

# STJJ NEWS



St John and St James C of E Primary School Newsletter

13th March 2020

## From the Headteacher

With media reports flooded with the news of the Coronavirus, there is no better time to celebrate and enjoy the achievements of our children and families.

Our attendance figures have dropped considerably in the last week due to parents choosing to keep their children at home. The government have released clear guidance and daily updates, which the school is following and there is no need to keep children home unless they have been in contact with someone who is affected and are showing symptoms. All absence is recorded as unauthorised and the Education Welfare Service are monitoring this closely, in the worse cases this may involve issuing penalty fines so please keep the school informed daily.

We have also been informed that it is not necessary to cancel planned educational visits so timetabled trips will go ahead unless we are advised otherwise. We have added to risk assessments the need for children wash hands more regularly and the teachers will be taking sanitising hand gel with them for all children, but you are welcome to pack your child some of your own if you prefer.

They will also be taking sanitizing wipes for surfaces where children will eat their lunches on visits to ensure the risk is absolutely minimal. We have not yet been advised as to when and if schools will be closed and so in the interim, it is important that we give the children as many learning experiences as we possibly can.

## BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

Our vision is to create an inclusive community of aspirational learners, children, families and colleagues, working collaboratively and respectfully within a happy, nurturing environment where all flourish and achieve.

'I have come that you may have life, life in all its fullness'.

1 John 10 vs 10

## 3J Assembly

St James Class gave us a musical journey through their learning this term, in their lovely assembly this week. Thank you to all of the parents who came to support them.







Thank you to everyone who bought books from the Scholastic Book Fair, last week. This has helped to school to buy £365 worth of books for our new school library.

#### Read for Good

Thank you for all of your kind donations on World Book Day. We managed to raise £75 for critically ill children in hospital.



#### **Protest marches really work, argues Greta**



#### **The Day Explorer**

Following on from Aurisa's thought provoking poem in last week's newsletter The Day explorer has an article about Greta Thunberg this week, aimed at how children can do their bit to make a difference.

We encourage all children at St John and St James to read widely from a range of sources. This enables them to develop a deeper curiosity and challenge and grow their understanding of world issues. It also enables children to develop a love of reading that supports reading stamina, inference and lifelong learning that will serve them well now and in their future studies and careers.

Despite assumptions made in the media, we have no plans to close the school as yet but in light of possible school closure in coming weeks, please ensure that you have log in details for all the websites we access for learning by visiting the school website and logging in. If you are unsure please leave us a message at the school office.

It would also be useful to know if you do not have internet access for your children to learn at home as in the event of closure we would be happy to provide paper based resources. We will be sending out information of any disruptions to our timetable as soon as we receive it.





Our school Hockey team had a great match this week against other Enfield schools. We are really proud of the sporting opportunities that the children are taking part in this year. However, this wouldn't be possible without our wonderful support staff. Mr Hinds, Miss Michaels and Miss Ibrahim regularly accompany the children to events outside of their working hours, which enable us to access all that is on offer!



Playtime Coaching Skills







**Year 6 Saturday school learners.  
Hard at work, hard at play!**





Lining Up Cup  
Winners  
KS1 – 1M  
KS2 – 6JB

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### Effort and Achievement Awards

KS1 – Joel, Shawnette, Abigail, Janet-Batye, Quinton, Diamond, Dominik & Demi

KS2—Joel, Angel, Jeremy, Marcia, Fernanda, Lesharn, Heritier, Zeynep, Agape, Kimmarah, Gabriel, Ephraim, Clifford and Efe



### our Christian Values



### Thankfulness Value Ambassadors

Jenny, Jayden B, Jayden Y, Frimpong, Gabriel, Valentino, Thabeb, Marithe, Skyliza, Simon, Abyad, Ephraim, Tyrese and Emmanuel





Work hard, play hard!





## Attendance Reminders

Every moment of your child's education is important! Our attendance target is 96%. Please help us to improve our attendance by sending your children to school every day and making sure that they arrive on time! We thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

### **Authorised and Unauthorised Absence. What is the difference?**

#### **Authorised Absence**

This is defined as any absence which is unavoidable and will be considered once a reason has been provided. Reasons that may be authorised include:

- Absence due to Illness - Specific reasons for illnesses are recorded on the register once provided by parents. Please provide medical evidence where applicable. We will make referrals to our school health nurse when deemed appropriate.
- Medical or dental appointments - Routine appointments should be, where possible, made outside of school hours. School should be informed before 8:50am if appointments are going to make a pupil late for school. Pupils are expected to attend school before and after routine appointments and ensure that they sign in and out at Reception. Please provide evidence by way of an appointment letter/card.

Unless a parent informs us of the reason for any absence, that absence will be unauthorised.

You will receive a phone call from the office if you do not inform us as it is our duty to ensure your child is safe. If we cannot make contact with you then you may receive a home visit from a member of staff.

#### **Unauthorised Absence**

This is defined as any absence which is avoidable and where the child would be able to attend school if the parent(s)/carer(s) had not deemed otherwise.

Unauthorised Absence may be if your child does not attend because of:

- Going on holiday or travelling abroad
- Days off for birthdays, shopping trips
- Feeling tired
- Bad weather
- Non urgent appointment
- Parent unwell to bring them to school

### **Attendance This Week**

**Whole School : 91%**

**6JB : 96.5%**

**6JA : 94%**

**5T : 94.2%**





## Times Tables Badges

In order to achieve their Times Table Champion badges children have to answer 30 written questions in 2 minutes. They need to achieve a score of 28 or above to receive a badge. Children can work towards Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards from Years 1 - 6.

## This week's Champions

### Bronze

Sidal  
Evelyn

### Silver

Golden  
Omobolaji  
Star Ellen  
Jonathan  
Marcia  
Majeed  
Evelyn

### Gold

Starlian  
Victor  
Jason

I wonder if you have ever reflected on the number of times you use multiplication and division during your average week.

From measuring for carpets, doing your weekly shop to working out how many in a pack of food items divided by the number you need. Then of course working out overtime, percentages of amounts and ratios and scaling up in recipes when the family come over.

Children do not yet understand how knowing number facts and times tables will prepare them to function well in future life. Please encourage your children to learn their times tables by heart, making explicit links to when you are using them yourself.



## Drama Workshop

The Nursery children loved moving in different ways as they pretended to travel around the world, this week's 'Drama for all' workshop

