



St James' RC Primary Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

As I come to the end of my first year in Headship I want to thank everyone for their prayers and words of support. I am so blessed to work with such wonderful staff and I want to thank them for all their dedication and commitment. They go above and beyond and often do so much that goes unnoticed. They truly are amazing and they all deserve a well-earned rest.

Thank you for coming to Walk Around on Friday. I hope you were able to see your children's work and their new classrooms. This week they have all had an opportunity to meet their new teachers.

I want to see thank you to Mrs Bryne, Mrs Wright and Mrs Poulton for their hard work in running the Netball Club. They will both be missed!

It has been lovely this week to welcome back ex-pupils doing work experience with us. Who knows, they may be teaching here in the future!

On Tuesday Anne Marie and Bobby in Year 6 were presented with the Petts Wood Achievement Award presented by the Petts Wood Resident's Association. This was voted for by all the adults in the school.

William in Year 6 was voted Sports Personality by his peers.

Congratulations to them!



I held the final Student Council meeting of the year this week where I thanked the members of the council and presented them with a pencil each. It has been a great year for them and the minutes that are on the website list everything that they have achieved.

We had a beautiful summer walk through Jubilee Park on Wednesday where the children were partnered with someone from another year group. Luckily there was some cloud cover and lots of shade so it was not too hot. Thank you to the parents that walked with us or provided refreshments at the end.

We held an assembly this week for Miss Gray as she will be getting married over the summer holiday and we all wish her much happiness for the future. We will welcome her back in September as Mrs Martin!



After school on Tuesday I was lucky enough to accompany the Gardening Club to Southmore Court. The children were amazing and spoke with the residents about the gardening that they had done whilst also looking at the Southmore Court Garden. Thank you to Mrs Deasy and Mrs Lineham for all the fabulous work that they have done with the children this year.

Please remember to book direct with the KS1 Art

Club, LAMDA and the Science Club that all start in September.

Well done to the following children for 100% attendance over this year:



Reception: Noah, Agustin, Maia, Florence

Year 1: Ethan, Ava, Isabelle

Year 2: Emmanuel, Kayleigh, Eimear

Year 3: Gabriel, Francesca, Sean

Year 4: Freddy, Jude, Luke Samuels, Isabella, James

Year 5: Jasmine, Niamh, James Merriman

Year 6: Molly-May, Millie, Jenny

We received exciting news this week as we were awarded the Sports Gold Mark for the third year running. This was awarded by Bromley Schools' Games and is due to the continued hard work of Mrs Connolly and Mr Copeland. Thank you to all the children and parents that have helped in some way to support this achievement. What a great way to end the year!

This week teachers have been meeting with myself and Mrs Richards, the SENCO, to talk in depth about each child so that information is passed on to the next teacher. This enables all staff to start back in September with detailed knowledge of the individual children.

As we come to the end of the year I want to thank the families that are leaving us. Please come back to see us and remember that you are always part

of this unique and very special community.

We say goodbye this week to our Year 6 children as they begin the next chapter in their lives. They know that they are always welcome back and that they will always be remembered here.

Saying goodbye is always sad however we know that they will all go on to achieve great things and we are confident that they will all be happy in their new schools. We wish them good luck and look forward to seeing them in their new uniforms when they come back to see us. We will keep them in our prayers.

Thank you to everyone that sent back the Parent and Pupil questionnaires. We had some wonderful comments:

"The children are cared about by all the staff"

"Like Mary Poppins, practically perfect in every way"

"Staff always listen"

"Children go in smiling and come home smiling"

"I would highly recommend St James' to other parents"

"The out of school activities offered are very extensive"

"Staff are approachable"

"The family feel has its roots in our common Catholic values"

"There is a rich depth in the curriculum offered"

Thank you for all of your ideas about ways that we can improve. These are always good to hear and we do listen. There was a suggestion about text messaging. We have looked into this and unfortunately this is very expensive for a one form entry school. There were also concerns about children not having enough time to do homework. Homework is always something that needs to be reviewed and we will certainly do this in September.

On behalf of the staff we would like to thank you

all for your generous gifts and kind words. They really mean so much to us all. Have a wonderful summer and enjoy spending time with your children. We will see you all in September.

Mrs Weeks



Dates

Monday 3rd September: INSET

Tuesday 4th September: INSET

Wednesday 5th September: Children return

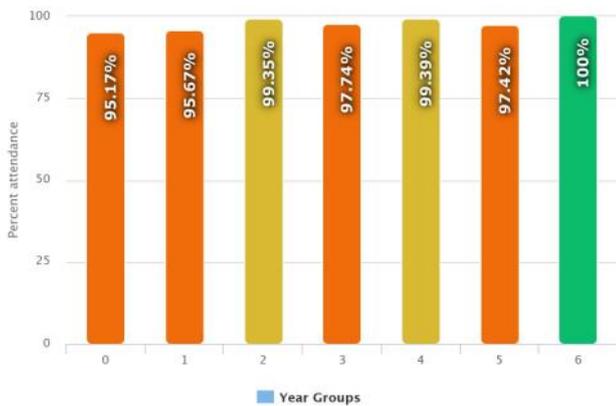
Tuesday 11th September Yr. 1 and Yr. 2 Class Briefing for parents (3pm)

Wednesday 12th September Yr. 3 and Yr. 4 Class Briefing for parents (3pm)

Thursday 13th September Yr. 5 and Yr. 6 Class Briefing for parents (3pm)

Attendance

Well done to Year 6!



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

The Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word is **HOLIDAYS**. As Pope Francis reminds us, "The summertime offers many people an occasion for rest. Holidays offer a time to rest and to restore the spirit." The word holiday comes from Holy-day. We should try to make these summer holidays into holy-days.

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about child abuse please remember that the NSPCC helpline 0808 8005000 is available 24 hours a day over the school holidays.



Sports News

Year 5 and 6 Football

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 team (plus a few Year 4s) who played their final game together this week against Holy Innocents. Their final game was a successful 5-1 win! A great year of football—well done to you all and a big thank you to all of the parents who have helped transport the team around this year!

Mrs Connolly

PTA NEWS

We are delighted to announce that the PTA have this year raised over £19,000. That is an amazing total! Thank you all for your generosity and help. Particular thanks to all those who have volunteered in some capacity over the year - all your efforts are very much appreciated.

We also want to thank our Year Reps. We know it's a lot of work at times especially leading up to the fairs but we hope it's fun too! We couldn't do it without your assistance. Thanks to those who have stepped up to carry on your excellent work from September.

The children will all receive a free ice-cream as they leave their classrooms tomorrow. This is a thank you from the PTA for your support of Ice Cream Fridays this term.

We hope you have a wonderful break over the summer with friends and family.

Oakies' Club

Firstly we would like to say thank you for all our wonderful gifts and cards, we love looking after all your children and really appreciate your kind words.

All the candidates for the Oakies Ambassadors are in, we will have a vote in September and let you know who has been successful.

We had great fun this week with party food and fun. We would like to wish all our year 6s good luck for the future, work hard at your new school, come and visit us any time.

Have a great summer and see you all in September.

Oakie dokie

Janet and team

