

MARCH		
Tuesday 23 rd	Local Cluster Heads Meeting Zoom 1pm Music Network Zoom Mrs Kinder	
Wednesday 24 th	Full Governors Zoom 4.30pm	
Monday 29 th	Amy Townley Off the Record visiting	
APRIL		
Thursday 1 st	Headteachers' Briefing SCHOOL CLOSES FOR EASTER	
Friday 2 nd	Good Friday	
Sunday 4 th	Easter Sunday	
Thursday 15 th	BACK TO SCHOOL	
Friday 23 rd	World Book Day	
Tuesday 27 th	Legionella Training Zoom	

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St James' Catholic Primary

"Great News"

Friday 19th March

LITURGY MATTERS

SUNDAY MASS

If you wish to attend Sunday Mass at St James' don't forget to book on, (details on the Parish Page of our website and the school facebook page). Mass is at 9am, Church opens from 8.45am, the stewards will show you to your seat and don't forget to bring your mask. Fr Philip will be in touch soon about plans for Easter... watch this space.

LENT

This week has been our Lenten Share Week culminating in our Share Day today. Thank you for your generous donations which will be counted up and shared between Children in Need and Cafod. You are all very generous and I know that sharing isn't just confined to the season of Lent in our community.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL VISIT

It was lovely to catch up with Sacha Humphries from the Diocese via Zoom on Friday. She was complimentary about all the ways in which we are continuing to celebrate the liturgical year using virtual methods. It was lovely to "see" her.

OFF THE RECORD

Amy Townley our new Off the Record Councilor will be visiting on Monday 29th March with a view to starting working with the children on Mondays after Easter. I hope that she will soon feel part of the team at St James'.

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.

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!

ADVANCED 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.