

PUBLIC HEALTH LETTER

There is a letter from Jeanelle De Gruchy, the director of population health on our website and facebook page explaining that numbers of COVID cases are still rising in Tameside and asking that we keep abiding to the rules so that Tameside isn't left behind when things start to reopen. You are all really good at the beginning of the day and the end of the day and in school we continue to have all the measures in place to help prevent the spread of COVID but we are hearing more and more about children meeting up and even having sleepovers at each others houses out of school. Please continue to keep to the rules

STARS OF THE WEEK

N.... Charlie, R Tega, Y1... Lyla and Theo, Y2... Bethany, Y3...Sophia G, Y4... Callum and Pixie, Y5...Billy, Y6...Kayden and Lauren

NEW WEBSITE

We know that our old website was getting progressively difficult to access especially on mobile phones so we have worked with our provider to move most of the content over onto a new system. It really does look good and we are all really pleased with it. Every member of staff has been busy updating old pages and adding new pages. Please make sure you check it out and let us know how you get on. **If you have an android phone and want to open attachments you need to hold your finger down on the document before it opens. We have also got to remember to turn new documents to PDFs and we are slowly working through documents that transferred over to change them.**

HEALTH AND SAFETY AUDIT

We had our annual Health and Safety audit last Friday with Steven Cann, our Health and Safety Officer from the Tameside team. He was very complimentary about school and our policies and procedures. He also gave us lots of useful advice to help us to be even better.

FINANCIAL AUDIT

We have also had a good assurance from our Financial Audit, thank you to Mrs Strong for working so hard to provide all the evidence for this.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Just a reminder that Breakfast Club is for working parents on the days that they have absolutely no other childcare available. It needs to be booked by emailing care@st-james-hyde.tameside.sch.uk. The children who attend will be in two bubbles. Their class bubble and Breakfast Club bubble and will have to isolate if anyone tests positive in either bubble. At the moment all Breakfast Club places are taken and we have a waiting list for places.

PARKING

Parking has been much better this week, thank you so much to those who listened and took the advice on board and now park on the church car park and walk round. It has been so much safer this week. We have, however, had a rise in people parking immediately in front of the school gates. Please could you avoid doing that as it could prevent the emergency services getting to us. Cars approaching the gates at speed is also something that we have been asked to look out for as part of our critical incident training so it is not doing my nerves any good either!

ADVANCE NOTICE

World Book Day... We like to be different at St James' and we wanted to be together for World Book Day so we will be holding ours on St George's Day, April 23rd. We will be keeping it simple this year and taking a bedtime story theme. The children are welcome to come to school in their pajamas and/or onesies for the day.

CONTACTING SCHOOL

There are many different ways in which we communicate information at St James'. First, we have this newsletter which can be found on Facebook and on our website. Secondly, we have a parent texting service so please ensure that we always have your most recent mobile phone number. Our Facebook page is Friends of St James Hattersley, please request to join, (if you have a different surname from your child or look like a deer or some other filter in your photograph then please send me a message to say who you are so I can approve your request!). Our website is www.st-james-hyde.tameside.sch.uk and we also have a twitter page @StJHattersley and we are always looking for more followers! Normally staff are available before and after school or we'd advise you to pop into the office but until further notice please phone us if you need to talk.