



NEWSLETTER

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The Value of the month for October is

Generosity

The Value for November is

Compassion

ST JAMES CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers

It's hard to believe that we have completed seven weeks of school since the summer holidays. The children have worked extremely hard and teachers are telling me that many are making good progress. National research tells us that the majority of children 'lose ground' in their learning over the summer holidays and can take all of the autumn term to reach the level at which they ended the summer term. It seems that St James' pupils are changing that trend!

Please ensure that you do all that you can to support your child's learning and progress by reading with them every evening and ensuring they complete their homework to the highest standard. Another way to help is by ensuring they are in bed at a reasonable time on school nights and by limiting their time on electronic devices of one sort or another.

It has been a busy half term with many events and trips. Classes R and 1 had a brilliant trip to Queenswood this week and, rumour has it, they actually saw some bears! Class 1 have also been to the farm and dairy across the road. This was really informative and enjoyable – completely free too! Today, Mrs Summers is taking some of our older children to the Courtyard Theatre to watch a dance show.

A couple of mornings this week have been very busy with parents coming into see teachers and support staff as the school day begins. Whilst we pride ourselves in being a caring staff, when the children have come into school all staff are in demand in their classrooms. I am available every morning (Friday morning Mrs Summers) and our admin staff are available to take messages, should there be an urgent need. Alternatively please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher at the end of the day.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very happy half term and to thank you for your constant support.

Kathy Weston

ADRIANOS SOCCER SCHOOL - HALF TERM ON 24TH, 25TH, & 26TH OCT
At Hereford Leisure Centre
TIMES: 8-12 YRS (9a.m.—3pm) , price £30.00 for 3 days or £10 per day
5-7 YRS (10am—3pm), Price £27.00 or £9.00 per day.
Tel 07799737661 to book or for further information.

SCHOOL TERM DATES
Half Term - Monday Oct 24th - 28th Oct
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 8/6/12
Summer Term Ends - Fri 20/7/12
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 5/6/11

Early Reminder Shoebox Appeal
We are collecting shoeboxes on behalf of Hope Carriers Trust, a small charity who are based in Hereford. This year the shoeboxes will go to **Oradea Romania**.
Please decide if the box is for a boy or girl and the age of the child the box is intended for. Label your box accordingly.
Hope Carriers are flexible with regard to the items they will accept and toiletries and bath products are permitted. Other items that you could include in a shoe box are:
Toys, colouring books, notepad, paper, puzzle book, pencil case, crayons, pens, pencils, erasers, felt pens, non-chocolate sweets, toothpaste, toothbrush, bar of soap, flannel, hats, scarves, gloves, sunglasses, hair clips, bangles, & necklaces.

IMPORTANT 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.

Recycle Clothes and Raise Funds
The 'Bags to School' scheme organised by our PTFA, is running again this year - this is where you are given a bag to fill with unwanted clothes, shoes and fabric and return to school on the evening of Weds 2/11/11 or bring early on Thurs 3/11/11. This scheme raised £272 for our school last year, so please support it again. Your child will bring home a bag!

New Health Walk in St James Area!
Do you want to try something new, meet new people, lose weight or just get some fresh air?
FREE short walk (35-45 mins) starting from the Cantilupe Surgery, 10am each week, beginning Friday 21st October - please wear appropriate footwear.
Any questions please contact Laura Kinchella on
01432 261864

**Concern Universal presents
COMMUNitea CRAFTernoon...**

Drop in and join us for an afternoon of children's craft activities and cakes

On Tuesday 25th of October anytime between
1 and 4pm at our building on **21 King Street ,
Hereford**

Learn about life in Africa and what you can do to help whilst making crafts from recycled materials!

Donations are welcome to support our drought in Kenya appeal

Why not pop into our brand new craft shop
afterwards?

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Brrrrrrrrr!

The weather is changing, Autumn is here and Winter is around the corner, please remind your child to wear a warm coat to school!

Dates For Your Diary

C6 Parents Eves, Weds 2/11/11, Thurs 3/11/11, 3.45-6.00pm

'Bags to School' Collection - Thurs 3/11/11

PTFA Committee Meeting, staffroom, 6.30pm, Mon 07/11/11

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

C5 visit to Welsh Water Tues 29/11/11

PTFA Committee Meeting, The Vounteer, 7.00pm Weds 30/11/11

C5 visit to Hereford Sixth Form (Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat) Weds 30/11/11

Christmas Fete - Sat 3/12/11 12-2pm

Years 2 - 6 visit The Courtyard 'Sleeping Beauty' Mon 5/12/11

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

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

C3 visit to Roman Museum, Caerleon Thurs 8/12/11

C4/C5/C6 'A Christmas Carol' - Art College Fri 9/12/11

PTFA School Disco, KS1 5.30 - 6.15pm Fri 9/12/11

PTFA School Disco, KS2 6.30 - 7.30pm Fri 9/12/11

CR, C1 - Courtyard, The Frog Prince - Mon 12/12/11, 9.45pm

Christmas Lunch, Tues 13/12/11

Christmas Words & Music -7.00pm—Tues 13/12/11

Governor Profile



I am a member of the Educational Outcomes sub-committee and also responsible for the Arts. I have three children at the school and very much support the values of St James School and the local community nature of the school. With a background in environmental issues, community engagement and development, I hope to bring my skills and experience to the school to support the school for the future.

Lorna Pearcey
Parent Governor



I had been interested in becoming a Governor since my eldest daughter started at the St James School in 2007 and did not hesitate when presented with an opportunity last September. My role as a Foundation Governor is to ensure that a strong Christian and community ethos is maintained throughout all aspects of school life. I am currently part of the Finance sub-committee and have taken on the Governor lead role for ICT and Humanities. I am only too pleased to provide as much of my free time as required to the school in supporting staff so they can provide the best all round education that is available to our community. I also try and help out with as many PTFA events as possible, whether dressed up as Santa's little helper or cooking burgers at the summer fete. **James Adamson— Foundation Governor**