



# 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*

17<sup>th</sup> December 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, we have managed to make it through a bit of a rollercoaster of a term, but we have finally arrived at the Christmas holidays! The children have worked their socks off producing amazing work, practicing their reading, learning their times tables and singing their hearts out during our Christmas Productions – well done each and every one of you!

A big thank you to all the staff who have worked equally as hard to support the children in all the brilliant progress they are making – we wish all of our school community a fantastic Christmas and pray you all stay healthy, so you can share this wonderful time with your families!

## **Fund Raising**

A massive THANK YOU for your generosity this term. We have had many fundraising events for charity and the PTA and here are the totals:

Event	Total Raised
Race for Life	£1,469.32
Children in Need	£162.93
The British Legion Poppy Appeal	No total provided by the charity, but the container was full to the brim!
Sports for Schools	£2,195.12 To be spent on school sports equipment

The PTFA will be fund raising on behalf of the school next half term as part of our outdoor learning project. Please look out for their events and support in whatever way you can.



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## **Thank you!!**

On behalf of the staff at St James', I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you for the cards and gifts we have received this week. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

## **Vine Passport**

Children can bring in their Vine Passport after Christmas to show their teacher which zones have been completed, along with any scrapbooks too! Badges and certificates will be awarded on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January and the passport returned to them. Please ask your class teacher if you need another copy.



## **Applications for Reception: Deadline Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

If you have a child due to start school in Reception in September 2022, applications must be made by 15<sup>th</sup> January. Go to:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

Value of next half Term: Community

### **Dates for your diary**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Last day of term- Early Finish- 1.30pm

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January:** Christmas Holidays (Including Non-Pupil Day 4<sup>th</sup> January)

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January:** First Day of Spring Term 2022

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February:** Last day of first half term- normal finish time

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February:** Half term (including a non-pupil day on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb)

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February:** First day of Spring Term 2

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:** Parent/Teacher Consultations

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March:** Years 3&4 visit to the Islamic Centre

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March:** Year 2 Florence Nightingale Workshop

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:** World Book Day

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March:** Science Week

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** Year 4 Ancient Greece Day

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** Reception trip to Boydells Dairy Farm

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April:** Last day of term- Early finish

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April:** Easter Holidays



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As always, we would like to thank all of you for your fantastic support this term, we couldn't have done it without all our brilliant parents! And if you are feeling a bit frazzled with the run up to Christmas, maybe allow some time to do some of the self-care activities listed below!

Have an amazing Christmas!

Very Seasonal wishes!

Mrs Gina Bailey  
Executive Headteacher

Mrs Casey Cox  
Head of School

# 12 Days of You

Move over, shopping list. This holiday season, make room for these self-care ornaments—showing little things you can pick to do for yourself each day.

- SEE A MOVIE
- GO ON A WALK
- GET A MESSAGE
- SLEEP IN
- BUY YOURSELF A GIFT
- VOLUNTEER
- ORDER DELIVERY
- DO SOMETHING YOU LOVE
- BAKE COOKIES
- PLAN A TRIP
- SPEND TIME WITH FRIENDS
- READ A BOOK



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