

St. James' RC Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 21st April 2017

Our week began, with an assembly celebrating the Easter period. 'He is Risen, as he said.' Matt 28:6. We have been thinking about situations where we know God is present eg. in prayer, in loving relationships, friendships, nature. We know that God is present wherever there is goodness and love. After Jesus had risen, he met two women who were on their way to tell everyone that Jesus had gone from the tomb and that an angel had appeared to them, Jesus said to them 'Peace be with you.' We pray for peace in our school, in our community and in our world. The Easter period continues through to Pentecost, which this year is June 4th.

Attendance and Punctuality week 27/03/2017 – 31/03/2017

Congratulations to Reception for 99% attendance. **!Well done** Y6 for 100% punctuality!!

Keep trying everyone!

Attendance

R	99%
1	93.3%
2	96%
3	97.2%
4	96.8%
5	96.6%
6	92.4%

Overall attendance 95.9%

Punctuality - % late

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

Overall Punctuality 0.3% late

Information letters to parents

Please see the attachments for your class information letter. The information letters will also be put on the website.

KS2 toilet refurbishment

I am delighted to report, that our bid for refurbishing the KS2 toilets has been successful at last and we are aiming to complete this work during the Summer holidays. This is an expensive programme because it will involve work on the drains; hence the need to seek external funding. Thank you for your patience.

INSET days for 2017-2018 are:

4/09/2017

5/09/2017

10/11/2017 – Goal Sharing Day

20/12/2017

2/01/2018

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

The amount to pay for school dinners for this half term is:

- KS1 - Free School Meals
- Years 3, 4 & 5 - £72.50
- Year 6 - £70.00

Would any parents who have not yet paid please arrange for payment to be made by **Monday 24th April**. 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.

We make every effort to take into account planned trips / events and do not charge for school lunches on these days. However, there may be occasions when events, such as

sports matches, are arranged at short notice and it is not possible to make allowances for these.

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.

Basketball Tickets

Thank you to all those who applied. Please pick up your tickets from the school office.

School Uniform

Children must be in summer uniform by **2nd May 2017**. For girls: a red/white striped summer dress, school cardigan, white socks and black shoes. For boys: Grey shorts, School polo shirt (now available from Oz Uniform Shop in Petts Wood), grey socks and black shoes. **Children must have a sun hat (named) in school at all times during the summer term.** School caps are available from Oz.

School Photographs

The photograph orders have now been sent off and the photographs will be back shortly. Any further / late orders should be made directly with Van Cols Photographers and **NOT** through the school. Their details are: Van Cols Ltd, The Old School, School Lane, Great Horkesley, Colchester, CO6 4BN; 01206 271521

RNLI

We will be collecting for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution next week. If you would like to contribute please send your child in with 20p (or more!). The year 6 children will be collecting the money each day and giving out stickers in return.

Year 2

Mrs Wilson would like some Year 2 parents to help with cooking on Thursday afternoons. The first session will start on Thursday 27th April.

Please could they let Mrs Wilson or the office know if you can help.

Cross Country Club

If you are able to help out with Cross Country club please let Mrs Connolly know. Without adequate supervision the children are unable to run in Jubilee Park. We need at least 3 adults each week.

No experience necessary, no running ability needed!

It does not need to be every week, the more offer to help, the less each person has to do. Many thanks in advance.

PTA News

PTA Meeting – Wednesday, 26th April at 8pm

The next PTA meeting will be held in the school hall at 8pm on Wednesday 26th April. Please do come along and find out more about the money we raise and how this benefits each and every one of our children. We are always looking for new ideas and volunteers!

PTA - Own Clothes Day, Thursday, 27th April

An opportunity to let the children come to school in their own clothes to help fund raffle prizes for the Summer Fair. Suggested £2 per child donation, maximum of £5 per family. Please bring your donation in an envelope and hand to your class teacher. Thank you

Dates

Mon 24 th April	Y6 Basketball
Tue 25 th April	Y3 Tennis
Wed 26 th April	Y4 Class Mass
Wed 26 th April	PTA Meeting 8pm
Thurs 27 th April	PTA Own Clothes Day
Thurs 27 th April	Y4 Swimming
Fri 28 th April	Reception class to visit library

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