

St. James' RC Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 24th February 2017

We started the week with an assembly that looked forward to all of the exciting things ahead during this term. We also thought about the moral issues behind making decisions for the greater good. The children listened to a story about a leader who told small lie in order to save the lives of a large number of people. Some interesting discussions have come from this and has introduced pupils to the notion that life is not straightforward.

Attendance and Punctuality week 06/2/2017–10/2/2017

Congratulations to YR for 100% attendance and 100% punctuality!

Keep trying everyone!

Attendance

R	100%
1	96.7%
2	97.3%
3	96.9%
4	99%
5	96.6%
6	98.6%

Overall attendance 97.8%

Punctuality

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2	97.0%
3	96.9%
4	99.0%
5	96.6%
6	98.3%

Overall Punctuality 97.8%

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jenny Wells for receiving a Gold Award from the Royal Schools of Music, for the highest mark in her Grade 7 Viola Examination. For a Y5 pupil this is an exceptional achievement.

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.

Proposed Catholic Secondary School

Would parents of children in Years 4, 5 & 6 please read and complete the attached questionnaire from the Deanery.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March by dressing up as a character from a book. Children should come into school in their costumes. Payment is not required.

British Basketball League

The British Basketball League have once again offered us an allocation of tickets to the Play-Off Final at The O2 London on Sunday 14th May. The cost will be £2.50 per ticket, which is an admin fee. Tickets are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please send in payment (cash or cheque payable to St James' School. Sorry, NO bank transfers) in an envelope marked clearly with your child's name and the number of tickets required. An order will **NOT** be accepted without payment.

Mobile Phones

Would parents please remember that, with immediate effect, Year 6 children may only bring in basic non-smart mobile phones which do not have internet access. Thank you for your cooperation. Mrs Weeks.

Sports News

Please find attached match reports for the recent Tag Rugby and Hockey tournaments. Well done to all the teams for another magnificent performance and thank you to the parents who have helped with transporting the children to and from the venue. More photos will be available on the school website shortly.

PTA Family Disco – Saturday, 4th March

The PTA Family disco has now sold out! Thank you all for your support and we look forward to seeing you on the night.

Open Evenings

Open Evenings will be held on 20th and 21st March between 3.30-6pm. You will be allocated a 10 minute slot with your child's teacher. Children do NOT attend these meetings and may NOT wait in school. If you have a preference for an early or late appointment please email the school office by Friday on Tuesday 28th February. Appointment times will be confirmed by 10th March.

Royal Mail Stamp Competition

It's back! Once again our school is participating in the Royal Mail Stamp Competition 2017.

The competition theme is ***'What does the Christmas season mean to you?'***

The children can design an image that best describes what the festive period means to them.

Two lucky winners will see their designs made into one of the 1st or 2nd Class Christmas stamps for 2017. The winning designs will be approved by Her Majesty the Queen and used on millions of Christmas cards during the festive season.

Only three times in Royal Mail's 500 year history, have children's designs been used on UK Christmas Stamps. Overall winners will receive £1,000 in vouchers for their family, and £1,000 will be awarded to their school. Area winners and schools will each receive £500, and £100 will be awarded to both area runners up and their schools. Winners will be announced by the end of July.

Most pupils will complete their design for homework. A letter will be sent home informing the children of the rules for the competition. Please read carefully. **All competition entries must be returned to school by Friday 3rd March 2017.**

For younger pupils, they will have the opportunity to design their stamp in class.

If you require any other information please visit www.royalmail.com/stampcompetition

Mrs Wilson

Lenten Appeal

Dear Parents

During this season of Lent, the school will be supporting the Catholic Children's Society Lenten Appeal: "Growing Together." The children will be bringing home collection boxes and an information leaflet for parents on Wednesday 1st March. Money collected will help raise funds for the Southwark Crisis Fund which helps local children in their time of need. 100% of the money our school raises will go into this Crisis Fund. The Catholic Children's Society will be visiting the school to discuss the appeal with the pupils. The collection boxes need to be returned to school before the end of the Spring Term. A date will be advised nearer the time.

Many Thanks

Mrs Wilson.

Dates

Mon 27 th	Boys Football 3.30pm
Tue 28th	Girls Netball pm
Wed 1st	Whole School Mass Ash Wednesday
Thurs 2nd	Girls Football 3.30pm
Fri 3rd	Reception to library
Sat 4th	6.30-9.30pm PTA Family Disco

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