



NEWSLETTER

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The Value of the month
for September is

Thankfulness

ST JAMES CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers

A welcome back to one and all – and a very warm welcome to those of you who are new to St James'. It has been lovely this week to see the children returning to school full with enthusiasm and smiles. They have all been very pleased to see their friends again and most of them have been very pleased to see the staff again too!

We welcome Mrs Summers as our new Class Teacher (Class 4) and as our new Deputy Headteacher. In order to carry out various leadership and management tasks, Mrs Massey will teach Class 4 on a Friday each week. Due to budget constraints Mrs Massey has not been recruited as a permanent member of the staff but has happily committed to work at St James' in this way for the foreseeable future. We also welcome her to the school.

Effects of budget on staffing

As expected and for a range of reasons, this year's reduction in school budget has caused us to make some small changes. Some aspects of PE will be delivered by Mrs Board who, as many of you know, is a qualified Gymnastics Coach. In addition to this, Mrs Van Den Akker will become more involved in the delivery of French as our Modern Foreign Language (MFL) that is taught in Key Stage 2 only.

Dates

This is always a busy term and you will see from the list of dates that there is a great deal planned. In our efforts to constantly improve communication with you and ensure your involvement, we are trying to look further ahead with regard to dates which I hope you will find of help. Please cut out and keep dates overleaf.

Website

I have been aware since I came to St James' that the school website is in need of attention! I am pleased to say that this is now underway and as a school team we are gradually updating everything that is on there whilst also adding other aspects. It is likely that the website will be completely closed for a short while during which time 'changes and updates' will be finalised. It is envisaged that this will be completed by mid October, after which I hope that you will be able to access very up-to-date information and correspondence in that way.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to those of you who returned the Questionnaires sent out towards the end of summer term – 38 of you did so. In the hope that we can raise this number I am attaching a copy of it to this Newsletter so please – have your say and let us know your views by returning it within the next week.

Attendance and Punctuality

I am pleased to say that we achieved the government target for attendance last year - 95.5%. Please remember when booking holidays that the school year is 38 weeks. This gives you 14 weeks in which to book holidays. The school will only support holidays during term time in extreme circumstances. I cannot over emphasise that EVERY DAY COUNTS! When you child misses school – they miss learning opportunities.

The same goes for punctuality. Key Stage 2 children enter the classrooms from 8.45 am. This is a valuable opportunity for your child to gain valuable feedback about the previous day's learning. The register is **taken for all children** at 8.55 am with the first lesson starting prompt at 9.00 am. It is helpful if your child is at school no later than 8.50 am. Teachers of Classes R, 1 and 2 children are in the playground at 8.50 am so if you need to discuss anything urgent with them please do so **before** the bell goes. When they have lined up it is important they go quickly in to class.

Independence

Please – please – please – give your child the opportunity to become independent by letting them line up on their own. It will also help the office staff if you give your child any letter, menu or money that needs to be brought into school rather than taking it into the office yourself. Please be assured that clear routines are in place in all classes to ensure these do not stay in bags all day!

Child Safety

As mentioned last term, some parents continue to park on the zig zag lines to drop of their child. I do ask that parents of older children use the safety crossing patrol on the corner of Green Street /Harold Street and let your child walk the 100 meters or so to the school gate. If not, please arrive a little earlier and walk to the gate.

Kathy Weston

Headteacher

Leaflets Promoting events/sports activities etc

We are often given leaflets to pass to our parents about activities/events that are run by outside agencies and take place at various venues. We wish to inform you that although we pass on the information to all parents, we do not endorse the activity or event and remind parents to check with the activity/event organiser, before leaving children or paying any fees

Hot Lunch Orders

If you would like to order hot lunches for your child/children, please send this into school with your child on a **Monday morning only**. We are receiving orders all through the week and this is causing more work and confusion for the office and the caterers. Please enclose the correct money or a cheque in an envelope, with your child's name, class and the days of the week that they wish to eat. Cheques should be made payable to 'Alliance in Partnership'. Also if you would prefer to order a vegetarian meal or a jacket potato, this should also be written on the envelope.

St James Primary School Staff

Mrs K. Weston - Headteacher

Teaching Staff

Mrs W. Pigott - Reception Class Teacher

Miss R. Coleman - Class 1 Teacher/KS1 Co-ordinator

Mrs K. Newitt - Class 2 Teacher

Miss R. Lloyd - Class 3 Teacher

Mrs N. Summers - Class 4/Teacher/Deputy Headteacher/KS2 Co-ordinator

Mrs R. Massey - Class 4 Teacher (Fridays)

Mr B. Caldicott - Class 5 Teacher

Mr P. Gale - Class 6 Teacher

Mrs C. Darcy - SENCO

Non Teaching Staff

Mrs K. Hill - Reception Class, Teaching Assistant

Miss S. Cope - Reception Class, Teaching Assistant

Mrs M Woodhouse - Class 1, Teaching Assistant

Mrs G. Board - Class 2, Teaching Assistant

Mrs J. Morse - Class 3, Teaching Assistant

Mrs K. Van Den Akker - Class 4, Teaching Assistant

Mrs K. Richards - Class 5, Teaching Assistant

Mrs S. Stockdale - Class 6 Teaching Assistant

Mrs J. Shepherd - Learning Mentor

Mrs G. Brown - School Administrator

Mrs S. Stewart - School Admin Assistant

Dates For Your Diary

After School Clubs begin w/c 12/9/11

PTFA AGM - 6.30pm Thurs 15/9/11. All Welcome!

C6 visit to Black Country Museum -Tues 13/9/11

Maths Evening for Parents 4.00pm & 6.30pm - Mon 19/9/11

Meeting for Volunteers at school-2.30pm Mon 26/9/11

EYFS - Reading at Home-6.30pm Tues 27/9/11

Photographer, Individual & Siblings - 8.30am Weds 28/9/11

Mayor of Hereford visit - Thurs 29/9/11

C5 visit to Courtyard, Daniel Morden w/shop - Tues 4/10/11

Harvest Festival in church - 2.30pm Fri 7/10/11

Parents Eve - 3.45 - 6.00pm Tues 11/10/11

Parents Eve - 3.45 - 6.00pm Weds 12/10/11

Cycle Training C6 -19th, 20th, 21st Oct

Open Afternoon - 1.30pm - 3.00 pm Weds 19/10/11

Half Term Mon 24/10/11 - Fri 28/10/11

AGM/Govs/Parents Forum - 7.00pm Weds 9/11/11

Travelling Book Fair - From Tues 15/11/11- 21/11/11

Open Afternoon 1.30pm - 3.00pm Tues 15/11/11

Christmas Nativity dress rehearsal - CR & C2 1.45pm-Tues 6/12/11

Christmas Nativity - CR & C2 - 6.30pm Weds 7/12/11

Christmas Performance KS2-7.00pm Tues 13/12/11

End of Autumn Term - Friday 16/12/11

Spring Term Starts - Weds 4/1/12

Half Term - Mon 13/2/12- Fri 17/2/12

Term Ends - Fri 30/3/12

Summer Term starts—Weds 18/4/12

Half Term Mon 4/6/12 - Fri 8/6/11

Summer Term Ends - Fri 20/7/11

Good Friday - Fri 6/4/12

Easter Monday- Mon 9/4/12

Early May Bank Holiday- Mon 7/5/12

Spring May Bank holiday - Mon 4/6/12

Diamond Jubilee Holiday - Tues 5/6/12

Emergency Services Open Day Free Event Saturday, 17th September 2011

11am—3pm

Hereford Fire Station, St Owen Street

and Hereford Police Station, Bath Street, Hereford

School Governors

Rev Preb P. Towner-Chair of Governors

Mrs K. Weston - Headteacher

Mrs S. Stewart - Admin Assistant

Mr P. Gale - Class 6 Teacher

Mr D. Clark - PCC Governor

Mr J. Martin - Parent

Mr A. Cooke - Parent

Mr M Underhill - Parent

Ms L. Pearcey - Parent

Mr J. Adamson - Parent

Mr M Hubbard- Councillor

Friday Worship Timetable – Autumn Term 2011

Date	Class	Leader	Invite
3.00 pm start			
Friday 9th Sept	Headteacher Merits etc		Whole school All parents
Friday 16th	Merit Assembly	Mrs Summers - Merits	All parents
Friday 23rd	Class 2 - Performance Assembly	Mrs Newitt KW - Merits	All parents Whole School
Friday 30th September	Merit Assembly	Mrs Weston	Whole school All parents
Friday 7th October	Harvest (Church) Class 1 and Class 3	Mrs Weston Miss Coleman and Miss Lloyd	Whole School All parents
Friday 14th October	Merit Assembly (school)	KW - Merits,	Whole school All parents
Friday 21st Oct	Class 4 – Performance Assembly (church)	Mrs Summers KW - Merits,	Whole school All parents
HALF TERM			
Friday 4th November	Merit Assembly (school)	Mrs Weston - Merits	Whole school All parents
Friday 11th	Class 5 Performance Worship (school)	Mr Caldicott KW	Whole School All parents
Friday 18th	Merit Assembly (church)	Mrs Weston - Merits	Whole school All parents
Friday 25th	Class 6 Performance Worship (school)	Mr Gale Mrs Weston - Merits	Whole School All parents
Friday 2nd December	Merit Assembly (school)	KW	Whole School All parents
Friday 10th Dec	Merit Assembly	Mrs Weston	All parents
Friday 16th Dec	End of term Worship (Church)	PT KW	Whole school All parents
END OF AUTUMN TERM			