

Dear Parents & Carers,

Another super busy, really productive week here at St. James' with even more incredible learning happening in each year group and lots to celebrate. I've seen so many examples of home-school projects and home learning too which is really lovely, thanks so much to all parents and carers for your support with this. We're having a great non-uniform day today in aid of Children in Need, thank you so much for your kind donations! We'll let you know how much money we have raised when ready to be banked and donated. We've been learning about some inspirational 'Heroes of the Faith' in our Collective Worship this week including Joshua, Noah and Abraham. Next week we'll focus our attention on Peter, David and Lydia before we start thinking about Advent the following week.

As usual, a 'dates for your diaries' list for the rest of the term is attached to this email with lots of great days and events coming up. Do note some of these important dates in advance.

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

All children from Years Reception to 6 have taken part in Anti-Bullying Week workshops this week and thought about kindness for others and healthy friendships. These were great and focused on the theme of 'One Kind Word' and considering how what we say has an impact on others. Have a look at our Instagram account for pictures of these in action as well as many other celebrations from our week of learning too.

### **Individual Photographs – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

Next Wednesday all children will have their individual photos taken and you'll then be provided with details with which you'll be able to order them online. Do make sure children are on time and looking smart on Wednesday for a lovely photo to be taken.

### **Royal Marsden Cancer Charity Assemblies**

Next Thursday, all children will attend assemblies which discuss the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity and all the work they do in preparation for our 'Crazy Hair' fundraising day the following week – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

### **Parent Consultation Phone Calls**

Over the next two weeks, class teachers will be phoning you to discuss children's progress so far this year/term. As usual, if you have a preferred day/time for these phone calls please do let us know via e-mail and we'll pass this on to the class teacher.

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

Thanks for starting to use the new gate we've recently had installed for Nursery children. One parent did point out this week to stand on the cobbled path (nearest side to the school fence) and not the other side as bicycles use this part of the path. Although it is not sign-posted as a cycle lane to our knowledge, do be mindful to keep your smaller children with you when waiting outside school. Remember our start time is 09:15 and we always try to open a few minutes earlier to ensure all children are in on time.

### **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.

### **Family Lives Newsletter**

Please follow this link for a special newsletter from the charity 'Family Lives' - a special publication tying in with Anti-Bullying week:

<https://mailchi.mp/familylives.org.uk/family-lives-newsletternov21?e=10e6384bfc>

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

**God bless,**

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