

# St James' C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## Message from Mrs Cox



Community

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back! It has been a great start to the new term and the school has been a hive of activity. This term, each class will be focusing on key history topics and the children will be developing their skills in historical enquiry, as well as learning new facts and how the events in the past have influenced life today.

The value we will be focussing on this half term is community. We will be exploring what it means to be a community in school as well as gaining an understanding of how we can part of the wider global community. Our Australia Day next Monday is part of this this and will hopefully help the children here to see how they can make a difference to people both near and far.

## Our Lemonade Superstar!

As I am sure many of you have already seen, Keira in Year 2 hit the local news this week with her amazing lemonade stand. She wanted to raise funds for Australia at home and so came up with the brilliant idea. Her event was shared over 500 times on Facebook and she made a staggering £898 on the day. She also has a just giving page and when it was checked this morning the total was over £4600! We are incredibly proud of the kindness, compassion and generosity she has shown. Well done Keira!!



## Our New Open the Book Collective Worship

Last week our fantastic worship ambassadors, with the help of Mrs Pask, Mrs Brown and Reverend Richard, did the first of our new 'Open the Book' collective worships. These assemblies give the children the opportunity to lead the stories and prayers, rather than a member of staff. The whole school thoroughly enjoyed their retellings of how God created a friend for Adam and when the church was born. They spoke beautifully and worked brilliantly as a team. We look forward to seeing many more!



## Our Fantastic Play Leaders and New Lunchtime Games



This week our play leaders have leapt into action and led the school in our new lunchtime games. With the money raised from the sponsored PE event we have been able to buy new equipment for playtimes, including giant connect 4s, swing balls, target shooting games and even a sound system used to create a dance area on the playground! The children have absolutely loved the new activities and a huge thank you must go to Mrs Fowlie-Burns who organised the whole thing and trained the play leaders.

## Year 5 Egyptian Day 7.1.20

On Tuesday 7th January our Year 5s had a brilliant day when they took part in a whole host of Egyptian activities to launch their new history topic. They spent the time exploring 'a day in the life of an Egyptian towns person', painting tombs, mummifying objects and creating perfume. The staff leading the day were very impressed with our pupils and commented on their excellent behaviour. Well done Year 5!



## Dates for the Diary

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole School – Australia Day / Wear Green/Yellow £1 - Cake sale 20p & 50p
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Year 3 home safety – Fire Brigade Visit Year 6 – Cyber Safety
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole School NSPCC workshops/Assembly No Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School Parent Consultation evening 3:30-7pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School Parent Consultation evening 3:30-7pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half Term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 4 Trip – Chelmsford Cathedral
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day (Children come to school dressed as their favourite book Character)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Sport Relief Day (Dress down in Sports Wear for £1)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Trip – Boydells Farm

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Trip - Chelmsford Cathedral
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Trip – St James’ & St Luke’s Church
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Trip – London Transport Museum
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Swimming Starts
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 3 Class Assembly – (Year 3 Parents Welcome 2:30pm) Year 4 Collective Worship 9am (Year 4 Parents welcome)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Egg Raffle School finishes at 1:30pm for Easter Break
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens at normal time