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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

Thursday 25th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again, we have had a very busy half term and the children having been working incredibly hard. A huge well done must go to both Year 6 and Year 2 for completing their SATs over the last few weeks. Every pupil made us proud with the effort and perseverance they demonstrated whilst tackling the tests. Well done to all!

There are a few reminders to share and some highlights from the half term on this newsletter; but please also remember that we now have a Facebook page to share news from the school, simply click on the link below and like or follow our page.

<https://www.facebook.com/stjamesharlow>

Reception Trip to Parndon Wood

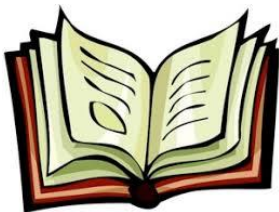
During Reception's trip to Parndon Wood, the children found out about lots of beautiful and interesting creatures that live in the woods such as deer, badgers, snakes, toads, bats, birds and of course minibeasts! They enjoyed exploring and going on a minibeast hunt within the grounds of the woods. It was a very productive hunt! Finally, the children created their very own imagination boxes to bring home. It was a fantastic trip!



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Coronation Celebrations

The whole school had a great time celebrating the coronation of King Charles III! A big thank you to the school council who liaised with the kitchen to organise the special picnic lunch and co-ordinated garden games for everyone to enjoy!



Library Visits

We are really pleased to share that classes have begun their visits to the Library at Staple Tye, with Years 5 & 6 being the first to go. Each child will be given a library card which we hope you will be able to make good use of as a family. Remember, the library often runs special events and challenges throughout the summer so please look out for these and take part if you can!

Year 6 Visit from Robert Halfon

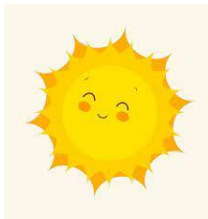
Year 6 were visited by Robert Halfon our local MP for Harlow and Epping this half term as part of our PSHE work on aspirations. Robert talked to the children at length about his inspirations and overcoming adversity on his journey towards becoming a Member of Parliament. The children really enjoyed being able to ask him lots of questions about his life and work. Many Thanks to Robert for making the time to visit us at St James'!



Pop-up Service Event

Last week we had our very first pop-up services event. We were very lucky to be joined by agencies such as Citizens' Advice, PACT for Autism, Integration Support Services, Adult Community Learning and many more! It was a great chance for families to see what support there is for families in Harlow and have the chance to seek advice from specialist services. The next one will be held in September so please look out for the emails and flyers – everyone is welcome to attend!

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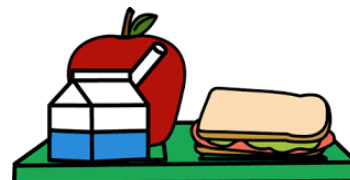
Hot Weather

The sunshine has finally arrived and as you know the children absolutely love playing out on the school field during the summer. In order to keep them safe and well, please assist us by ensuring that your child has a sun hat in school and sun cream is applied before school each day. We cannot apply sun cream to pupils and they must not bring it into school to apply themselves for safety reasons.

Please also be reminded that open toe sandals are not permitted to be worn in school.

School Dinners

Please be reminded that school dinners for each week must be booked online by the Thursday of the week before. Food is bought to order and so if a dinner is not booked, we may need to call you and ask you to provide a packed lunch instead.



Sports day

Please be reminded that Sports Day has been moved to Monday 19th June. KS1 races will begin at 9.15am and KS2 will follow immediately after at 10.30am. Parents are kindly asked to wait on the school field after dropping their children off to the classrooms in the morning.

We would also ask that your child is wearing a hat and sun cream as we will be outside for most of the morning. They will also need to have a named water bottle.

Bikeability and Learn to Ride

Many of you will be familiar with Bikeability already but they have contacted us to say that they will be running courses during the holidays. Please see the flyer below for more information.



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Upcoming dates

Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June	Half Term School closed
Monday 5 th June	Inset Day – School closed
Friday 9 th June	Year 4 last swimming session
Monday 12 th June – 16 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Checks Year 1 Phonics Screening Checks
Friday 16 th June	Year 3 Swimming starts
Monday 19 th June	Sports Day (Weather permitting – reserve day is Wednesday 28 th June)
Friday 23 rd June	Year 3 Swimming
Tuesday 27 th June	Year 2 Trip – Hyde Hall
Friday 30 th June	Year 1 Trip – Colchester Zoo Year 3 Swimming
Friday 7 th July	KS2 – In school visit - Sikhism Year 3 Swimming
Thursday 13 th July	Year 6 Trip – Outdoor Pursuit Centre
Friday 14 th July	Year 6 Trip – Outdoor Pursuit Centre Year 3 Swimming
Wednesday 19 th July	Reports out to Parents
Thursday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers service – St James Church 6:30pm
Friday 21 st July	School finishes at 1:30pm for the summer holidays
Monday 4 th September	Inset Day – School closed
Tuesday 5 th September	School re-opens at normal time

We hope you all have a wonderful half term break and manage to enjoy some of the warmer weather!

Best Wishes

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