



# St James' Church of England Primary School

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## Opening doors to our future.

*"Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7*

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to see the children enjoying time on the field now that it is finally dry enough to be used! As you know the weather has been very unpredictable so please do check the forecast each day to ensure your child has a coat or sun cream applied when necessary.

Once again, it has been a busy week in school. The summer is always filled with lots of events so please do check the summer calendar regularly and the upcoming events at the bottom of this newsletter.

## **Reminder: Year 6 Danbury Residential – 17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> June**

We would like to invite all parents in for an information meeting about the residential trip on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 3.20pm. We will be giving you an overview of the activities, sleeping arrangements and kits lists so attendance is strongly advised. Please let us know if you cannot make it so that we can get an information pack to you.

## **Opening doors to our future through excellent attitudes towards learning...**

This week's headteacher's awards went to the following children for fantastic attitudes to learning and exemplary behaviour. As part of their award they were also able to enjoy hot chocolate and a biscuit with Mrs Cox! Well done to all of them!

**Reception: Hadar**

**Year One: Belle**

**Year Two: Toby**

**Year Three: Sara**

**Year Four: Elnathan**

**Year Five: Jamie**

**Year Six: Amy**

## **Opening doors to our future with hands on learning...**

### **Reception and the mystery plant...**

The children in reception have recently shown a keen interest to learn about how seeds and pips grow, thanks to the fruit they eat in school and numerous items they discover that have fallen from the trees. Mrs. P discovered what she thought was a weed, when she pulled it up, it was in fact a horse chestnut tree, growing in our outside area! The class were excited when they were shown the Conker, which had sprouted roots, a stem and leaves. This afternoon, they located a suitable place in the school grounds for it to grow! They will be visiting the tree regularly to monitor its growth!



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## Opening doors to our future through enrichment activities...



### **Celebrate Harlow 2024**

A huge well done to two of our wonderful pupils that performed in the Celebrate Harlow show at the Playhouse on Tuesday night this week. Both girls danced beautifully and in front of an audience of around 300 people. We are so proud of you girls!

If your child has taken part in an event or achieved something special outside of school, please let us know. We would love the opportunity to congratulate them!

### **Gardening Club**

Our newly formed gardening club had a wonderful first session this week and have already transformed the allotment area. They worked incredibly hard to dig out all of the weeds, turn the soil over and plant our new fruit and vegetable plants. Hopefully, we'll be harvesting strawberries, raspberries, peas, broad beans, potatoes and carrots before the end of the summer term!

Huge thanks to the helpful staff at Bonnie's Oak Gardening Centre for their growing advice and for donating our mascot 'Tommy Tomato' to the club.

Before:



After:



### **Our Vision Poster Competition Winners**

Congratulations to Hope, Jerusha and Alessia for producing fantastic posters to represent our school vision! The standard of all the entries was really high, making it a difficult choice for Mrs Cox and the Senior Leadership Team. Thank you everyone who took part.



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## Opening doors to our future by supporting local and national charities...

### Coming up: Mini Marathon Fundraiser – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their **PE kit and suitable footwear on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April**. Sponsorship money should be handed to the office by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May at the latest please. We can't wait to share with you how they got on!



### Local Activities:

#### Things to see and do in Harlow:

As the weather gets better, we can often find ourselves wondering what to do with the kids at the weekends. We are so fortunate that there are lots of free activities and places to go in Harlow that offer fun and exciting things for the whole family.

- **Harlow Town Park** – home to five unique gardens, bandstand, outdoor gym, skate park, Pet's Corner and a café.
- **Harlow Museum and Walled Gardens** – the museum has over 1000 years' worth of history and over 40.000 artefacts dating all the way back to the iron age.
- **The Gibberd Garden** – designed by Sir Fredrick Gibberd, this garden has a programme of events on throughout the year for everyone to enjoy.
- **Harlow Sculpture Town** – there is a self-led walkable or bikeable map [here](#) to help you discover the 101 public artworks all over the town.

In addition to these free places, we are so lucky to have the Leisure Zone, Playhouse, Victoria Hall Theatre, St John's Arc and many more places offering a range of things to do.

### Upcoming dates:

#### Summer 1:

Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Swimming
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 2 Trip – RHS Hyde Hall
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 4 Swimming
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday School closed
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Visit – Harlow College
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Swimming
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS Week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Swimming
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Whole School Sports Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole School Class Photos Year 4 Swimming (last Session)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term School closed

Wishing you and your families a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

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