



NEWSLETTER

ST JAMES C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Important dates for your diary

Tuesday 3rd January - Teacher Training Day

Wednesday 4th January - Children return to school

We would like to remind parents/carers that school gates are opened at 8.40am ready for children to start have registration 8.50am.



We would like to say a big thank you to WPA for providing a grant to put new lines in the playground and providing the football team with a new football kit.



Reception and Year 1

We would like to say a massive well done to both Year 1 and Reception on their brilliant Nativity performances! You all worked so hard to learn your lines, learn the songs and the dances too. You put on 3 great performances and put everyone in the Christmas spirit!

IMPORTANT NOTICE



Parents, please note that these drinks are not allowed in school. They contain a very high level of caffeine and sugar and are not permitted to be consumed by children in school. Please only send water, squash etc with your child for break / lunchtimes - no fizzy drinks are permitted.

Children in year 5, have the opportunity to work with a high school for science and technology, starting in January. This is very exciting for the children and we cannot wait to see what they will be working on.



Class 4M will be starting swimming in January. Can we please ask parents to send children in with a towel every Tuesday, hair tied back if necessary and wearing no jewellery. Thank you.



Please ensure children are sent in with a refillable water bottle. Snacks are allowed in school, but can we please ask parents to only send healthy options in.



A huge thank you to all parents and children for the donations to Children in Need.



We have managed to raise an amazing **£529.50**.



Holiday activities and food (HAF)

If your child is entitled to free school meals, you will have received a voucher via Wonde (as for meal vouchers). There are lots of exciting clubs and activities that your child can access, free of charge, with this voucher. There is a link within the voucher that has been sent and you will be able to book your child onto any of the activities that are listed on the website - subject to availability. Please see flyer attached to this newsletter.



This has been an incredibly busy term with lots of activities and events taking place. We appreciate all of you attending these events and showing your support for the children and St James.



Wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Register now for FREE Winter events

We are planning an amazing programme for the winter holidays and there is a real range of exciting things to get involved in for school aged children between 4yrs and 16yrs.

You will be receiving a HAF voucher with a 16 digit unique code which will allow you to book your children on to FREE activities and make memories over the winter holidays.

The voucher will have a link to the website where you can book activities – You will also be receiving a postcard in the post next week to remind you of what's on offer and a link to our bright new website.

What we are providing

The aims of the programme for those children and young people attending are:

- To have access to a healthy food offer over the school holidays.
- To have access to activities during the school holidays that are engaging and fun which they may not be already able to access.
- To learn about healthy foods and nutrition and physical and mental wellbeing.
- To have access to other local services.
- All activities will be delivered throughout the winter holidays across Sandwell some will be pre-book only and booking is already live.

Holiday activities and food programme explained

December 2020 Government announced that the Holiday Activities and Food programme, which has provided healthy food and holiday activities to children since 2018, will be expanded across the whole of England 2021.

This programme will cover part of the Easter, summer and Christmas holidays in 2022 and will be available to school aged children and young people between the ages of 4 to 16 in every local authority in England who receive benefit related free school meals however some of the activities available are for anyone to participate in over winter.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 3rd January – Teacher Training Day

Wednesday 25th January – Young Voices for choir

Tuesday 31st January – Year 5 trip to Warner Bros

Thursday 16th February – Year 4 trip to Stafford Castle

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