

St James' Catholic Primary

"Great News"

Friday 12th April 2024

WELCOME BACK

We all hope that you had a wonderful time together during the Easter Holidays. It has been lovely to see everyone back refreshed and ready for the Summer Term. This is always a lovely, if somewhat hectic, term.

GAS MAINTENANCE WORK

Thank you for your cooperation whilst Cadent have been completing Maintenance work on Cheriton Close. I had had sleepless nights about how to get children in and out of school but you all responded so marvelously to the request to park away from school and walk down Cheriton Close. The workmen have assured me that all the gas work will be done by the end of the day today but they will need Monday and Tuesday to fill in all the holes. **Please can we continue to walk down to school on Monday and Tuesday.**

CATHOLIC LIFE MATTERS

HOLY WEEK: as always Holy Week was celebrated in our houses as well as in our classes. Each house focused on a day of Holy Week and one of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching (Dignity, Solidarity, The Common Good, The Option for the Poor, Peace, Creation and Environment and The Dignity of Work)

The prayer focus areas that were produced by each house were stunning and the children enjoyed visiting areas for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday as part of our Prayer Trail. We also squeezed in a visit to our church to look at the Stations of the Cross and a visit to St Barnabas' to listen to Rev Sam and Ellie talk about Holy Week.

It was lovely that families attended the Holy Week Services at St James' and that some of you were also able to attend some of the activities at St Barnabas'.

RECONCILIATION: Thank you to Fr Philip for visiting us before Easter so that we could go to confession. It was a lovely service and everyone who wanted to, children and staff, was able to talk to Fr Philip. Thank you to the Mini Vinnies who organized the prayer room and read during the service.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who donated Easter Eggs for our raffle this year, we had over 120 eggs! Thank you also to everyone who bought tickets. It is one of the few things that we do for ourselves and it raised £370 for school fund! It is always lovely to see so many children going home for Easter with an egg under their arm!

APRIL		
Monday 15 th		
Tuesday 16 th	Mrs Walker out Reflective Visit am Mrs Walker out Diocesan Meeting pm TCSSA Meeting	St Raphael's St Vincent's St Paul's
Wednesday 17 th	Rec and Y6 Height and weight checks	
Thursday 18 th	Mrs Walker and Mr Woolley out Tameside Heads Briefing	DTH
Monday 22 nd	Y5 & 6 Wow day RAF STEM Activities	
Tuesday 23 rd	TCSSA 6 a side heats	
Thursday 25 th	Nursery Assembly	
Friday 26 th	First Sacraments Meeting 3pm	
MAY		
Wednesday 1 st	Mrs Walker, Mr Woolley, Fr Philip out Prayer and Liturgy Meeting	
Thursday 2 nd	Local Elections polling station in the Ark	
Friday 3 rd	First Forgiveness 6pm	Church
Monday 6 th	BANK HOLIDAY	
Wednesday 8 th	Diocesan Heads Briefing	virtual
Thursday 9 th	Year 1 Assembly	
Monday 13 th	SATS Week	
Thursday 16 th	TCSSA Netball	
Friday 17 th	Nursery Mass am Mrs Walker and Mr Woolley out Catholic Heads Meeting pm	
Monday 20 th	Mr Woolley out Diocesan Deputy Heads	
Tuesday 21 st	Mrs Walker out Diocesan Meeting TCSSA KS1 mixed sports	
Wednesday 22 nd	Governors Finance Meeting 4.30pm	
Thursday 23 rd	Virtual RE Coordinators meeting Miss Eustace and Mr Woolley	
Friday 24 th	Race for Life School Closes for Whit	

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LENTEN SHARE DAY

Our Lenten Share Day was a great success, the money raised from wearing "red to toe" and the comedy show was an amazing £260 so the money has been shared between our two Lenten charities, CAFOD and Red Nose Day, £130 each.

BRASS NEWS

Our Brass Assembly was extremely well attended and the standard of performance was extremely high. The pieces just seem to get more and more difficult as the years go by. For those who were unable to attend we have found a tune in the Hymn Book called "St James" and we have adopted it as our own! A big thank you to Mr Conway and Mrs Collins for all that they do for music lessons.

The children in Hattersley Brass represented us extremely well as they combined with Tameside Music Service's Senior Brass at the prestigious Stoller Hall in Manchester on 24th March. They played 3 pieces with the combined brass band and 2 with the whole orchestra and choir, it was an amazing experience. Thank you also to Mrs Kinder for all she does to support Hattersley Brass.

PARENTS EVENING

Thank you to everyone who attended the Parents Evening before Easter, it is always so lovely to see the school hall full of adults working together for the good of all our children.

PAYMENTS

Thank you to everybody who pays in full and in advance for dinner money, Breakfast Club and trips. It really does help our office staff. If you have arrears we would be grateful for a prompt payment.

BREAKFAST CLUB

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

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!

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.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

PE KIT

Everyone has PE on a Tuesday so the children can come to school in their 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.

Tuesday After School Sports Club.

We will be having a new sports coach this term so there won't be an after school club until Tuesday 26th April when we know who we have got and what sport they will be promoting.

This club will then run after school on **Tuesdays**, 3.30pm-4.30pm. This club is open to anyone who is in KS2 (Years 3-6).

Running Club will continue to be on Wednesday lunchtimes for our elite runners, who are training for the summer athletic events.

Cheerleading will continue on Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm with Mrs Snarr and Mrs Collins. The squad is preparing for a competition in July. Our squad are TCSSA Champions this year.

Football Mr Prtiridge has already sent out letters about football. He is having children from Years 3, 4 & 5 on Thursdays. With Y6 pupils training on Fridays.

Hattersley Brass is on Thursdays with Mr Conway and Mrs Kinder. 3.45pm-4.30pm for beginner band, Main band (once you can read music) 4.45pm-5.45pm.