

St. James' RC Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 26th May 2017

We began the week with a beautiful assembly led by Mrs. Wilson. The children were asked to reflect upon Our Blessed Lady and how she must have felt when she knew she was going to be the Mother of Jesus. God saw qualities in Mary that made her perfect for the role; she simply did her best and made and kept her promise of service to God, putting all of her trust in Him. On Wednesday Father David led a beautiful whole school mass devoted to Mary; we processed back to school and laid flowers at the foot of Our Lady's statue. The spirituality displayed by the children was as beautiful as the flowers themselves. We held a minutes silence for the victims of the Manchester bombing and their families.

I have suggested to the children, that if they feel the need to know more about what happened in Manchester, they should ask their parents and/or teachers. This terrible act is not part of any religious doctrine or is advocated by any particular culture, it is an act of terrorism. Please read the two attached documents from the Inter-Faith Network 'Looking after one another' and the statement from the Inter-Faith Network in response to the Manchester attack. It is important that our children know that the true Muslim community are devastated by acts of terrorism; the terrorists have won if they divide our nation.

The school's 'Preventing Radicalisation Policy' has been put on the website and will be sent out to you as a hard copy. Visitors to the school are asked to ensure that they are given a Prevent Strategy leaflet.

Have a Happy Half-Term Break.

Attendance and Punctuality week 15/05/2017 – 19/05/2017

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

Keep trying everyone!

Attendance

R	100%
1	98.0%
2	98.3%
3	99.7%
4	99.0%
5	97.5%
6	95.9%

Overall attendance 98.4%

Punctuality - % late

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

Overall Punctuality 0.3%late

Mrs. Morris and Miss Spedding

Miss Spedding will be in school on Wednesday and Thursday the 7th and 8th June; Mrs. Morris's last teaching day will be on Thursday 8th June. Miss Spedding will be visiting Y4 and will take up her full time class teaching position in year 4 again from Monday 12th June. I would like to thank Mrs. Morris for ensuring that Year 4 have continued to progress well and maintain their standard of work. Thank you Mrs. Morris.

Year 1

Forest School sessions for Year 1 will commence on Friday 9th June for six weeks. Any parents wishing to volunteer to help during these sessions should contact the office, leaving their name, contact number and preferred dates so that a rota can be drawn up. Many thanks. Mrs Deasy, Forest School Leader.

School Lunches

The amount to pay for school lunches next half term is:

- KS1: Free
- Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: £85

Please pay by cash, cheque (payable to St James' School) or bank transfer (Account Number: 41806860 Sort Code: 308451 Reference: SLM & Surname) **on the first day back to school.**

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>

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.

Sports News

Well done to the three teams that took part in the Tennis Tournament on Monday. It was a really tough tournament against a strong opposition! With 6th, 7th and 10th place results you did St James' proud! See the attached report and website for more details.

PTA News

The PTA Spring Ball

Thank you to all who came and participated in the Spring Ball last Saturday. An amazing £3,000 was raised, all of which goes towards the PTA funds. A special thanks to the ball committee – Nina Dunn, Lisa Ruber & Karen Green who organised such a brilliant event!

PTA Summer Fair

The Summer Fair will be held on Saturday 1st July from 12-3pm. As always, the PTA would be grateful for your support and donations to help make the event a success. More details to follow after half term.

Food Festival, Wild West Fair & Dog Show!

Support St Christopher's Hospice on Saturday 10 June 11 – 4pm at Green St Green, Orpington BR6 6JS

Try & buy a range of local and specialist foods, enjoy live music, bouncy inflatables & wild west themed games & horse rides, and parade your pooch in our dog show!

FREE for children & just £2 for adults. Dog show entry on day is £3. Call 01689 892991 for full details.

Dates

Monday 5 th June	Return to School
Tuesday 6 th June	Y5&6 Girls Cricket
Wednesday 7 th June	Y5&6 Boys Cricket
Thursday 8 th June	KS2 Party 3.30pm-5pm
Friday 9 th June	Y6 Catholic Schools Athletics
Friday 9 th June	Y5 Library
Sat 10 th June	St James' and St Swithuns Holy Communion

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