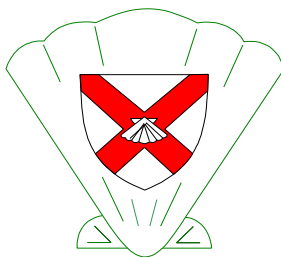


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A message from the Head of School

Happy Friday to you all! The cold weather certainly seems to be upon us now (hopefully it will kill off all these coughs and colds). Please read the information below about winter weather conditions.

I really enjoyed meeting all the parent reps yesterday. We talked about a wide range of things including social media, school dinners, extra-curricular activities as well as other issues pertinent to individual classes. I was so pleased to see so many reps there – we are going to need a bigger room next time! I will be emailing soon with the contact details for each class rep as some people were not sure who their rep was. We still need a rep for 6O if there is anyone who would like to join the merry band – please let me know.

The children in both schools are really enjoying their topics at the moment – space is a fascinating subject and seems to appeal to all ages. I have been fascinated to see the different directions that the Junior classes have taken their topic in. The Infant School will all be visiting Herstmonceux on Monday to find out more about how scientists have learned about space. It is likely to be very chilly (especially for the Year 2 twilight session) so please make sure your child is wrapped up warm (layers are best) in their own clothes with sensible footwear.

Rehearsals are well under way at the Junior school for the dancing and singing festivals. The children at St James' are very creative and it is fantastic that they have these opportunities to show their talents. Even hymn practice this week was wonderful – the children make such a lovely sound it gives you goose pimples! We should all take a leaf out of their book and sing at every opportunity – it is so good for the soul.

Have a lovely weekend (hopefully without any snow)

Debbie Johnson
Head of School



Winter Weather Conditions

At this time of year it seems opportune to remind everyone of the school's procedures in the event of inclement weather. As always the school will do everything possible to remain open. If you are unsure if the school will be opening please check the following:-

☑ Our School website – a notice will be put at the top of the home page.

☑ Kent School Closures Website <http://www.kentclosures.co.uk>

☑ Check your mobile as we will endeavour to send a Parentmail text.

Please take care when walking on the site in cold weather as, despite gritting and putting down salt, there are still some very slippery areas.

Before and After School

Please could you ensure that, while you are waiting at the beginning and end of the day, younger children are carefully supervised and that you do not allow them to run between cars in the car park or climb fences? We are worried that children will get hurt. Please also respect other people's property by not leaning on cars in the car park. Thank you.

Safeguarding

There is now a separate page on the school website for safeguarding <http://www.stjames-junior.org.uk/index.php?inc=599>. This has information about what to do and who to speak to in school if you are concerned about the welfare of a child. There is also some information about e-safety. We will updating and adding to the page periodically.

School Fund Reminder

Thank you to all those who have already paid the annual £15 voluntary contribution **per family**. This fund enables us to provide additional curriculum enhancement days for the children and special entertainment together with refreshments for school team events and clubs. It is available to pay on parentpay. If you have more than one child please use the eldest child's account to avoid confusion and overpayment.

Many thanks.

5Y Class Assembly DATE CHANGE

5Y's assembly will now NOT be on Friday 5th April. It has been moved to Friday 1st March.

Punctuality

Please try to ensure that your child is in school on time. We do appreciate that traffic, parking and the weather can be an issue but it is very important that children start the day on time. Arriving late can make children feel unsettled for the rest of the day they also miss the early morning routines and learning. If your child arrives after the register has closed (9:05am at the Juniors and 9:10am at the Infants) then this will be classed as an unauthorised absence. The table below shows how much being late can affect the amount of learning the children can access.

Minutes late per day

Equivalent of missing

5 Minutes

3.4 school days a year

10 Minutes

6.9 school days a year

15 Minutes

10.3 school days a year

20 Minutes

13.8 school days a year

30 Minutes

20.7 school days a year

Dates for your diary – Please note new dates or changes in bold

28/01/2019	Choir - Music Festival Rehearsal in the afternoon
12/02/2019	Choir - Music Festival Rehearsal in the morning
12/02/2019	Choir - Music Festival Performance at The Assembly Hall at 7pm (children arrive 6.30pm)
15/02/2019	4S Class Assembly at 9.10am – Parents invited
15/02/2019	Last day of term 3
25/02/2019	First day of term 4
27/02/2019	Swimming Gala at St. John's Pool – 6.30 to 9.00pm
27/02/2019	Year 6 only class photos - pm
01/03/2019	5Y Class Assembly at 9.10am – Parents invited
01/03/2019	PTA meeting in Infant Community Room at 2pm – Parents encouraged to come along!
06/03/2019	Yr 3 Trip to Kent Life
07/03/2019	World Book Day – Children invited to dress up as their favourite book character
19/03/2019	Parent Consultations – 3.30 to 6.30pm
20/03/2019	Parent Consultations – 3.30 to 6.30pm
22/03/2019	3P Class Assembly at 9.10am – Parents invited
29/03/2019	6S Class Assembly at 9.10am – Parents invited
29/03/2019	PTA's Easter Egg Bingo at 7pm
02/04/2019	Easter Service at St. James' Church with Infants – Children only
05/04/2019	5Y Class Assembly at 9.10am – Parents invited
05/04/2019	Last day of term 4
05/04/2019	DanceFest – TW & Area Schools' dance competition at Assembly Hall
23/04/2019	First day of term 5
01/05/2019	PTA meeting in Infant Community Room at 8pm – Parents encouraged to come along!
06/05/2019	May Bank Holiday
w/c 13/05/2019	Yr 6 SATS Week – Monday to Thursday
w/c 13/05/2019	Yr 5 CATS Week – Monday to Wednesday
15/05/2019	Year 5 transition to Secondary School talk at 7.00pm
24/05/2019	Last day of term 5
01/06/2018	11+ Registration opens
03/06/2019	Staff development day - Children not in school
04/06/2019	First day of term 6
	New dates to end of school year
06/07/2019	PTA's Summer Fair
03/09/2019	Staff Development day – Note another Staff development day has been added