

NOVEMBER		
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mr Woolley out Science Day Site Staff Meeting 3pm	
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Walker out Diocesan Day Wildcats Football	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Sacha Humpries visiting from the Diocese am Catholic Heads Meeting pm	
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Walker out Diocesan Day TCSSA Hockey	
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Rathburn in Governor walk	
DECEMBER		
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Class 4 Assembly Mr O Keefe in Governor walk KS 2 Pantomime	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Advent Wreaths Blessing TMBC Sports Quiz Catholic Deputy Heads Meeting	
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There are many different ways in which we communicate information at St James'. Our **newsletter** which can be found on Facebook and on our website. Our **Facebook** page is Friends of St James Hattersley, please request to join, you will be asked questions about your relationship to children in school so we can ensure that we can check who is joining. Our **website** is [www.st-james-hyde.tameside.sch.uk](http://www.st-james-hyde.tameside.sch.uk) and we also have a **twitter** account @StJHattersley and we are always looking for more followers! We also have a parent **texting** service so please ensure that we always have your most recent mobile phone number. You can also talk to us on the gate or nip into the office with a message!

# St James' Catholic Primary

## "Great News"

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

### LITURGY MATTERS

#### COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY

Class 5 led our assembly beautifully, despite technical issues. They very professionally carried on and then filmed a version later with full sound effects and this can be found on our Facebook page. All our welcome at our Community Assemblies on Thursday mornings. Year 4 will be taking the lead on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

#### BAPTISM

Our Nursery children were exceptional when they took one of their dolls to church so that Fr Philip could show them the signs and symbols of baptism. They read and sang beautifully and we were all so very impressed by them. Thank you to all the parents and friends who joined us in church, you made it into a very special event.

#### CHILDREN IN NEED

We have had a great Children in Need Day today and there is lots of money waiting for Mrs Boyce and Miss Glynn to count next week! Everyone looked great and we had a very successful cake sale. Thank you to everyone who donated or bought cakes.

#### MENTAL HEALTH

The Mental Health Support Team held a very successful coffee morning in The Ark on Tuesday It was very well attended and it was a lovely opportunity to meet and have a good chat and share ideas about how to help each other during these difficult times.

#### CROSSING THE LINE

Year 6 had a visit from the crossing the lines team who aim to help children to avoid child criminal exploitation by teaching them about

- healthy choices
- healthy relationships
- saying no / peer pressure
- who to talk to / safe routes to help

Mrs Slawson and the children were very impressed with the presentation and it has provoked much discussion in class.

#### READ, WRITE INC

Liane from the Language Hub came to work with us on our phonic work in EYFS and KS1. As always, she was very impressed with what she saw and has given us ideas to tweak our practice so we can continue to improve. Thank you to Mrs Kinder and Mrs Hallsworth for facilitating this day and to all our staff for their commitment to improving phonics.

## CHRISTMAS FAIR

We have had lots of interest in our Christmas Craft Fair on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Almost all the craft stalls have been taken but there are still some table spaces left for table top sales if anyone is having a big clear out before Christmas. We will also be having a "school table top" stall if anyone wants to donate items to be sold. We are also looking for volunteers for the coffee and cake stall.

The Craft Fair will be running from 2.30-5.30pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, please call in and support this venture!

## BE KIND

We are all finding life difficult at the moment and no one really knows what another person is having to deal with. Just a reminder to continue being kind and considerate. We have had issues with parking this week and people with prams being unable to get through the gate or up the path and even unkind words between parents on the path. Fr Philip reminded us during the "baptism" today that parents are a child's first teachers. Your children copy you in more ways than you can ever know, please continue to be a good example.

## FLU VACCINATIONS

Flu vaccines were successfully given to the children this week.

## NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST

The bagels provided by the National School Breakfast scheme have been very well received and will be available most mornings. I have been impressed with the good manners every morning, with lots of thank yous.

## PANTOMIME

Please could you let us know **as soon as possible** if you require a ticket/ coach place for the Pantomime trip or not.

## WOMENS FOOTBALL

Please could everyone who has signed up for the Manchester City V Manchester United Womens' football match be advised that they have **changed the time of kick off so we now need to meet at school at 10am.**

## FOREST SCHOOL

It is **Year 5's** turn for Forest School this half term. Their sessions are on Wednesdays. The children must come to school in their forest school clothes (clothes that you don't mind getting wet, ripped or dirty... and wellies or walking boots)

## NURSERY

We currently have some places in our Nursery if you know of anyone with a child who is already 3 or will turn 3 this academic year. Please give us a ring if you are interested in a nursery place. It is also useful to have those under 3 on our list so we can predict numbers.

## DINNER MONEY

Thank you to everyone who pays their dinner money in advance at the beginning of the week. Just a polite reminder that you must give a weeks notice if you are swapping from Dinners to Packed Lunches. The food is ordered in advance so if we are not informed then the food will still have to be paid for as it is already bought.

## ADVANCE NOTICE

Just to let you all know that we are planning to go **cashless** in January. A lot of you have said that it would make your life a lot easier if you could pay through an app so we are already in negotiations to set this up. We may have a couple of trial runs after the half term break. Watch this space!

## PARKING

We are very lucky with our neighbours who are all very supportive of school. Please can you continue to park considerately, the best plan is to avoid Cheriton Close altogether and park on the church car park and walk round to school. **Please don't park on the grass verges.**

## 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.

## SPORTS

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

**Terri's After School Sports Club.** This is after school on **Tuesdays**, 3.30pm-5.00pm. This club is open to anyone who is in KS2 (Years 3-6) and this term it will be Dance or Hockey.

**Computer Club.** This is after school on **Tuesdays** 3.30pm-4.30pm with Mrs O Flaherty and this half term will be for Years 5 and 6.

**Running Club** This is after school on **Wednesday** 3.30pm -4.30 pm with Mr Woolley, Mrs Collins and Miss Clark and is for anyone in KS2 (Years 3-6).

**Girls Football** is after school on **Thursdays** 3.30pm-5.00pm with Mr Partridge and is by invitation. The girls have had great fun recently playing friendly matches against neighbouring schools. **Our girls team came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the TCSSA girls football.**

**Boys football** is after school on **Fridays** 3.30pm-5.00pm with Mr Partridge and is by invitation

**Hattersley Brass** will restart on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September** with Mr Conway and Mrs Kinder. 3.45pm-4.30pm for beginner band, Main band (once you can read music) 4.45pm-5.45pm **Anyone from Year 4 onwards can stay behind on a Thursday for Hattersley Brass.**

We are delighted to be able to offer so many opportunities but we do appreciate that some children may have to make choices this half term.