

St. James' RC Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19th May 2017

We began the week with an assembly based upon the Acts of the Apostles 6:7. The Apostles find themselves in a situation where they are so busy with their daily service to the poor that they have little time to pray. They ask the Hellenists to elect seven people 'of good reputation, filled with the spirit and with wisdom..' who can help the Apostles and enable the faith to be spread more widely; this led to a great increase in disciples and priests. We discussed the importance of team work and giving people trust and responsibility in order to help them grow and get jobs done more efficiently.

Well done to everyone who walked or part-walked to school with their furry toys! You have contributed to a cleaner planet. The money raised, will be going to 'The Passage' in order to support the homeless.

Attendance and Punctuality week 08/05/2017 – 12/05/2017

Congratulations to Yr 4 for 100% attendance and to Reception and Year 1 for 100% punctuality!

Keep trying everyone!

Attendance

R	96.6%
1	97.3%
2	98.7%
3	98.1%
4	100%
5	97.5%
6	99.3%

Overall attendance 98.2%

Punctuality - % late

R	0%
1	0%
2	0.3%
3	0.3%
4	0.6%
5	0.6%
6	0.3%

Overall Punctuality 0.3% late

Year 4

Year 4 will be going to the library on Monday 22nd May, leaving school at 10.50am and will return by 12 o'clock. We still desperately need helpers - please let the school know if you are able to come with us. Thank you. Mrs Morris

Phonics meeting for Year 1 Parents Tuesday 23rd May at 2.45pm

Just to remind you that parents of Year 1 pupils, are invited to a meeting on Tuesday 23rd May at 2.45pm to inform you further about the phonics check that Year 1 pupils will be undertaking in June. The meeting will take place in the ICT Suite. Any handouts will be put in book bags after the meeting.

Cancer Research

Tracey Morrison, James (yr 4) and Megan (now at Bullers) will be doing the 5k Race for Life in Regents Park on May 27th to raise money for cancer research. Any contributions welcome!

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/traceys-fundraising-page-276>

Talents for Europe

Unfortunately, the link sent out with the newsletter last week no longer works as Talents for Europe have re-organised all of their recordings. If you would like to see Jenny Wells' winning performance please click on the new link below. Jenny is at 16 minutes 34 seconds into the recording.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AyMKsqHlJ1Y&list=PLmmd4rRuBAqvD7wi2EC8h_OSrlN2Hhpo-&index=9

May Procession Wednesday 24st May

This year's May procession will be held on Wednesday 24th May. A whole school Mass will be celebrated with Father David at St James the Great Church at 9.30am followed by the May procession. At approximately 10.15am, the pupils will proceed from the church, behind the statue of Mary, praying the Hail Mary to Mary our Mother. Thereafter the children will follow on into the school hall to listen to readings and sing hymns to Mary, to celebrate how important Mary is in our lives. Please feel free to join us in this celebration.

We are asking all children to bring a flower to school on this day so they can be offered to Mary.

Please could you let the office know if you are able to briefly stay behind after Mass to make sure the church is tidy and free from flower debris.

Many Thanks

Mrs Wilson

Morning Drop off

A little reminder that children need to be supervised in the morning by a parent until 8.45am. They may not arrive early and wait in the office.

Diabetes Onesie Day – Friday 26th May

On Friday 26th May the children are invited to wear a Onesie to school and bring a donation to support research into Diabetes.

Sports News

Well done to our eight athletes who put in amazing performances at Norman Park on Wednesday despite the awful weather conditions. Please see the attached report for more information.

Sports Kits

Please, please, please can I have returned all sports kits that have been used by the children during competitions. We have a number of shirts and shorts missing from our kit bag and it is unfair on other children going out to compete if they do not have a suitably sized kit to wear! We have a busy few sporting weeks coming up, so could I please ask that kits are washed and returned as soon as possible after using them. Thank you!

After/before School Sports Clubs

It is really important that if your child is unable to attend a club that they let the office know, who can then let Mrs Connolly know. If your child has signed up for a club they are then on the Club Register and the coach is expecting them to be there. If your child is not at the club and we have not been informed, this then creates a safeguarding issue as we then need to ensure your child is safely with an adult. A simple email to the office would suffice.

Equally, there are a number of children who have signed up for clubs this term who have not attended any sessions at all. If your child no longer wants to attend the club, could you please email the office as some clubs now have waiting lists and it is unfair if your child is taking up a place they no longer want when another child could fill this space.

PTA

KS2 Party – Thursday 8th June – 3.20-5.00pm

The PTA would like to invite all of KS2 to a party on Thursday 8th June in the school hall. A copy of the booking form is attached and the children will also receive a copy in their book bag. Please sign the form and return to the PTA mailbox.

PTA Father's Day Gift

Father's Day will soon be here and the PTA have the perfect surprise gift for your Fathers and Grandfathers! You will be able to pre-order the gift and the PTA will deliver it to your classroom on the Friday before Father's Day. You will need to submit your order by Friday, 26th May to guarantee delivery. More details can be found on the attached booking form.

PTA/School KS1 Playground Project

The PTA and school are making good progress with the KS1 playground and are currently deciding between two companies who have provided very different designs. The School Council and KS1 have been asked to give their opinion on which one they prefer! This project will be paid for jointly between PTA monies, Sports Premium funding and hopefully a lottery grant. More information to follow.

Dates

Monday 22 nd May	Year 4 to Petts Wood Library
Tuesday 23 rd May	Year 1 phonics Meeting – 2.45pm in the ICT Suite
Wednesday 24 th May	Whole school Mass in Church
Friday 26 th May	Break up for half term
Friday 26 th May	Diabetes Onesie Day

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