



# St James' Church of England Primary School

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## Opening doors to our future.

*I know all the things you do, and I have opened a door for you that no one can close. Revelation 3:8*

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021



## Parent Update

Dear Parents,

Today's letter is going to be short and sweet you'll be pleased to know, but just wanted to say a massive well done to all the children, they have been absolutely brilliant, working hard and behaving superbly! Also thank you to all the parents ensuring the children are all in on time, making sure children are not riding scooters on the playground and generally being so supportive – so huge thanks to you all!

### EARLY CLOSURE NEXT FRIDAY – 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021

As you know, next Friday we will be finishing early but we will still need to operate staggered collection times. Please see the collection times for each year group below:

**Reception: 12.55pm**

**Y1/2: 1.00pm**

**Y3/4: 1.10pm**

**Y5/6: 1.15pm**

### FSM Vouchers

Parents whose children receive free school meals will receive vouchers over the Easter holidays from Wonde. You will receive a total of £30 for each child for the period over the Easter holidays. Watch out for the emails.

### Active Essex Easter Activities

Essex ActivAte holiday activity and food programme is being delivered across Essex on behalf of Essex County Council.



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Over Easter they are launching over 65 ActivAte clubs across Essex, including specialist clubs for SEND pupils and mental wellbeing hubs. These clubs are completely free for young people who are eligible for benefits based free school meals or working families who need additional support this Easter holidays.

Clubs will include fun activities, arts and crafts for at least 4 hours a day over the 8 days of the Easter holidays. Plus, every child attending will get a healthy, tasty lunch!

<https://www.activeessex.org/activateeasterbooking/>.

#### Vaccinations Available for Unpaid Carers

Parents of children with SEND and young carers, aged 16 and over, are now eligible for the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccination. In a joint appeal, Essex County Council (ECC) and the charity Carers First, are urging all unpaid carers who have not yet been invited for an appointment by the NHS, to visit the National Booking Service or call 119 to see if they are eligible.

There is a Facebook Live event for unpaid carers scheduled with Carers First Essex next Wednesday 24 March 2021, 6:30pm – 7:30pm.

This event is for parents of children with SEND and young carers over the age of 16, where they will have the opportunity to ask any questions.

More information can be found on the [Essex County Council](#) website.

I think that's everything – have an absolutely fantastic Easter holiday and keep yourselves safe!

Very best wishes

Gina Bailey  
Executive Headteacher

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