastic week of learning. Year 5 have been working hard on mastering the skills of long multiplication. In English we have focused on improving our grammar and completing a writing assessment to assess all our learning so far. Finally, rehearsals are well under way for the 'Carol Concert' next week and Year 5 are looking forward to performing for you!

Action

"Continue to read at least 3x a week and don't forget to sign planners."

Year 6

This week we have been busy practicing our pantomime for next week's performance. We have also continued looking at fractions. In English, we took our characters on a quest and wrote an adventure story

Action

- Y6 Pantomime performance is on Thursday at 2pm. Please be there on time as we will be starting exactly on time.
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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 & Tues – 3:05 – 3:35pm)
- Year 4 Timetables Club (Tue 3:05 – 3:50pm)
- Year 6 Maths (Tue 3:05 – 3:50pm)
- Year 5 & 6 Netball Club (Thurs 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.

