



St James' RC Primary Newsletter

Friday 28th September 2018

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Issue 3

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

Well done to all the children that entered the Coolings Gardening Competition.

Junior Horticulture Miniature Garden

1st place: Louise Year 5

2nd Place Olivia Year 4

3rd Place Betsy Year 3

4th Place Eimear Year 3

Junior Horticulture Largest Sunflower Head: 1st place to Gardening Club

Crafts

Make a model:

3rd Place to Gardening Club

Gardening Challenge



A basket of fruit and vegetables: 1st Place to Gardening Club

A vase of mixed garden flowers: 1st Place to Gardening Club

Thank you and a huge congratulations to Mrs Deasy and Mrs Lineham and all the children of Gardening Club. It was wonderful to visit Coolings on Saturday and see the results of all your hard work.



Prizes will be given out in assembly on Monday.

This week we met the Student Council Representatives, Head Gardeners, RE Ambassadors, Class Librarians, Junior Travel Ambassadors, Playground Buddies and Peer Mediators. These children were voted for in class and will be representing their peers throughout the year. I will be holding the first Student Council meeting next week and look forward to working with the children.

On Monday night staff celebrated The Bromley Teachers' Deanery Mass at St Anthony's Church, Anerley. We prayed for our communities and asked that we use our talents to serve one another, to offer love, care and support and to celebrate the unique qualities in each other and in the children in our schools.

Thank you to the parents that came to school on Tuesday to meet with Mrs Richards about volunteering to hear readers at school. We are always grateful to parents and grandparents for giving up their time to volunteer in school.



On Tuesday the Year 6 Junior Travel Ambassadors attended a meeting in Bromley to learn about how to teach their peers road safety. They will be holding a Road Safety Assembly soon. Thank you to Mrs Wakefield for accompanying the children.

Also on Tuesday, Year 2 and Year 6 had a visit from Bromley Road Safety. They were given very important messages about road safety.

On Friday Year 6 were given another presentation on staying safe on transport by TFL. Hopefully our children now have the knowledge to keep themselves safe when they are out and about.



Thank you to the Year 5 and Year 6 parents for attending the meetings this week about the upcoming residential trips. I know that the children are really looking forward to these. Thank you also of course to Mrs Connolly and Mrs Wilson for giving the children these opportunities.

On Friday Mrs Deasy attended a conference at City Hall on 'Making London Healthy'. She heard speakers talk about the place of food education in the curriculum and its impact on children's health and well-being. The Chair of The London Food Board spoke about school allotments and Raymond Blanc OBE talked about the importance of kitchen gardens and the social aspect of food. The RHS Community Outreach Manager also gave a presentation on gardens in school and a representative from Guy's and St Thomas' explained how food education can help to tackle childhood obesity. Levi Roots, entrepreneur, spoke about how families can develop closer relationships around food with family meals and George Lamb, Broadcaster and Activist, spoke about the importance of food and wellbeing. I know that Mrs Deasy will return to school with plenty of food for thought!!

This week the outdoor playground equipment has

all been mended and children are able to enjoy it at playtimes. Can I remind parents not to let children play on the playground equipment before or after school as it is not supervised then.

As you may have seen we have started to replace the window blinds in classrooms this week and soon all classrooms will have new black out blinds.

Could I take this opportunity to remind parents that if they have any concerns about their child, the class teacher will always be available to listen. Please refrain from commenting on social media, such as class WhatsApp groups, about individual children or any behaviour incidents that may happen in school.

Have a good weekend. Hopefully the sunny weather will continue.

Mrs Weeks



Please remember to follow the school on twitter to see updates and information.

The Wednesday Word

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus tells us that we are not here only for ourselves- we are here for others: to improve the lives of everyone around us with love, care and goodness.

Safeguarding

Please see our updated website. It includes a section on Safeguarding and online safety.

Dates

October is Black History Month

Monday 1st am CAFOD KS2 Assembly and Year 6 Workshop for children

Tuesday 2nd 7:30 PTA Meeting

Wednesday 3rd Whole School CAFOD walk 9:15 for the whole school through Jubilee Park. Please bring in a CAFOD donation and wellington boots. Parents are very welcome to walk with us.

Wednesday 3rd Rec and Year 1 Workshop for parents 7pm

Thursday 4th Year 5 Puberty Talk 1:15 for children

Thursday 4th 4pm talk at Bromley High by Lizzie Daly from the Marine Conservation Society.

Saturday 6th PTA Fashion Show

Monday 8th Blue Cross Assembly to children about keeping safe around dogs.

Monday 8th Open classroom for parents to see school work trays at 3:30

Wednesday 10th - Friday 12th Year 5 Wild Child Trip

Monday 15th - Friday 19th: Year 6 PGL Trip

Wednesday 17th Whole School Harvest Mass at church

Thursday 18th PTA own clothes day

Friday 19th Year 5 Class Assembly Wild Child 9:15 for parents

Monday 22nd-Friday 26th Half Term

PTA NEWS

It's the first meeting of the new school year on Tuesday 2nd October in the school hall at 7.30pm. This will also be our AGM so a chance for all parents to come along and hear what we achieved last year and for you to share your thoughts or suggestions. Please do come along. We will aim to be finished by 9pm. If you have something you would like to raise with the committee but can't attend in person then please tell your class rep who can bring it up at the meeting on your behalf.

We are looking forward to our first PTA Fashion Show on Saturday 6 October from 3-5pm. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to model the clothes on the day. Tickets are still available. Let us know if you need a copy of the order form and we will email it to you.

Do join us for our PTA Christmas trip to the Churchill to see this year's pantomime – Cinderella. Reduced tickets are available for our group to attend the show on Tuesday 11th December at 5.30pm. We will need all payment and forms in the PTA post box no later than 10am on Tuesday 2nd October and, as it's likely to be a very popular event, we cannot guarantee being able to get additional tickets once our allocation is full.

Tuesday 2 October, 7.30pm PTA Meeting and AGM, school hall

Saturday 6 October, 3-5pm Children's Fashion Show, school hall

Saturday 24 November, 12-3pm St James' Christmas Fair

Tuesday 11 December, 5.30pm Cinderella, Churchill Theatre

Contact us: pta.stjamesprimary@gmail.com or via our Facebook page.

School Garden

Calling all Parents

In preparation for the Winter growing season, **the school garden still needs a couple of beds to be filled with soil.** We understand that volunteering on a weekend can be difficult to fit in around our busy lives therefore **if you are able to help out during the school day, we are happy for you to work on the school site under the direction of our caretaker, Mr Jawed**—simply contact the school office and we will put you in contact with him. It would be fantastic to get these beds completed as soon as possible. A weekend working date will be released shortly for those able to assist on a Saturday.

Many thanks,

Mrs Deasy

Other messages.....

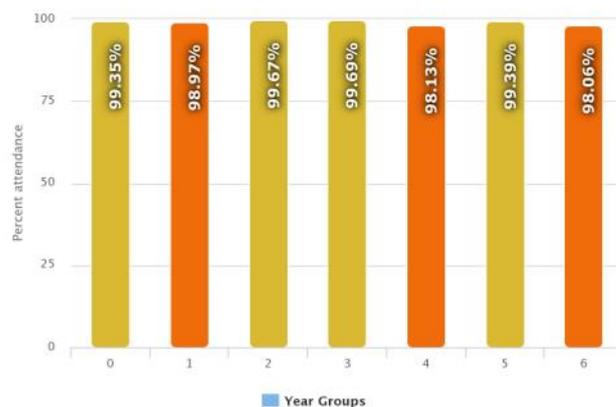
Year 6 will be going to the library on Friday 5th October at 10.55am. They will need some parent volunteers to walk with them. Please let the office know if you can accompany them.

Wednesday 3rd October — Whole School CAFOD walk at 9:15 for the whole school to walk through Jubilee Park. Please bring in a CAFOD donation and wellington boots or walking shoes. Parents are very welcome to walk with us.

Kids with Bricks Club

Great News! We are now 5th on the leader board!! This is a real achievement as there are 78 schools competing across the country. Ethan in Y2 has been chosen as our winner and we are lucky enough to have been selected for voting. **Visit www.kidswithbricks.com and vote for St James.** Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Nash

Attendance



Class	No. of lates last week
Reception	2
Year 1	2
Year 2	2
Year 3	1
Year 4	2
Year 5	1
Year 6	0

Sports

Please see attached sports news—it will also be uploaded to the website