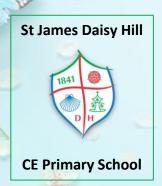
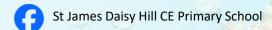
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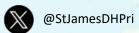












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# Message from the Headteacher

We would like welcome you all back after the Easter break. We hope that you had a wonderful time with your children, friends and families!

I would like to once again say thank you for your kind donations of flowers and Easter eggs at our Easter services which took place at the end of last term. The flowers were gratefully received by Woodlands care home and helped to brighten up the environment for the residents who lived there. The Easter eggs were donated to the children's ward at Bolton hospital and to a local charity in Bolton who distributed eggs to care homes and disadvantaged families who were all thrilled to receive them!!

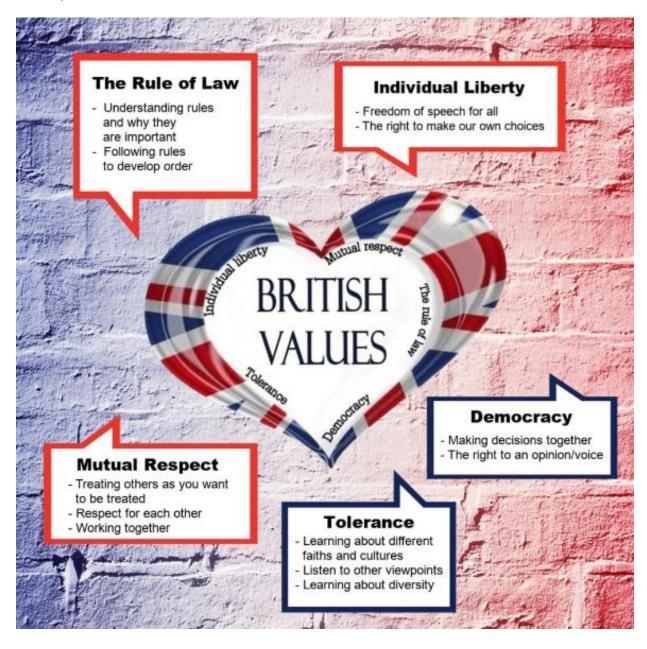


# **Upcoming Dates for your Diary**

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Earth Day
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April- Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 residential to Robinwood Activity Centre
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	First Forest School session for Reception children
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Class 1B assembly

# **Worship and Reflection**

This week in worship, we have learning about British values and the importance of these, together with our Christian values. British Values underpin what it is to be a citizen in a modern and diverse Great Britain, valuing our community and celebrating diversity of the UK.



### This Week's News

This week we are delighted to welcome our new school business manager, Mrs Brown to the St James family! Welcome Mrs Brown, we hope you are very happy working here!

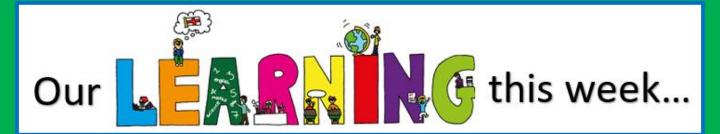


We also want to say welcome back to our wonderful Reception teacher Miss Roome. RP have settled very quickly into routines with their new teacher and are looking forward to an exciting summer term ahead! Welcome back Miss Roome!



Class photographs were taken on Wednesday for all classes. Year 6 also had individual photographs for their final photographs as St James' Pupils. Your child will bring home a slip early next week to enable you to view your child's picture and purchase it if you wish to do so.





#### **Nursery**

Nursery have had a fantastic week learning all about doctors and nurses! They have been busy exploring the differences between doctors surgeries and hospitals, and the different kinds of doctors and nurses who work there. They have also been exploring how doctors and nurses make us better, such as when we have cuts and broken bones. They had the chance to look at a real plaster cast and learned all about how are they are used to mend broken bones. On Thursday, the children explored the role of a paramedic, and the special number to dial for an ambulance. In literacy, the children have been busy writing a 'Doctor's Report' for Monty, who had, unfortunately, fallen off his bike over the Easter holiday and had to visit the hospital! In maths, the children have been recapping 2D and 3D shapes and are able to discuss some of their properties. Well done, Nursery

## The Nursery Team

#### Reception

This week Reception have enjoyed coming back to school after their Easter break and getting to know Miss Roome. We have focused our learning this week on the story 'The Three Little Pigs'. It has sparked lots of discussion about what is the best material to build a house and influenced our writing. We have investigated all the changes we have seen to our local environment as the seasons have changed from winter to spring. In maths this week, we have been investigating and exploring numbers beyond 10 and built these in different ways. We have focused on how the numbers 11-20 are made of 10 along with another number.

Miss Roome & Mrs Derbyshire-Brown

#### Year 1

Year 1 have had a wonderful first week back. In maths we have been counting up to 50 and partitioning numbers. We have shared the story 'My Butterfly Bouquet' and the children have written some fantastic reports all about butterflies. We enjoyed a Spring walk on Wednesday afternoon whilst it stayed dry, identifying signs of Spring. Sensei Amanda was very impressed with their karate skills during Monday's PE session. Well done, everyone! *Mrs Bury & Miss Preston* 

#### Year 2

It's been great to welcome back Year 2 this week. We've started several new exciting topics! In English we are reading the Night Zoo Keeper and enjoying creating a magical world. In Maths we've started fractions. In Topic are now learning all about Ernest Shackleton and in Science we had lots of fun making our own paper helicopters! *Mr Holt & Miss Chesterfield* 

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#### Year 3

This week in Year 3, the children have been measuring mass in grams and kilograms in maths and in music, have started to learn a new song called 'Bringing Us Together.' Also, the children have been working hard to make predictions based on the front cover and blurb of their new text in English, Sulwe. Next week, both classes are excited to learn about Sulwe's magical and whimsical journey. Well done, Year 3!

Mrs Finney & Mrs Smith

#### Year 4

It has been a wonderful start to the summer term. The children have enjoyed sharing their optional history homework. We have had an array of masks, Power Point Presentations, fact files, 3d Pyramids and many other creative artefacts. We have read the weird and wonderful story of 'The Wolves in the Wall' which celebrated a child's powerful imagination. In maths we have been continuing our work on decimals and the children are becoming more confident when using tenths and hundredths.

Mrs Prill & Mrs Stirzaker-Bennett

#### Year 5

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back after the Easter break. The children have returned full of energy and are motivated to work hard and try their best! In English, we have begun a new class novel, "The 100 Year Old Boy" and we are already excited to see how the story progresses. Maths has been learning how to understand and use percentages and how to convert percentages into fractions. In Science, we learned about the main stages of the human life cycle and in PSHE, we learned about laws, the role of the police and an introduction to the justice system. Well done Year 5 - keep up the hard work!

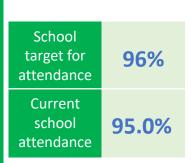
#### Mrs Jones & Miss Lee

#### Year 6

Y6 have shown the Christian value of perseverance this week by completing their final practice SATs tests before the real thing. All children tried their best and we are really proud of them! We have started our new novel 'Room 13' all about Fliss and her friends who go on a school residential and peculiar things happen. We can't wait to read on! In PE we have thoroughly enjoyed athletics and in science we have continued with our genetics and DNA topic. In geography, we have started learning about countries and cities of the world by naming the 7 continents, locating oceans, deserts and mountains. A great week Y6 - well done!

Mr Barker, Miss Clark & Mrs Woodward

# **Attendance and Punctuality**



Classes with the best

attendance this week

Classes with the best

punctuality this week

**RP** 

3F

**RB** 

**4P** 

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**Punctuality** 

# **Punctuality Matters!**

Lost Minutes = Lost Learning



5 Minutes Late 10 Minutes Late 15 Minutes Late 20 Minutes Late 30 Minutes Late

#### **PTFA**

Tickets are now on sale on School Money for our upcoming movie nights which will take place on:

7<sup>th</sup> May - Reception & Year 1 - 3:30 - 5:15 – 'Migration' 14<sup>th</sup> May - Year 2 & Year - 3 3.30 - 5:15 – 'Trolls Band Together' 21st May - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 - 3.30 - 5:15 – Super Mario'

The next PTFA meeting will be Monday 22nd April at 6pm in School. Everyone is welcome to join us for this meeting. All support is greatly appreciated!





**OOSC** Sienna and Aleksander

**Nursery Otterly and Gracie** 

RB Erin, Sienna, Stevie, Poppy and

Georgia

**RP** Sienna and Lily B

1B Ava

1W Oliver, Annie and Sophie

**2C** Rory, Shaylan and Natasha

**2U** Lily and Conor

**3F** Isaac

**3W** Charlotte and Hudson

**4P** Tia, Jasmine and Sienna

**4SB** Leilah and Erin

5J Carina and Summer L

**5L** Josh and Archie

**6B** Elijah and Edward

**6C** Subhan



**Nursery Alex and Freddie** 

**RB** Luke and Max

**RP** Charlotte and Ella

1B Alice and Jeremiah

**1W** Theo and Harvey

**2C** Annie and Rowan

**2U** Molly and Tom

3F Isaac and Max

3W Olivia and Lilv B

**4P** Essie and Thomas

**4SB** Logan and Charlie M

5J Alfie and Max

**5L** Tommy and Jacob

6B Olivia and Seth

6C Serena and Willow



**Nursery Halle for Courage** 

**RB** Roman for Courage

**RP** Whole class for Courage

**1B** Scarlett for Respect

**1W** Olive for Respect

2C Holly for Respect

**2U** Lily for Friendship

**3F** Harrison Lo

**3W** Isabella for Compassion

**4P** Charlie W for Perseverance

**4SB** Ellis for Perseverance

5J Emma for Courage

**5L** Molly for Service

**6B** Lucie-Jo for Perseverance

**6C** Whole class for Perseverance



This week I have been delighted to present a Headteacher's Award in Year 6 for courage, perseverance and an all round brilliant attitude to assessments. Also in Year 6, brilliant problem solving in maths, showing a real enthusiasm and perseverance when working with magic squares! In Year 3, I was incredibly impressed with an excellent knowledge of British Values in whole school worship. Well done everyone!









Unfortunately we have been unable to take pictures of our wonderful children who shared their achievements in celebration worship today. We will take pictures on Monday and share them on next week's newsletter so that we can share properly how proud we are of them!

If your child would like to share something they have achieved at home or that that they are proud of, please do send in a picture to the office email saying what they have done and encourage them to share this is our Friday celebration worship.

This could be a certificate, trophy or medal, an exam they have passed, some charity work or act of community service they have taken part in or anything similar.