

## St. James' RC Primary School

### Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017

We started the week with an assembly about courage and bravery; particularly with reference to Lent. The Moon Watch prompted in depth discussions about the enormity of the universe and the beauty of God's world. We marvelled at the fact that we are looking at the same moon that our ancestors have looked at for thousands of years.

#### Attendance and Punctuality week 27/2/2017–03/03/2017

**Congratulations** to Reception for 100% attendance. ! **Well done** Reception, Y1 and Y3 for 100% punctuality!!

Keep trying everyone!

#### Attendance

R	100%
1	97.3%
2	98.7%
3	99.7%
4	99.0%
5	99.7%
6	99.0%

Overall attendance 99.1%

#### Punctuality - % late

R	0.0%
1	0.0%
2	0.3%
3	0.0%
4	0.3%
5	0.3%
6	0.3%

Overall Punctuality 0.2% late

Well done everyone! This is outstanding attendance and punctuality.

#### Moon Watch

Thank you to all of the families who came to the Moon Watch on Monday. The Orpington Astronomers are always excited about coming to St. James' because there is such support from our community. **Please could you ask your child to write a thank you letter to the astronomers, saying what they remember from the evening; if they could add some**

**drawings that would be great. Please hand them in at the school office and we will send them on to the astronomers.** When they hold their meetings the astronomers like to read out the letters that are sent to them.

#### Breakfast Club

Please ensure that you sign your child in to breakfast club from the beginning of next half term. Any parent who does not accompany their child into the club, hand them over and sign the register will risk their child being removed from the breakfast club.

#### KS2 Walking to the Gate

**If you want your child to walk to the gate at the end of the day, please ensure that you have filled in a form, granting permission. If we know that your child is walking to the gate, we will let them do so but children must return to the school office if the adult collecting is late. In a close community such as ours, it is easy to offer to take a child home out of kindness; we ask that you return to school, any child who is without an adult at the gate, so that we know they are safe. Thank you.**

#### School Dinners

Would parents please pay for school dinners during the **first week** of each new half term. The amount due is always published in the newsletter on the last day of the term. Chasing late payments is very time consuming.

Payment can be made by cash, cheque (payable to St James' School) or bank transfer (Sort Code: 30 84 51; Account Number: 41806860; Please quote SLM (School Lunch Money) and your surname.

#### Midday Supervisors

We would like to increase our bank of cover midday supervisors. Please contact the school office for further details and an application form if you are interested.

#### Judo Club

Please find attached the details for Judo Club next term for both new and existing members.

#### Chess News

Congratulations to the team who represented St James' at the Champions' League last Saturday. Zacari Cotta, Aidan Ikenye, Francis Ikenye, Harry Mannix and Robert Wright came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 26 teams and will now go forward to the State Cup finals in May. Well done boys!

#### Year 3

Would Year 3 please bring in plastic bottle caps / milk bottle caps from now until the end of the term – as many as possible! Thank you. Miss Atkinson

#### Reception

Would anyone donate – for Reception Class please – large shoe boxes, with lids, cardboard tubes (eg. Kitchen rolls NO toilet rolls) and old CDs. Thank you. Mrs Richards

#### Code Club

Please note there will **NOT** be any Code Club on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March due to Open Evening.

### SC Sports Holiday Clubs

Please see the attached letter for details of Easter holiday clubs.

### PTA Family Disco – Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA Family Disco last weekend. We are delighted to announce that this event raised £1156, which is an amazing achievement. A special mention should go to all the volunteers who helped out at the event – without their support these events would not be able to run. Thank you all once again.

### Food Bank Donations

Thank you for all your generous donations so far. A quick reminder of what we are collecting. Please could the year groups bring in the following by Mon 13<sup>th</sup> March for them to be delivered to the food bank.

**Reception: Size 5/6 nappies**

**Year 1: Washing up Cloths**

**Year 2: Regular sized bottles of shampoo**

**Year 3: Washing Capsules**

**Year 4: Washing up liquid**

**Year 5: Toilet rolls**

**Year 6: Feminine hygiene products and shaving foam**

If you have anything lurking unused at the back of your cupboards or any unwanted Christmas products and you feel they could be of better use elsewhere please pop them in. Or perhaps you could buy a few extra items in your weekly shop. They don't need to be branded or expensive. Thank you.

### Red Nose Day

We will be taking part in Red Nose Day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. The children are invited to come to school in Red Clothes and wear their noses. Please bring in a donation for the charity.

### Cross Country

Good luck to everyone who is taking part in the Cross Country tomorrow. Please could all children remember to bring their PE Kits and trainers back to school on MONDAY. Thank you

### Dates

Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Cross Country at Crystal Palace
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> March	School Photos
Thur 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Helen O'Grady Performance 1.15pm

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