

Dear Parents & Carers,

We've had a really busy, productive week here at St. James' with more wonderful learning happening in each year group and lots to celebrate! We've been learning about Remembrance and reflecting on this through our Collective Worship theme leading to Armistice Day yesterday. Next week we'll be learning about 'Heroes of the Faith' including Joshua, Noah and Abraham.

A fairly light newsletter this week with some reminders and as usual a 'dates for your diaries' list for the rest of the term. Do note some of these important dates and events including our first non-uniform day next Friday (19<sup>th</sup> November) to mark Children in Need.

### **Armistice Service – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November in St. James's Church**

All children from Years 1-6 attended a very moving Armistice Service yesterday in church. They were so sensible, contributed super ideas and extremely respectful during the two-minute silence. Many thanks to Penny, Jacob, Paul and Gary for making the service so special as always. A reminder that our Collective Worship in school as well as Church Services are inclusive to all children of all different faiths and it is an expectation that we all attend together.

### **One Day Creative Anti-Bullying Week Workshops**

Next Week all children from Years Reception to 6 will take part in Anti-Bullying Week workshops in the lead up to Children in Need Day on Friday. They will work in their classes with outside facilitators and explore further the themes of kindness and conflict resolution. I'm sure we'll all get a lot from our learning next week.

### **Children in Need Day – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

Next Friday is Children in Need day and we'll mark this with activities in class and assemblies on the day. Children are also welcome to wear non-uniform or even 'Pudsey Bear' inspired outfits/accessories as many like to! We ask for a suggested donation of £1.00 which can be donated in a bucket at the gates on Friday morning.

### **New Gate for Nursery Children (OJR)**

Thanks for starting to use the new gate we've recently had installed for Nursery children. This is on the path in between the churchyard and school and provides a much better exit/entrance for school, meaning no-one has to navigate a steep step anymore!

### **Parent Gym**

This programme is now full, if you are hearing great things about it from other parents and would like to join the next six-week programme in the spring please let Mrs Brenta know.

### **Reception Admissions 2022-2023**

A reminder that if you would like any assistance with the on-line application process for your child starting Reception in September 2022, Mrs Brenta will be happy to help. You can email her on [cbrenta.210@lgflmail.org](mailto:cbrenta.210@lgflmail.org) or call her at school to make an appointment. If your child already attends nursery here, please do remember you must still apply on-line at <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

### **Hedge Planting on the Rouel Road Estate**

As many of you might know, planning has been granted for an orchard area to be planted behind the playground at Alexis St with the potential for school to use the area as a forest school in the future. This will be lovely and hopefully help to stop/prevent rubbish and fly-tipping from happening in this area. The organisers have asked if children from St. James' would like to help with the planning of the hedges which will run around the orchard. These will be planted on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November between the hours of 10:00-14:00. Do pop along with your child/ren at these times on this weekend to help with this amazing project. Children helping must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

### **School Website**

Another reminder of a few things to be aware of with the updated school website. If you have any suggestions of helpful things you'd like to see included, please do let us know through the office e-mail address.

We hope you are enjoying our school website refresh (click on the QR Code shown here to go straight to our new-look site) and finding it easier to navigate to the pages important to you. If you are having any difficulties viewing the content, your browser may have held on to our previous website and need a bit of a 'jolt' to load the new one. Here are some tips to help that process, so you can enjoy all the new photos and features:



#### **\*For PC browsers Internet Explorer/MS Edge/Google Chrome/Mozilla Firefox:**

Press Control + Shift + Delete and choose options 'Clear Cache' and 'Clear Cookies'. Close browser and reopen - the new-look site should load.

#### **\*For Apple devices (iPads/iPhones):**

Go to Settings\Safari\Clear History and Website Data. Close Safari and reopen - the new-look site should load.

#### **\*For Macs (Apple Laptops/PCs):**

Click on Safari; top row on desktop will change - click on 'Safari' on the row. Click on Preferences - box will open. Click on Advanced tab and make sure 'show Develop menu in menu bar' is ticked. Now go back to the top menu bar on your desktop and click 'Develop'\Empty Caches. Click on Safari (top desktop row) and Quit Safari. Now re-open Safari, website pages should appear correctly.

Please also find attached a 'dates for your diaries' letter as previously mentioned, a match report from Mr. Brenta detailing this week's game for our Year 5&6 football team and a leaflet advertising football training locally should you be interested in this.

**Wishing you, the children and our whole school community a super weekend.**

**God bless,**

**from the St. James' team.**