

OCTOBER		
Tuesday 12 th	Mr Woolley Diocesan Deputy Head meeting	Zoom
Wednesday 13 th	Mrs Walker out Diocesan Inspector Training Michelle Williamson EWO in	
Friday 15 th	Individual School Photos FHC Photos	
Wednesday 20 th	Finance Governors Meeting	
Thursday 21 st	Harvest Celebration SCHOOL CLOSES	
Friday 22 nd	RE INSET	
NOVEMBER		
Monday 1 st	BACK TO SCHOOL Mr Woolley out RE Coordinators	
Wednesday 3 rd	Hattersley Hub Meeting Heads Performance Management	
Thursday 4 th	Mrs Walker out Local Cluster Meeting	

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St James' Catholic Primary

"Great News"

Friday 8th October

PRAYER AND LITURGY MATTERS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to Maddison, Bella, Marshall, Riley, Gracie and Chloe on making their First Holy Communion last Saturday. It was a beautiful occasion. Fr Philip was wonderful with the children and the Mass was extra special since the children had waited so long for the occasion. The staff were superb, as always, not only preparing the Mass but also providing a lovely feast for the communion breakfast.

SUNDAY MASS

Don't forget to book in with Pat Fleming if you want to come to Mass on Sundays at 9am. Her number can be found on our website under Parish Mass times. Don't forget your mask!

HARVEST CELEBRATION

We will holding an outdoor Harvest Celebration on the last day of term (Thursday 21st October) for the children. Instead of packets and tins we will be having a collection bucket at the gate that week for financial donations to the Foodbank. As you all know, the foodbank really supported us during the pandemic and it is a small way in which we can give back to this superb local charity.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS

Like last year we will be having individual school photos this year to minimise different classes mixing inside. These will be taken on 15th October.

If First Communicants would like their photographs taken, they need to come to school in their First Communion outfit at 8.45am, with their uniform to get changed into! If it is a dry day the photographer will do photographs outside but if it is raining it will be a head and shoulders photo indoors. Let's pray for good weather!

NURSERY COLOUR DAYS

If you saw Mrs Kinder and Mrs Malone yesterday you would have been in no doubt that it was Orange Day in Nursery! Everyone in Nursery brightened up the screen during Zoom Assembly! Next Thursday it is Yellow Day!

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PARTNER

Peter Eavers, our School Improvement Officer, visited school on Monday. He was very impressed with our Ofsted report and enjoyed a walk around school and a school improvement meeting with Mrs Walker. He was very complimentary about the things that he heard and saw around school and has offered some really practical help to move us on even further.

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Mrs Humphries, a Diocesan headteacher and French speaker kindly agreed to look over our curriculum with Mrs O Flaherty. She was very impressed with what we did and how lovely our books are.

COVID

The latest guidance for schools is... if anyone tests positive then it has to be reported to school but we won't be sending the whole class home. Instead, we will be sending a "warn and inform" letter home so you can be extra vigilant and can get a PCR test for your child if you wish to. We won't insist that you take a test but we would recommend it.

Likewise, if someone at home tests positive we can't insist that you get your child a PCR test but we would, obviously, prefer it if you did.

With your help, we have done really well, so far, limiting the spread of the virus in our school community and we hope that we can continue to do so. Thank you for your continuing support.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

We are still trying to minimise Covid risks so for this academic year we won't be able to bring in birthday treats. If we do it for the whole year it is fair to everyone.

NEWS

Please be careful what you share with your children. Mrs Duggan has been inundated with children with very real fears about being kidnapped because parents have discussed things seen on facebook whilst in the same room as their children. Please try and be aware of their presence and listening ears whilst discussing things that adults need to hear... our children have enough to worry about at the moment!

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is back in the School Hall (using the side door) and **doesn't need to be booked**. Children need to arrive between **8.15 and 8.30am** and must pay on the day or in advance £1 per child.

If anyone is having a clear out and has any games that would be suitable for Breakfast Club they would be very gratefully received.

PE KIT

Everyone has PE on a Tuesday and we are going to continue coming to school in our PE Kits on a Tuesday. Please can you ensure that it is our school kit of white t shirt and dark blue or black shorts, as plain as possible. Children may also wear trainers on Tuesdays. Staff may also wear their gym kit on Tuesdays for our well being and keeping fit sessions after school.

SWIMMING

Year 5 are having a wonderful time being one of the first classes to have their swimming lessons in the new pool at Active Hyde. Swimming is on Thursdays and your child needs a one piece swimming costume or swimming trunks (no bikinis or baggy shorts). Goggles are only permitted if medically recommended.

SPORTS CLUBS

We are cautiously returning to sport but this term just amongst ourselves in our own grounds and in our double bubbles. All sports clubs ran really well this week thank you to all the staff involved.

Tuesday.... 3.30-5.00pm.... Sports Club Y5 and Y6.... Terri

Tuesday... 3.30-4.30pm... Running Club Y3and Y4 Mr Woolley, Mrs Collins and Miss Clark

Wednesday ... 3.30-4.30pm... Sports Club.... Y3 and Y4 ... Mr Woolley

Thursday ... 3.30-5.00pm.... Football by invitation.... Mr Partridge

Just a reminder that participation in Sports Club is dependent on good behaviour.

FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School started again on Wednesday 15th September and it is Year 4's turn this half term. Year 4 may come to school in their forest clothes on a Wednesday.

NEW UNIFORM

If you are considering new uniform, you will need to order it online from School Trends using the link below. <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/StJamesCatholicPrimarySchoolSK143DQ>

The example shown doesn't have our school badge on but the uniform that you are sent will have! Now that shops are open and uniform is readily available we will be returning to our high standard of uniform so remember the black school shoes in your plans and that hair accessories should be small and school colours.

HEADLICE

I had really hoped that lockdown would break the cycle of headlice as the children weren't mixing but we have had some reports of them visiting our children again. Please look out for little brown or white eggs (nits) near your child's scalp or live insects (lice) about 3mm long when it is hair washing night. The regular use of a special fine nit comb with conditioner is often enough to remove them but if this doesn't work ask at the chemist for specialised medication to get rid of them.. This is a problem that we all have to play our part in. Please check regularly.

PARKING

As some of you will have noticed, we had a visit from a traffic enforcer and 2 police officers concerned about parking outside school. Just another polite reminder that the yellow box outside school is no parking from 8am-5pm so the best plan is to park on the church car park and walk round.

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!

