



# St James' Church of England Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 6<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,

Happy New Year and welcome back. We hope you all had a lovely break with friends and family and are looking forward to 2023. The children all looked ready for school on Wednesday and couldn't wait to tell us all about their holidays. The children have had a great start and are certainly getting back into the swing of things. We are looking forward to working with you all in the year ahead and making 2023 is an amazing year for St James' School!

Please continue to check Dates for The Diary as well as Class Dojo as we are hoping to provide more opportunities for parents to come into school and learn with their children with interactive activities.



Best wishes

*Gary Lloyd*

Deputy Headteacher

### The School's Attendance Target is 96%

This term we continue to promote Attendance as we encourage children to track their attendance throughout the academic year. As pupils build up great attendance we will continue to reward this periodically throughout the year to celebrate their ongoing commitment to being in school every day. Please support us by making sure your child is on time and in school every day. Let's work together to make this happen!



### ★ Stars of the Week ★

**Celebration Assembly will continue next week once we have had a full week back in school**



### Values Golden Tie



### Kindness Award



### Year 1

We regret to inform you that Mrs Doherty will be absent from school for a period of time due to illness. We send her our thoughts and prayers and wish her a speedy recovery. In the meantime, Mrs Humberstone will be covering the class Wednesday to Friday each week in her absence. Mrs Parkinson will be covering Monday to Wednesday. Unfortunately, Mrs Parkinson is also currently poorly so will be covered by Ms Jackson until she returns. We also wish her a speedy recovery. Please do make both Ms Jackson and Mrs Humberstone welcome. Thank you for your understanding.



### Mrs Khan – Year 5

Today, we say a short goodbye to Mrs Khan (Year 5) who begins her maternity leave today. Everybody would like to wish Mrs Khan and her family all the best throughout this time. We are all looking forward to hearing exciting news from Mrs Khan during her maternity leave.



### St James' Parents, Teachers and Friends Association

As we continue to build on links with our family and community, it has been fantastic to have some parents ask about the possibility of starting up a PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association). All parents, carers, guardians and staff are automatically members of the St James' family and all are very welcome to join. If you are interested in being part of this please let Mr Lloyd know so we can arrange informal half term meetings with refreshments to talk more about events and fundraisers that could be held through school.



## Year Group News - Year 1

In Year 1, we are working hard on our phonics in our reading, writing and all our other subjects. We are looking forward to our English units this half term where we will be exploring the story of "Lost and Found" which we are adapting to create our own version. Our science unit is all about Materials and investigating their properties. History takes us back to 1909 and life on the Titanic. Did you know.....The remains of the Titanic wreck sit on the seabed of the Atlantic Ocean, over 2 miles beneath the surface.



## Worship and Reflection

Dear God,  
We are thankful for individual, family and community traditions. We are thankful for new beginnings and fresh starts. This year, may our hopes come true, may our actions and our motivation enable us to make what we hope for become a reality.  
Amen  
*"Growing in God's love, learning as we go"*



## Dates for The Diary

**27<sup>th</sup> January** – First Steps with Coding KS1 - Parental Workshop  
**3<sup>rd</sup> February** – Ozobots KS1 - Parental Workshop  
**3<sup>rd</sup> February** - Y5 and Y6 Textiles Art Trip – Helmshore 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

Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world – helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge...but it's a smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!



## Picture News & British Value!



**Democracy**  
Energy is required to power many of the useful and convenient items we use daily. This energy can be produced in many different ways. We can use our voices to share our thoughts on this and impact the future.

## 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.....



## Mrs Khan

For all her hard work and support to everybody in school before she starts maternity leave.

