



# St James' RC Primary Weekly Newsletter

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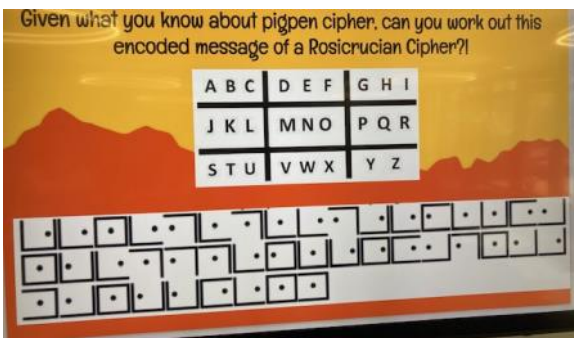
## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

As you may know, Father David has been in Rome taking part in an International Meeting of Parish Priests where he was one of only three Parish Priests from Parishes in England. The children wrote about Catholic Social Teaching and Mrs Linehan made a book for Father David to take with him to present to Pope Francis.



This week, some Year 5 pupils visited Bromley High School to complete the last session of the Maths Masterclass. They enjoyed learning about ciphers. They learnt there that there are a variety of ciphers such as Caesar's Cipher, PigPen Cipher and Rosicrucian Cipher.



In Session 4 with Bank of America this week, Year 6 were learning about how to be shop around for the best deals. They did some virtual shopping for holidays, groceries and school uniforms and found that in some shops the cost was almost twice the price. They found out that it definitely pays to shop around!

Arlo visited this week and worked with Y3 in Maths where they were learning about using money at the shops and giving change. Thank you to Miss Spencer-Boyce and Y3 for this memorable experience.



This week Y3 have also been looking at the process of transpiration. The children discovered that plants need water to survive and that they drink a lot! The flowers were originally white but as the stem absorbed the water (mixed with food colouring) the petals slowly started to change colour!"



This week Reception Class have continued to work on tidying the pond. When they returned this week they found that last week's hard work had already made a difference. Newts have returned to the pond and could be seen swimming in the cleared water parts. With a little bit of help from Mr Jawed the children have now cleared almost all the way around the pond and have already made a plan for the jobs that need doing next week.



Y4 visited the library today and had a wonderful time choosing new books to read.



I met with the other Headteachers of the Bromley Catholic Schools Trust this week at school where we discussed our continued collaboration. We are a very strong group of schools and we work closely together to improve teaching and learning for all of our children. Y6 teachers from the other schools also met this week at St James' to discuss and moderate writing

As we are now in May we remember that May is dedicated to Mary Our Mother and the Holy Rosary. Mrs Wilson and the RE Ambassadors will be leading a morning Rosary Club for KS2 and Y2 children next week each morning at 8:30. Children will learn how to pray the rosary and its importance and they will talk about the most important events in the lives of Mary and Jesus. Please could you let the office know if you would

like your child to attend. Mrs Wilson will collect the children at the school gate every morning. If your child attends Breakfast Club and you would like your child to attend please also let the office know and Mrs Wilson will ensure that she collects them too. Children will also be saying the rosary with the Archbishop John Wilson virtually on Tuesday. If children have rosary beads they are asked to bring them to Rosary Club and into school on Tuesday.

If parents would like to say a decade of the rosary in a language other than English with a group of children during our Rosary Week next week we would be delighted. Please contact Mrs Wilson via the school office to let us know a time during the day that would be convenient for you.

We will have our May Procession on Thursday 23rd May from Church to our school hall and we of course welcome parents to join us for this beautiful event. On this day we will be asking children to bring in a flower to school.

It is lovely to see the children wearing their summer uniforms now. They certainly look smart. As our uniform policy states, some children may choose to wear modesty shorts under their summer dress. In the uniform policy it states that these should be plain white if worn under a summer dress. We also ask that the shorts are not longer than the school dress. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

I hope you all have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend.

God bless,

Mrs Weeks

### Word on Wednesday

The Wednesday Word is **LOVE**. God is love and all love comes from God. In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus gives his friends, the disciples, a new commandment – they must love one another as Jesus loves them, with whole-hearted and unlimited generosity.

### Safeguarding

Cyberbullying is any bullying behaviour by electronic means. It typically includes:

- Intentionally causing someone harm by sharing or posting unkind or offensive comments
- Sharing private information to shame or ridicule
- Impersonating others
- Promoting rumours or fake news about others

Kidscape have advice for parents about cyberbullying. Please see the following link:

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/advice/advice-for-parents-and-carers/cyberbullying-and-digital-safety/>

### Dates for your Diary

#### May

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> -Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 8:30 Rosary Club for KS2 and Y2 (Meet at gate)**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 10:15 school saying Rosary with Archbishop John Wilson online**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> VE Day**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Y3 visiting Jubilee Park**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Ascension Day Holy Day of Obligation Whole School Mass (Year 5)**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Y2 visit Petts Wood Library**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Y5 Bromley Y Workshop**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> –Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SATs

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Y4 Dulwich Picture Gallery

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Y4 speaking via zoom with a Spanish School

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Y3 visit Petts Wood Library

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> PTA Family Disco

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> PTA Own clothes

Thursday 23rd Whole School Mass May Procession Year 3

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>: 9:05 Y1 Class assembly

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Y1 visit Petts Wood Library

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Catholic School Junior Athletics

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> P4C afternoon

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Bromley Planter Competition

Monday 27th- Friday 31st Half term

#### June

Monday 3rd INSET day

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 5pm EEDI Committee meeting  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Y6 Bank of America  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Mini Vinnies Mass, St George's Cathedral  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Y6 visit Petts Wood Library  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Year 1 and Year 2 Phonic Check week  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Y6 Junior Citizen Week  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm New Reception 2024  
Parent Meeting  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> KS2 Athletics Norman Park  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> First Holy Communion  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Class Photographer  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Y6 Bank of America  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Bromley Make Music Day  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 9:05 Rec Class Assembly  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Windrush Day  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> PTA Summer Fair  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Holy Communion  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Sports Day  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> –Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Sports Week  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Reserve Sports Day  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Sleepover

#### July

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 2pm New Reception children visit/  
Meet the teacher  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 2pm New Reception children visit/  
Meet the teacher  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Y3 Class Mass (Holy Communion)  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Rec visit Petts Wood Library  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Reports to parents  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PTA Meeting  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 1:15 Drama Kids Assembly  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Bank of America visit  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> KS2 Reading Passports in  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Yr 6  
Production 7pm  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> KS2 Reading Passport Assembly  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:30 Walk Around Evening  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Summer Walk 9:15  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 10 am Whole School Mass  
Leavers (Yr 6)  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Last day of term at normal time

#### **VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

My name is Miriam and I am Oliver's (Y6) and Emma's mum (Y5). I am a dyslexia tutor and I am currently studying to become a dyslexia assessor. As part of my studies, I am required to assess some volunteer learners aged between 8-11 whose both parents are English native speakers.

#### **Does your child find reading, writing or spelling difficult?**

Would you like to find out if these difficulties might be related to a dyslexia profile? If so, get in touch.

Please be aware that if I produce a diagnostic assessment, which is not always the case, this cannot be treated as a full diagnostic report as I haven't completed my qualification. However, I will be able to share with you the assessment results showing a profile of strengths and weaknesses, along with practical recommendations.

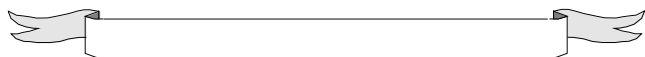
If you are interested in me assessing your child or you know someone who might be, please contact me via email at [miriammelova@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:miriammelova@yahoo.co.uk)

## AWARDS

### Headteacher Awards



Year	DETERMINATION
Rec	Sophia
Year 1	Zara
Year 2	Taran
Year 3	Ethan
Year 4	Jack
Year 5	Gracie
Year 6	Julia



### KS1 AWARDS

Year	Gold Sticker Award		Golden Promises
Rec	Joshua	Lorenzo	Estelle
Year 1	Finley	Luke	Elsie
Year 2	Beatrice	Joseph	Huxley

### KS2 AWARDS

Year	Respect in class	Pride in work
Year 3	Lexi	Patrick
Year 4	Ruby	Callum
Year 5	Tadas	Florence
Year 6	Renee	Jacob

Congratulations to **Abigail (Y4)** who was the winner of the Courtesy Cup this week.

## ATTENDANCE

	Attendance (%)	Occasions Late
R	95.67	0
1	98.67	2
2	98.33	0
3	98.75	0
4	98.75	2
5	90.94	1
6	98.71	0

Well done to Y3 and Y4 who both had the best attendance last week.

### Weekly Winners

Year	Number of wins
Rec	0
Y1	0
Y2	0
Y3	1
Y4	2
Y5	0
Y6	0

The winners of the best attendance will win an 'Own Clothes Day' at the end of term. **At the moment Y4 are in the lead!**

## PTA NEWS

We would like to thank everyone who has already booked their tickets for the family disco. These events would not be able to go ahead without your support!

I am pleased to announce we have extended the ticket sales to Friday 10th of May .

Details are as follows:

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024 @ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm**  
**Tickets £5 per adult, £2.50 per child**

You can come as your favourite icon of the silver screen if you would like. There will be prizes for the best costume and the best family costume.

Please email the PTA with the following details along with the payment by **Friday 10th of May**

Child's name and School Year

Parent's name

Email address

Number of tickets required

Total Payment

[pta.stjamesprimary@gmail.com](mailto:pta.stjamesprimary@gmail.com)

Payment to be sent by bank transfer to

St James School PTA, Lloyds Bank

Sort code: 30-67-72

Account number 10062963

Please add your child's school year followed by your surname and 'DISCO' as a reference e.g.

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Hope you have a good weekend.

The PTA Committee

### Dates for your diary

18<sup>th</sup> May – Family Disco 6:30-9:00pm

22<sup>nd</sup> June – Summer Fair 12noon –3pm

6<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Ball

Ice cream Fridays are running every Friday after school 🍦