



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

What an amazing week this has been!

The children had a visit from Jenny, the Petts Wood Librarian, about The Summer Reading Challenge. Please encourage your children to take part in this. We will have an assembly in September to congratulate all those that participated.



On Monday we found out that St James' won the small school athletics' competition. We have been taking part in this for about fifteen years and do not usually come anywhere in the top ten so being awarded first place is a fantastic result. Well done to the children in Year 5 and Year 6 that took part and to Mrs Connolly and Mr Copeland for all their hard work.

This week the children were visited by a representative from the London Children's Flower Society. Since its foundation more than 70 years ago, the Society has given young children the opportunity to take an interest in horticulture. They currently support approximately 200 schools to take part in competitions. Each child is given simple instructions on how to grow the plants and they take them home to nurture. When they are in full bloom they are returned to school where a

team of judges attend and award certificates to each child. We will be partnering with this society in the future and we thank Mrs Deasy for making this link.



Unfortunately Father David will not be able to celebrate Leavers' Mass this year with us so he came into school this week to speak to the Year 6 children before they move on to their secondary schools. I want to thank Father David for his continued support and prayers.

There have been two cake sales this week. One in KS1 that raised £42.96 for "The Manna Society" and "Cardinal Hume Centre", and one in KS2 that raised £66.50 for "Dementia Friends". Thank you to everyone that helped with these.

Some Year 5 pupils had the opportunity to attend a three day Primary STEM summer school this week. The aim of this was to enable the children to enjoy a varied and challenging range of activities. These included Maths, LEGO technology, Japanese, Mandarin, Spanish, Computing and Science. It enabled students to have an insight into life in a secondary school and also enabled them to benefit from experiencing some specialist resources. All the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Mrs Wilson for organising this as there was a great deal of planning needed to arrange this.

After several visits by the Bank of America mentors to St James', it was our turn to visit the mentors in their work place in Bromley. We had an amazing

day on Thursday which allowed us to see the inner workings of a commercial bank; hold a teleconference with an office in Hyderabad, India and Chester; take part in team-building challenges and finally in the afternoon present our "Money" board game ideas to a panel of five senior managers in a "Dragon's Den" style pitch! It was a great experience for our Year 6 children and we were really impressed with how well they held their own in a gruelling question and answer session!

We held an assembly this week to thank Mrs McAleer for volunteering at St James' over the years. She has worked with our KS2 children on their writing and is now starting to train as a teacher in September. We wish her lots of luck in her exciting new venture.

Thank you to the children that performed a gymnastics display after school on Thursday. What talented gymnasts we have!



We also had a performance from the Helen O'Grady Drama Club. It was great to see how the children have developed in confidence over the term. I know how hard they have worked and all their hard work has paid off. Well done!



This week we held a very special assembly to say thank you and good bye to Miss Spedding. This is a very sad time for us as we say good bye but we wish Miss Spedding good luck for the future and are of course very happy for her. We will see her again I am sure as she will always be part of this community and we will look forward to hearing all about baby Blake as she grows up.

We welcomed the new Reception Class to school this week and hope that they soon feel part of our school community.

I met with volunteers this week to say thank you to them for all that they do to support the school. Without their help we would not be able to do many of the things that we offer as part of our rich and varied curriculum.

We were very pleased this week to receive our KS2 SATs results which are all well above the National Average. The Year 6 children deserve to be congratulated on such impressive results. This was as a result of hard work and sustained focus throughout Year 6. The children can move onto secondary school with a good foundation which will lead to further future success I am sure. We are very proud of the progress every single member of our Year 6 class has made.

Our KS2 results are:-

- 91% reached expected in Reading
- 91% reached expected in English grammar, punctuation and spelling
- 91% reached expected in Mathematics
- 93% reached expected in Writing
- 91% reached expected in Science





Finally I want to mention the Year 6 Production. It is difficult to put into words how truly amazing this was. The commitment and dedication of both Year 5 and Year 6 was inspirational and I cannot thank them enough for the joy that they gave us and the memories that they made for us. Thanks of course also go to Mrs Connolly and Miss Atkinson who I am in awe of. How lucky we are to have them at St James'. I know that there are many others that helped to make this possible and I thank the staff, the parents and the ex-pupils that made up the team behind this.



Please see the attached information concerning the new after school clubs in September. One is a KS1 Art Club that comes highly recommended and the other is for LAMDA which is an amazing opportunity that we would like to offer the children. The Science Club will continue however the maximum numbers will be lower and the age range will be smaller. You need to book direct with the clubs.

Please remember to send back the parent questionnaires by Monday 16th July.
Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Weeks

Dates

Tuesday 17th July Gardening Council to visit Southmore Court

Wednesday 18th July PTA Golf Day

Wednesday 18th July Summer Walk around Jubilee Park at 9:15 Please join us if you are able to.

Wednesday 18th July Children to meet their new teacher.

Wednesday 18th PTA meeting

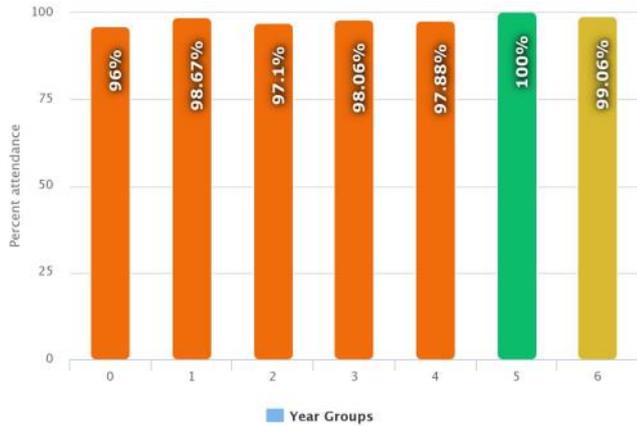
Thursday 19th July Circuit Judge to talk to Year 6

Friday 20th July Year 6 Mass at 10am



Attendance

Well done to Year 5!



Class	No. of lates last week
Reception	0
Year 1	1
Year 2	0
Year 3	0
Year 4	3
Year 5	0
Year 6	0

The Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word is **LISTENING**. Regularly listening to Jesus reminds us what is really important and how much we are loved by God. St Benedict reminds us, "Listen carefully to the Master's instructions."

Safeguarding

Please see the attached parent factsheet about child safety on Fortnite. It gives parents information about the addictive **online shooter video game** that's prompted concerns over some risks to children. It explains what Fortnite is, what the risks are, and the practical steps parents can take to mitigate them:

Messages.....

Lost Property

Corinne has lost her red St James' jacket. It's only a week old and named. Please check at home.
Thank you

Oakies' Club

Lots of fun activities have been had this week at Oakies. The children created their own ball games, demonstrating great teamwork.

We have enjoyed talent spotting whilst the children have been rehearsing for the talent shows.

In our last week at Oakies we are looking forward to having an end of term picnic, which should be great fun.

Have a lovely weekend.

Janet and team



Sports News

Football

This past week the Year 4 & 5 boys have had the opportunity for some pre-season warm-up friendlies to give them the opportunity to play as a new team together. They managed a stunning 9-1 win over Lessons followed by a more challenging 2-1 win over Holy Innocents. A promising start for our new boys' football team!

Athletics

On Monday of this week our nine individual finalists from Year 5 & 6 returned to Norman Park to compete against the finalists of the medium and large schools in athletics. Although none of our children medalled, it was an opportunity for them to collect our trophy for finishing 1st in the Small Schools Athletics competition the previous week! An amazing feat that is a first for St James! Well done to the entire 24 strong squad who pulled together as a team to achieve this.

A message of thanks...

As our sporting calendar has finally come to an end, we would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to all the parents and grandparents who have given up their time this year to support our children with their sport. Without them offering transport to and from competitions we would not have been able to give our children the opportunities they have had this year. With such competitions becoming increasingly more complex to organise and arrange in such a vast array of sports, we truly appreciate those of you who are able to rearrange working patterns or give up their free time to help us.

There are also some parents who deserve an extra special thank you for the commitment they have given during their time as St James' parents, and whose children are now moving on to secondary school.

Mr Byrne has for several years given up his Wednesdays to help run Cross Country club after school and also at twice yearly races at Crystal Palace; Mrs Byrne has for the past 8 years been in charge of Friday netball club, and has been most ably assisted by Mrs Poulton and Mrs Wright. We would like to extend our gratitude as staff, parents and children for their help throughout their time at St James' and it has been wonderful to see the teams develop so successfully with their help.

PTA NEWS

We can now confirm that the fundraising total generated by this year's Summer Fair is an amazing £5353! Such a fabulous amount for a small, one-form entry school to have achieved! Many thanks to you all for coming to the event, for the time spent volunteering and your generosity. It is such a busy time of year and we appreciate all your efforts.

The Summer Ball, was another extremely successful fundraising evening which raised just over £2,500 so thank you to all those who attended.

We hope the Golfers have a fabulous day at Chislehurst Golf Club next Wednesday.

For FREE ICE CREAM FRIDAY next week—each child will be handed one by their teacher as they leave! Thank you for supporting this again and to those who gave up their time to man the stall.

Wed 18 July - PTA GOLF DAY, Chislehurst Golf Club
PTA MEETING, School Hall 7pm

School Garden

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Boyle for the very kind donation of a Strimmer for our school garden.

Please vote for our School Wheelbarrow by going to www.yourbromley.com/wheelbarrow-competition and clicking on our school. Voting closes on Monday 16th July. You can see the Wheelbarrow in Bromley High Street and it will shortly be moving to Coolings Garden Centre.

