



St James' RC Primary Newsletter

Friday 15th March 2019

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

On Saturday Year 3 and Year 4 competed at Crystal Palace. It was a fantastic morning and we are all so proud of the children that competed. Thank you to all the parents that came along to support the children and to Mrs Connolly, Mr Parr, Mr Copeland and Mrs Grist for giving up their time. We celebrated the children's success in assembly on Monday morning.

Thank you for attending the Open Evenings this week. I hope that you found them useful.

We are using the Live Simply Lent Carbon Fast in school and are using it to help us focus ourselves throughout Lent. This week children told me about things at home that they thought were broken but had been mended instead of being thrown away.

Children have been nominating each other when they see people being honest and the nominations are now displayed in the hall and added to a beautiful book that Mrs Wilson and Mrs Lineham have made.



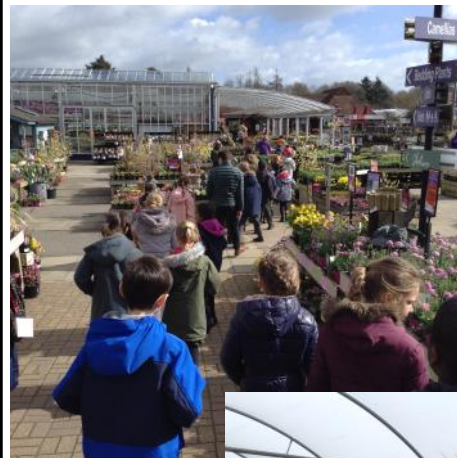
I met with the Year 6 Junior Travel Ambassadors and Mrs Wakefield this week about the ideas that they have to encourage children to stay safe whilst walking to school.

This week I showed KS2 a

safety video from Network Rail about how to stay safe near railways. We talked about where we should stand on platforms and the use of level crossings.

The children all had their photographs taken this week and hopefully you will be receiving the photos shortly. Thank you to the parents that helped to make this run so smoothly.

Year 2 and Year 3 visited Coolings Garden Centre this week and the children all told me about the tour that they had. Thank you to Mrs Deasy, Miss Atkinson and Mrs Martin for organising this wonderful experience and to the staff and parents who accompanied the children. I hope you all had your gardening questions answered!



Mrs Richards and I met with a representative from Place 2 Be this week about how we can support children with mental health issues in school. It was an extremely useful meeting and gave us plenty of things to think about.

I was contacted this week by an organisation called School Readers. This charity finds volunteers and matches them to primary schools where they give free one-to-one reading sessions. Their aim is to make sure that every child can read well by the time they move to secondary school at the age of 11. Volunteers come from all sorts of backgrounds - the thing that unites them is their genuine passion for inspiring children with a love of books and giving them the skills to read confidently. I met with a volunteer this week and she is hoping to start volunteering in Year 5 and Year 6 after Easter.



Thank you to everyone that supported Comic Relief and wore their Red Noses. Mrs Howie will be sending the donations off on Monday.

I hope that the children enjoyed Movie Night. We will let you know how much we raised for the KS1 Playground next week.

Happy St Patrick's Day for Sunday!



Kind regards

Mrs Weeks

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 20th KS1 Performance 9:15 for parents and toddlers

Thursday 21st KS1 Performance 9:15 for parents

Friday 22nd Year 1 to visit Petts Wood Library

Saturday 23rd PTA Family Disco

Thursday 28th Whole School spring walk in Jubilee Park

Friday 29th PTA KS1 Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 29th Helen O'Grady Performance to parents at 1:15

April

Monday 1st Bike Ability Year 6

Tuesday 2nd Bike Ability Year 6

Wednesday 3rd Year 1 Parent Meeting about The Phonic Check at 2:45

Thursday 4th Year 5 Passion Play for parents at 2:15

Friday 5th End of term

SAFEGUARDING

With 50 million players worldwide within its first month, Apex Legends is considered to be one of the fastest growing games. However, as with any online game, there are risks that parents need to be aware of. It is also important to note that in the UK this game is PEGI rated 16+.

You can find below a link to both guides on our social media platforms below:

WEBSITE: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/apex-legends/>

TWITTER: <https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1105791631113011200>

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety/photos/a.1681508315488685/1978638645775649/?type=3&theater>

I also wanted to tell you about two popular apps amongst children, along with the associated risks which are present within each platform that parents should be aware of.

Instagram

Instagram is a hugely popular social networking app with over 1 billion users worldwide. The app, which is accessible on iOS and Android devices, allows users to upload images and videos to their feed, like an online gallery. Images and videos can be transformed with an array of filters to edit the shot before sharing. On 1st March 2019, the NSPCC said that police in England and Wales recorded 1,944 incidents of sexual communication with children in the six months to September 2018, and Instagram was used in 32% of the 1,317 cases where a method was recorded.

Revised Guide for Parents : <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/instagram-parents-guide/>

TikTok

TikTok is a global video community where users create, share and discover 'funny and memorable moments' via short video clips – typically about 15 seconds long. Videos can be 'spiced up' with special effect filters, stickers, music and sound clips. Currently one of the world's most popular apps is TikTok which was formerly known as Musical.ly, before it was rebranded by the Chinese company that acquired it in November 2017.

Revised Guide for Parents: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/tiktok-guide-for-parents/>

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Wednesday Word

This Week's Word is **ENCOURAGEMENT**. In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus knew that he was soon to be arrested and put to death, but the change in the way he looked, the appearance of Moses and Elijah and hearing the Father's voice from heaven, would have encouraged Jesus to continue his mission and to spread the Good News.

Attendance

Class	Attendance	Occasions Late
Rec	97.74	0
Y1	98.67	0
Y2	95	0
Y3	95	0
Y4	98.13	0
Y5	95.45	0
Y6	99.03	1

Year 6 are the winners week – well done!

Other Messages....

Please bring in any old boxes or plastic pots for junk modelling in reception. Mrs Richards

Please remember to return your daffodils to be judged by Tuesday. Mrs Deasy

The Season of Lent

Dear Parents,
In this season of Lent, all pupils have completed Lenten promises in school to help them prepare for Easter. We are also promoting the Lenten calendar that was discussed by the scouts at Mass.

Copies have been displayed throughout the school. Children will also be participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration or celebrating the 9.30am Mass with parishioners, both held at St James' Church. Parents are welcome to attend all events.

Please could you let the office know if you are able to walk to and from the church with us on these dates:

Monday 25th March

- Reception attending 9.30 Mass at church.
- Year 5 attending church at 1.30 for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration.

Tuesday 26th March

- Year 1 attending 9.30 Mass at church.
- Year 6 attending church at 1.30 for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration.

Wednesday 27th March

Year 3 attending 9.30 Mass at church.

Monday April 1st

- Year 2 attending 9.30 Mass at church.
- Year 4 attending church at 1.30 for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration.

Many thanks
Mrs Wilson

After School Club

This week the children prepared for Red Nose Day by familiarising themselves with the 2019 Red Nose characters Transformino, Hairy Nostroll, Nose Diva, Snufflekins, The Gnose, Wolfnose, The Abominable Snoseman, Hoppy Hooter, Schnoz 111, Honkus Ponkus and Conk Jester. The afterschool club children enjoyed colouring in the new Red Nose characters whilst hatching plans for fund raising activities.

Oakie Dokie

Janet and team



Community News

Bromley Dyslexic Association's Parent Pop-Up Roadshow Event!

Saturday, 23rd March, Bromley - 12:30 pm (doors open) – 4:00pm Location: Bromley Central Library High Street, Bromley, BR1 1EX (The Large Hall)

Bromley Parent Voice

Parent Empowerment Workshop
Wednesday 27 March 2019
10 am - 1 pm
Bromley United Reform Church
Widmore Road
Bromley BR1 1RY

This workshop is designed to help Parent Carers get the most out of services by understanding the

emotional impact of caring for a child with additional needs, managing the practical issues and working smarter with those in Health, Education and Social Care. 07803 287 838

BPV Cake and Share Group

For all parents of children with additional needs - mainstream, specialist and home educated. Come and have a chat with other parents of children with additional needs who are in similar situations. You can share experiences and information, build connections and friendships. All sessions are from 9:30 am to 11:30 am

📅 1st Wednesday – Sanctuary Café, Orpington Baptist Church, Station Road, Orpington, BR6 0RZ

📅 2nd Wednesday, Costa Coffee, 1a Colman House High Street Penge London SE20 7EX

📅 3rd Wednesday – CORZA, 111 – 113 High Street West Wickham BR4 0L

4th Wednesday – The Chancery, 90 Bromley Road, Beckenham, BR3 5NP

PTA NEWS

Thanks to Reception for organising this year's Easter Egg Hunt for KS1 which takes place on Friday 29 March.

Tickets will go on sale next week for our first ever PTA Comedy Night on Saturday 28 April in the school hall. Adam Bloom headlines the mixed-bill show and is joined by Javier Jarquin, William Stone and Danny Ward. There will be a bar for the evening and, please note, the evening contains adult humour and is aimed at audiences 18+.

Looking forward to a fun evening with you all next Saturday at the Wild West Family Disco!

DIARY DATES

Saturday 23 March **Family Disco**, School Hall
6.30pm

Saturday 27 April **Comedy Night**, School Hall

Saturday 18 May **Spring Ball**, West Kent Golf Club 6.30pm

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