

# St James' C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019

## Message from Mrs Cox



What an end to the half term! It has been a really busy couple of weeks and it has been a joy to see all of the children engaging in all aspects of school life.

Last week Mrs Bailey and I had the great pleasure of looking through the children's books and seeing their learning in action. We were very pleased with the huge effort pupils are putting into their work and the high standard of learning behaviour we saw. Well done to all!

I hope you all have a restful half term and look forward to seeing you all when we return on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**.

## Year 3 Trip to Pizza Express - 8.10.19

Year 3 had a mouth-watering visit to Pizza Express and thoroughly enjoyed making their very own pizzas! They especially liked eating them when they returned to school!

- *I enjoyed kneading the dough and getting it ready for my pizza. (Lisa)*
- *I enjoyed trying different toppings which I wouldn't eat at home. (Mason)*



## Reception and Year 5 Road Safety – 21.10.19

A huge thank you to the parents that were able to come to our reception road safety afternoon this week. We hope that you found it useful!

The Essex Road Safety team also visited our Year 5 class on Monday and this prompted some brilliant work from the children on keeping safe around our school site and on the road.



*We learnt not to cross the road between parked cars.  
We learnt that the bumps on the pavement at a junction are for blind people.  
We learnt that there are lots of different types of crossing such as pelican crossings, toucan crossings, zebra crossings and puffin crossings.  
We also learnt how important it is to concentrate and be able to hear traffic so we shouldn't be on our phones or wearing headphones when crossing the road.*

- **Daniella, Lewis, Koyinsola**

## Mad Scientist Day – 11.10.19

The school was a flurry of excitement last Friday as almost 200 mad scientists entered the building! The children absolutely loved dressing up conducting experiments with their teachers. Thank you all for your support in making this day a great success!



## PE Sponsored Event – 22.10.19

Tuesday was a fantastic success and the whole school thoroughly enjoyed our visit from Gianni Frankis. The children did brilliantly with each exercise and had a great time too! Afterwards Gianni talked to the whole school about never giving up and always trying, which was really inspirational. Once again, we would like to say a massive thank you to all of you for supporting the children with collecting their sponsorship money. We will let you know the final total after half term.



## Black History Month Collective Worship – 24.10.19

*"I learnt that you should always treat people fairly. You should respect all people and make the world a better place. When you respect people, it shows that you care. People should be treated fairly because they deserve it, not because of who they are."*

- Chidera, Y6



## Reception Admissions 2020

If you have preschool aged children you may be aware that the primary school admissions window is going to open very soon! From 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 you can apply online for your child's primary (Reception) school place.

You must submit an application online via the Essex website by the national closing date of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Applications received after this date are considered late and will reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred schools.

If you or anyone you know would like to join us for a tour of the St James' before applying please see the tour dates below.

### Tour Dates:

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November - 9:30am and 1:30pm**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - 1:30pm**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December - 9:30am**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January - 9:30am and 1.30pm**

## Secondary School Admissions

Parents/carers of our Year 6 pupils may already be aware that the Secondary School Admissions area is open for applications from 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The closing date for application is **31<sup>st</sup> October**.

Applications must be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

## Dates for the Diary

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Remembrance Collective Worship 10:30am (Year 3 Parents Welcome)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Dress down for £1
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	KS1 Christmas performance Dress Rehearsal 9:30am
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Performance (Ticketed event) 9:30am & 4pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school Flu Immunisations KS1 Christmas Performance (Ticketed event) 4pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal 2pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Performance (Ticketed event) 4pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Performance (Ticketed event) 9:30am & 4pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Trip – Rhodes Theatre – Panto 1:30-4:15pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service – St James Church 10:30am Whole School Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Service 10:30am (Parents Welcome) <b>School finishes at 1:30pm</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens at normal time