

## St. James' RC Primary School

### Weekly Newsletter

Friday 28th April 2017

Our week began, with an assembly connected to Philosophy 4 Children. Mrs. Wilson read the children a story about a man who looks at a bright star in the sky and wants to travel there. He wants to go because he has ruined his own planet by not taking care of it. It is only when the man returns from his space travel, that he notices his own planet is now lush and green; he does not recognise it. We do not always care for and appreciate what we have, instead we often look for something else that we think may be better. We continue to look after our planet in any way that we can, even the smallest recycling can help.

Father David led a beautiful Class Mass for Y4 on Wednesday. It was lovely to hear about the children's aspirations when they grow up; we certainly have a lot of talented children at St. James'. Father told the children about his meeting with the Pope and it will comfort us all to know that we have received a Papal Blessing from Pope Francis. Father David will be presenting this blessing to the school in due course. Thank you Father David.

#### Attendance and Punctuality week 17/04/2017 – 21/04/2017

**Congratulations** to Year 1 for 100% attendance. **Well done** Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y6 for 100% punctuality!! Amazing!

Keep trying everyone!

#### Attendance

R	96.7%
1	100%
2	92.1%
3	97.7%
4	96%
5	96.9%
6	97.8%

Overall attendance 96.7%

#### Punctuality - % late

R	0.0%
1	0.0%
2	0.0%
3	0.0%
4	0.0%
5	0.4%
6	0.0%

Overall Punctuality 0.1% late

### 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.**

### Music Lessons

Please note there will NOT be any music lessons in school during SATs week – the week beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

### Piano Lessons

The piano teacher will have vacancies for new pupils in September. Please complete an application form, available from the school office, if you are interested

### Sports Clubs

Would parents please ensure that children are picked up promptly after sports clubs. There seemed to be quite a few children left after Cross Country Club this week – please note **Cross Country** finishes at **4.15pm**.

### 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 **immediately**. 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.

### School Uniform

Children must be in summer uniform by **2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Year 1

We will be going to the library on 5<sup>th</sup> May at 10.50am and need a few parents helpers to walk with us. We will be leaving the school at 10.50am and returning at 12pm. Please let the office or Miss Gray know if you are able to accompany them.

We are also looking for parents to help with Year 1 cooking on Tuesday afternoons at 1.30pm. All the ingredients are provided and there is a very simple recipe to follow – you do not need to be a masterchef! Please let the office or Miss Gray know if you can help. Many thanks.

## Sports News

A very busy and very exciting week for St James' sport! So exciting, that we need to invest in a trophy cabinet! Please see the attached Sports Report and the school website for details and photos.

## Sainsburys School Vouchers

Please continue to collect these for us and add them to the collection box by the office.

## PTA – Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA Family Quiz last weekend. We are delighted to announce that this event raised £479 for the PTA! A special thanks to years 3 & 5 for organising such a great family event.

The PTA would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped out at the KS1 party. The children thoroughly enjoyed the event!

## PTA Spring Ball, West Kent Golf Club - Saturday 20th May

If you would like to attend the PTA Spring ball, please email [pta.stjamesprimary@gmail.com](mailto:pta.stjamesprimary@gmail.com) as there are still spaces available.

## Dates

Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Sports leader training for Y5
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr 4 Swimming
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> May	11am Y1 to library
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 & Y4 Football

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