



# NEWSLETTER

## ST JAMES C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021



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### Important dates for your diary

(Subject to change due to Covid restrictions)

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Break up for half term.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Pupils return to school

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021

Reception Eye Screening - all day

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

Break up at usual time for summer holiday

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### **NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM**

CLASS 4N:

TTROCKSTARS BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Every week, there will be a battle of the bands on TTrockstars. This week's battle has been split up for each class to face the other class in their year group, for example 4N vs 4M. Please encourage your child to go on and practice their times tables, which in turn will give their class a better chance of being crowned "Battle of The Bands Winner!" A special mention will be announced in the weekly Head Teacher's Award for the child who contributes the most to their class winning. Good luck!



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The year six children had a workshop from each of the following agencies throughout each afternoon last week. This was an alternative way of delivering the content from the conventional Safeguarding Day. It was sort of an unofficial Safeguarding Week instead:

**Rewind** – The aim of the session is to educate young people around issues of identity, belonging and racism. The session looks at what their identity is and why it is important and touches upon the subject of extremism.

**Sandwell ASB** - The ASB Team deliver a presentation covering the definition and examples of anti-social behaviour, the consequences and feelings for the victim and perpetrator. It also includes a group exercise where the students design a dream park which they then destroy with ASB.

**Police** - The police will tailor the session for the young people and schools need. But will often explore social media and the online world, as well as issues like theft, robbery and knife crime, plus some safety tips and advice for keeping themselves safer.

**DECCA** - The DECCA session for year 6 looks at alcohol and cannabis. It explores what the two drugs are, what the effects are, what the risks are and also what the law says about both drugs. The session also looks at what to do in an emergency and where someone may go for help and support.

**Women's Aid** – The Women's Aid session covers the topic of Healthy Relationships. It looks at understanding different relationships, recognising healthy and unhealthy traits in relationships and also looks at what consent is.

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The children in 4N have been working really hard this term in English. They have created amazing non-chronological reports on their own hybrid animals. Please take a look below at their amazing work on the next page.

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Reception are having a huge emphasis on reading at home and have started the reading at home reward scheme. Parents need to listen to their children read



for 5 minutes a day at least 3 times weekly (daily is recommended), so that they can work towards the prizes. School and parents are working together to enable our children to be confident and successful readers and to learn to love books!

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Year 4 are working very hard particularly learning and recalling all the times tables at speed. This is in preparation for taking the multiplication tables check in June. To help your child can you encourage them to practice on Timestable Rockstars daily for about 10 minutes. Thank you for your support



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Year 2 have just completed our Geography unit on Beijing and made some fantastic end of unit fact files!



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**Please note that we publish any important letters and our newsletters on the website too under the Parents tab – Newsletters and letters.**

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Recent charitable donations

Thank you for your contributions we have raised the following amounts for charity recently.



Red Nose Day – Comic Relief – 28.04.21

We raised £215.04



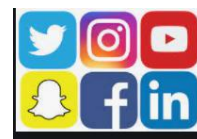
Children in Need - 24.02.21

We raised £312.16

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## Children using social media and messaging apps

This week, we have experienced a number of issues around children's use of social media sites and messaging out of school. Children learn about the dangers of these apps in school but we understand many have access to their own mobile phones out of school. We strongly recommend all parents monitor children's mobile phone usage so that you are aware of any communications that are being sent. For more information, please visit the online safety page of our school website.



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*For flowers that bloom about our feet,  
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet,  
For song of bird, and hum of bee,  
For all things fair we hear or see,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!*

*For blue of stream and blue of sky,  
For pleasant shade of branches high,  
For fragrant air and cooling breeze,  
For beauty of the blooming trees,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!  
Amen*





# ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO PAY YOUR WATER CHARGES?

If you are a Severn Trent Water customer and require assistance, apply for help today via:

## THE BIG DIFFERENCE SCHEME

- You could receive up to 90% off the average Severn Trent water bill through the Big Difference Scheme
- Eligibility for the scheme is based on all household income (excluding housing entitlements, Disability Living Allowance, Personal Independence Payments and Attendance Allowance)
- If you are eligible for income based free school meals it's likely that you will qualify for the Big Difference Scheme

### HOW TO APPLY:



APPLY ONLINE AT  
[WWW.BIGDIFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.BIGDIFF.CO.UK)



COMPLETE THE ONLINE  
APPLICATION FORM



SUBMIT YOUR  
APPLICATION

The Big Difference Scheme is funded by Severn Trent Water, which offers significantly reduced water charges to some households on a low income.

Apply now: [www.bigdiff.co.uk](http://www.bigdiff.co.uk)



Dear Colleague

**Entry to Year 7 in September 2022**

We write to advise that parents can now register their child for the optional entrance test by applying online before 4pm on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The test will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

We would be grateful if you could advise parents of current Year 5 children via your newsletter where applicable.

To register, parents need to visit [www.birminghamgrammarschools.org](http://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org)

Thank you

Admissions

**The Grammar Schools in Birmingham**

Foundation Office, Edgbaston Park Road

Birmingham, B15 2UD

Website: [www.birminghamgrammarschools.org](http://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org)

Email: [admissions@ske.uk.net](mailto:admissions@ske.uk.net)



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Facebook: Kings Oak Uniform Bank

Date : 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021

To whom it may concern,

My name is Emily Eaves and I attend Kings Community Church, I am a volunteer and I originally helped set up Brandhall Uniform Bank along with other volunteers, we have recently changed our name to Kings Oak Uniform Bank as to enable us to service a wider area and assist even more vulnerable families.

It is our aim is to collect unwanted uniform, sports kits, shoes, trainers etc. basically everything that a child needs to be at school and pass on to children in need in our local area of B68 (Brandhall) & B65 (Rowley Regis). We hope to get all local schools to support us and make this a success. We will not charge anything for these recycled items given to families and all the people involved in this uniform bank are volunteering their time to make this project a success.

Below are the points which we hope you can help us with, even if you can only help with one or two of the points, we would appreciate this but hopefully you can support them all;

- Advertise our posters on your school website or hand out to children.
- Lost property being donated to us at the end of each school term or year.
- Does your school have any help for low income families that we can tell families about.
- A list of your current uniform requirements & any logos which you require on the uniform.

Any information given will only be used by Kings Oak Uniform Bank and any families helped will be in the strictest of confidence.

Please note we operate under strict COVID-19 secure guidelines.

We would be grateful if your school could support us in this exciting venture. If you would like more information or would like to meet with me by zoom or face to face safely so we can discuss this further, I would be happy to do this.

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Kind Regards,

Emily Eaves (Project Manager)



# Kings Oak Uniform Bank

## The Start of Education

Supporting families in the community with new and preloved school uniform for FREE!

### Are you in need of school uniform?

Please contact us as we may be able to help (all confidential).

### Do you have unwanted school uniform?

Please donate, good clean, uniform at our drop off point.

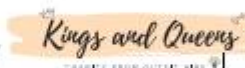
The Oak Tree Centre, Tame Road, Oldbury B68 0JP

Tel 01214224114 Text 07718499775

Email - [kingsoakuniformbank@gmail.com](mailto:kingsoakuniformbank@gmail.com)

[www.facebook.com/kingsoakuniformbank/](https://www.facebook.com/kingsoakuniformbank/)

[www.kingsoakuniformbank.org.uk](http://www.kingsoakuniformbank.org.uk)



### Items we are collecting

Coats/Jackets - Trousers - Cardigans - Jumpers - Polos - Shirts - Gingham Dresses - Pinafores - Skirts - Trouser Shorts - Blazers - Ties - PE Kits - Socks - Tights - School Bags - Water Proof Items - Stationary - Pencil Cases - Lunch Bag (New) - Drink Bottles (New) - Football Boots - Book Bags - Wellies - Hat/Scarf/Gloves

### For the following schools

Brandhall Primary School - Perryfields (Primary & High School) - Oldbury Academy - Bleakhouse Junior - Causeway Green - Leasowes High School - Four Dwellings Academy - Lightwoods Primary School - Quinton Church Primary School - Highfields Primary School - Brickhouse Primary School - Blackheath Primary School - St James CofE Primary School - Oakham Primary School - Springfield Primary School - Temple Meadow Primary School - Rowley Hall Primary School - Old Hill Primary School - Grace Mary Primary School - Old Hill Nursery - Olive Hill Primary School - Hurst Green Primary School - Ormiston Forge Academy - The Westminster School - St Michaels CofE Primary School

### We also collect

Dresses - Suits - Saris - Clutch Bags - Heels - Prom Accessories.

This is for 'Kings and Queens', which is our charity prom outfit hire. We hire out prom outfits and accessories at a low cost to raise money for the uniform bank.

