



# St James' Church of England Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023



At St James' Church of England Primary School, we reflect many Christian Values. We also focus on our 'Core Values' of **Endurance, Forgiveness, Friendship, Koinonia, Peace, Thankfulness** and **Trust**.

Our School Motto is based on Matthew 13 – Parable of the Sower, 'Growing in God's love, learning as we go.'

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This week has been one of hard work and also looking around our School Value of "Trust". In worship we have discussed the importance of trusting others and this has been great to see in all areas of school as we walk around. The children have also had the experience of teachers working together in different year groups. It's been fantastic to hear the responses from staff on how the children are growing up throughout school and working hard on task.



Best wishes

Gary Lloyd

Deputy Headteacher

### ★ Stars of the Week ★

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|---------------|------------------------|
| R – Bella     | 5 – Obi                |
| R – Musa      | 5 – Reece              |
| 1 – Lincoln   | 6 – Amelia             |
| 1 – Misha     | 6 – Adden              |
| 2 – Amirul    | <i>Well done to</i>    |
| 2 – Daaniya   | <i>all our winners</i> |
| 3 – Annalease | <i>this week.</i>      |
| 3 – Zain      | <i>Keep up the</i>     |
| 4 – Hamida    | <i>great work.</i>     |
| 4 – Alfie     |                        |



Values Golden Tie	Kindness Award
R Amanah	R Aliya
1 Zack	1 Ibrahim
2 Lida	2 Isa
3 Tahira	3 Zurarah
4 Alton	4 Sabbir
5 Maria	5 Abdul
6 Zakir	6 Tamim
	 Adden U Yr6

The School's Attendance	
Target is 96%	
Class	Attendance
Reception	93%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	93%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	94%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>95%</b>
This week's winner is... <b>Year 5</b>	

### Strike action by members of the National Education Union – School Open

To determine whether this school can remain fully or partially open, a detailed risk assessment has been conducted. This considers the impact that the action will have on the health and safety of pupils, staff and visitors, and whether the school can run a full or amended curriculum, to determine whether it is possible to operate the school safely during the strike.

As school, we and the governing board have decided the school will be:

- Open to all pupils

Clearly this is a difficult situation, which will cause some disruption. I would ask you, however, to be understanding. A national strike by teachers is very unusual. Those on strike will have thought long and hard about their decision and will also lose pay for the days that they are on strike.



### Year Group News - Year 6

In Year 6, we have been looking at the story of Macbeth. This week, we have been writing our own versions that you will be able to look at on our writing blog (please see our class page of the website for the link). In maths, we have learning how to find fractions and percentages of amounts, and also look at how we can apply our knowledge in reasoning problems. Our science lesson this week was very exciting because we got to look at a real lamb's heart. It was really interesting to actually see everything we have been learning about over the past few weeks. Finally, as part of our shared reading, we are loving reading the book 'Wonder' by RJ Palacio. It is the tenth time that Mr Simister has read it, but it is still able to make him cry!



## Year 3 and Year 3 Glow Dodgeball Festival

Well done to both our Yr3/4 Dodgeball Teams for some excellent enthusiasm and teamwork at the Glow Dodgeball Festival today! It was fantastic to see great sportsmanship after each game too.



## Worship and Reflection

Dear God,  
We know that our physical well-being is linked to what we eat and how much exercise and physical activity we do. Our happiness, contentment and satisfaction are also connected to our actions and the actions of others. This year, may we as a community learn and put into practice the things we can do to improve our well-being.  
Amen



*"Growing in God's love, learning as we go"*

## Dates for The Diary

- 3<sup>rd</sup> February** – Ozobots KS1 - Parental Workshop
- 3<sup>rd</sup> February** - Y5 and Y6 Textiles Art Trip – Helmschore Textiles
- 7<sup>th</sup> February** – Safer Internet Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> February** – Lego Robotics KS1 - Parental Workshop
- 10<sup>th</sup> February** – Finish for Half Term (3:10pm)
- 24<sup>th</sup> February** – First Steps with Coding KS2 - Parental Workshop
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – World Book Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – Ozobots KS2 - Parental Workshop
- 10<sup>th</sup> March** – Lego Robotics KS2 - Parental Workshop
- 31<sup>st</sup> March** – Finish for Easter (1:30pm)



## Online Safety Tip

Instagram is one of the most popular social media platforms in the world, with over 1 billion users worldwide. The platform allows users to upload images and videos, exchange messages or search, explore and follow other accounts they like – whilst at the same time continuously updating and adding new features to meet the needs of its users. In the guide, you'll find tips of potential risks.



## Picture News & British Value!



### Mutual Respect and Tolerance

We all have the power to influence so should consider how our behaviour, actions and words can affect others.



## Staff Shout Out

Each week we celebrate our amazing staff and the hard work they put in for everybody at school. Our winner this week is.....



### Mr McNeil

because he always works hard in the early hours preparing school in the snow.

