

St James' Catholic Primary

"Great News"

Friday 26th November

COVID UPDATES

We seem to be back in a period of constant change at the moment because the age group 5-10 seems to be the highest hit group for positive covid tests in Tameside. New guidelines are being issued at short notice again and the small print is always "at the headteacher's discretion" which is putting an added burden on my shoulders again. I know that other headteachers are doing things differently but you know that I will always put the safety of your children before anything else and, so far, we have done really well as a community and I will do everything in my power to make sure that it continues.

I just want to assure you that the whole staff wants to be able to do what we always do again just as much as you do! Can I thank everyone of you who checks in to make sure I am alright and can I thank everyone who follows the guidelines, (even if they don't agree with them). I know I am lucky to work here.

This week we have had to isolate Y6 within school, the children and our Y6 staff have been wonderful, I can't thank them enough. Parents responded quickly and have taken children for PCR tests, even if the children had no symptoms. We had positive results for children who were really healthy looking and had no symptoms, we also had negative results for children who were poorly!

So... we will continue to encourage ventilated classrooms, hand sanitising, extra cleaning of surfaces and "double bubbles". We will follow advice from Public Health about mask wearing and when instructed to isolate classes in school and hope that all these measures will ensure that we are all well at Christmas!

PRAYER AND LITURGY MATTERS

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!

CHRISTMAS ART WORK

Lantern Parade

Year 3 and 4 had a wonderful time making Christmas Lanterns with Leslie from the Tameside Cultural Services and then either took part or watched the parade in Hyde last Friday.. Thank you to Mrs Collins and Mr Woolley for organizing this spectacular project and to all the families who went to watch and take part.

NHS

Year 5 and 6 have been asked to contribute to a Mural at Hattersley Group Practice... Watch this space.

NOVEMBER		
Tuesday 30 th	Mrs Walker out RE Inspection Mr Woolley Diocesan Deputy Head's Zoom pm	
DECEMBER		
Wednesday 1 st	Mrs Duggan and Mrs Boyce out Attendance Meeting am Mrs Walker Music Liaison Group pm Full Governors Meeting	
Thursday 2 nd	Advent Wreath Blessing Y6 Height and Weight check	
Friday 3 rd	Reception Height and Weight	
Friday 10 th	Christmas Dinner	
Monday 13 th	EYFS Nativity (Virtual) KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Party pm	
Tuesday 14 th	KS1 Nativity (Virtual) Mrs Walker Tameside Health and Safety group meeting	
Wednesday 15 th	EYFS (N and R) Party (am) Upper KS2 (Y5 and Y6) Party	
Thursday 16 th	Lower KS2 (Y3 and Y4)	
Friday 17 th	KS2 Carol Service (Virtual) School closes for Christmas at 2pm	

FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.st-james-hyde.tameside.sch.uk

Friends of St James Hattersley on Facebook

@StJHattersley on Twitter

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.

Hattersley Festive Trail

All the children will be contributing to Christmas banners, which will begin to appear on our fences during the next few weeks.... Watch this fence!

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

We are all looking forward to next week when the excitement of Advent starts. Our Zoom Assembly next week will be our traditional Advent Wreath Blessing.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

This year's Nativity Plays and Carol Service will be recorded and put on the school's Facebook page like it was last year.

If your child is in EYFS... Nursery or Reception, their play will be released on Monday 13th December.

If your child is in KS1... Y1 or Y2, their play will be available on Tuesday 14th December.

If your child is in KS2... Y3, Y4, Y5 or Y6 their Carol Service will be broadcast on Friday 17th December.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Infection control permitting, we are intending to have "double bubble" Christmas Parties this year, in the Hall. If a class is isolating they won't miss out... the party will come to them! On the day of the party, the children can come in their party clothes but please be mindful that they need to be warm at playtime and in our well ventilated classrooms, need sensible shoes for playing out in and don't need any accessories!

EYFS (N&R) Party is in the morning of Wednesday 15th December.

KS1 (Y1&Y2) Party is on Monday 13th December, in the afternoon.

Lower KS2 (Y3&Y4) Party is on Thursday 16th December, in the afternoon.

Upper KS2 (Y5&Y6) Party is on Wednesday 15th December, in the afternoon.

REMEMBRANCE

Our outdoor Remembrance Service on Thursday 11th November was wonderful. The children were so respectful and their artwork was a joy behold. The most emotional part was looking up to see so many friends and parents joining us albeit on the other side of the fence. We have missed sharing events with you.

CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 19th November the children really cheered everyone up by coming to school in bright, sparkly, glitzy, glamorous clothes. We also raised a magnificent £128.09 for Children in Need. Well done everyone.

GOOD NEWS

We are all delighted to share the good news that Miss Birtles is expecting a baby! We all wish her and her family well.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS

You should have received your school photograph order form. You need to go on www.tempest-orders.co.uk and enter your reference number that can be found under the photograph. If you

order before 5th December they will be delivered to school free of charge. Orders after this date will be delivered to your home but you will have to pay p&p.

PACKED LUNCHES

Just a reminder that flasks of hot food are not permitted if your child is on packed lunches. We have had incidents of red hot soup being spilt this week. The only option for hot food is school dinners as the temperature of school dinners is carefully controlled by Health and Safety legislation.

VISITORS

We have had a pastoral visit from Lisa Kelly from the Diocese and Emma Cooke from the English Hub, both were really complimentary about our school and gave helpful advice to help us continue to move forward.

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.

NURSERY COLOUR DAYS

Nursery have had great fun with their colour themed days. Black and White Day was a great success particularly the black pudding!

WEBSITE

Just a reminder that our website is our main means of communication at the moment. As well as all the letters on the front page, there is a useful calendar of events. If your child is isolating there are lots of links to websites of activities and a page of useful information for parents.

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 Y3 and 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 this half term and it is Year 5's turn. Year 5 may come to school in their forest clothes on a Wednesday.