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PARENT BULLETIN

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This bulletin will allow us to give updates for parents all in one place. The links will take you to relevant updates/letters for your child's year group or to websites to locate information which you might find useful.

Bikeability Week - Year 5

Bikeability week commences on Monday Monday 29th November – please ensure that your child has suitable outdoor warm clothing to wear. A few parents have asked if they can leave their child's bike at school for the duration of the week. If this is easier than transporting them to and from school every day then bikes may be left here. They will however be left outside in the bike shed and they are left at parents' own risk and school will take no responsibility for them.



Breakfast Club

Please may we remind parents that the door for Breakfast Club is opened at 15 minute intervals from 7.30am onwards. Your child must access the club via the gate (and not the staff car park) and be taken into the club by a member of breakfast club staff to ensure that they are registered through the correct procedure.

Cauliflower Cards

We are pleased to inform you that all orders made through Cauliflower Cards for Christmas cards etc. have arrived and have been sent home with your child on Wednesday. We really hope that you are pleased with your purchases.

Christmas Tree Plea!



If anyone knows anyone whose business may be willing to sponsor our Christmas trees – please contact the school office.

In past years we have been very fortunate that local businesses have provided us with fresh Christmas trees and our pupils are currently working hard on hand-made decorations. The school will also be taking part in the charity Christmas Tree Festival (to celebrate the community of Shirley) at St James' the Great Church where one of our trees will be decorated with the pupils' hand-made decorations.

Nasal Flu Session

The Nursing Team were here on Tuesday 23rd November to administer the nasal flu immunisation. If your child was absent from school and you would like to re-arrange their session, please contact the clinic to make an appointment on 0121 465 1602.

Getting to know our Governors!

Our Local Governing Body (LGB) supports our school and works together with a shared ethos, common values and collective goals to achieve excellence in our school.

Our LGB meet six times a year and in order to help put a face behind a name and a little background information, please find some information about our Vice Chair of Governors, Ms Julie Skipp...

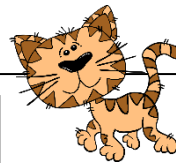


Tell us a bit about your working life....

I've recently joined an interiors company, working with our design and construction teams to deliver client projects. We focus on well-being in the workplace and I'm looking forward to increasing my knowledge in this area which I hope will support St. James' vision for the well-being of all in our school community.

What do you like to do outside of work?

I'm a keen golfer but certainly not professional standard! It's a great sport for challenging yourself and you spend a lot of time outdoors too, which I believe is good for the soul. I also enjoy gardening and spending quality time with my friends. I am also an unpaid member of staff for my 2 cats...



When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

I had a really great teacher at school who inspired me to want to become a teacher too. Unfortunately circumstances at the time meant I was unable to pursue this a career but being a governor at St. James means I am now able to help children reach their potential and lead fulfilling lives.

What's the top destination on your must-visit list?

I would love to go back to New Zealand, having spent a few weeks there pre-pandemic. It's an amazingly beautiful country with stunning landscapes and the people there are so welcoming.



Community Questionnaire

Our Governors are very keen to gain an understanding of your views, as parents, regarding the presence of St James within the community. They have asked if as many parents as possible could kindly take the time to complete the questionnaire, found below:-

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Thank you so much for your support!

What's happening – December Diary Dates!

What....	Information.....	Date/Time....
Bikeability Week	Year 5	29 th November - 3 rd December
Y1 Visit to St James' Church	Journey to the Stable visit	1 st December
Playground Leadership Training	Year 5	7 th December (1pm – 4pm)
TGAS Christmas Pantomime	Year 4	9 th December
End of Term Christingle Service	Pupils only	10 th December
Saturday Craft Fair @ Church House, St James Church	Christmas Tree Festival & Craft Fair	11 th December 10am – 3pm 12 th December 2pm – 3.15pm Followed by Community Carol singing outside Asda
EYFS Christmas Performance *	Nursery Parents Only	14 th December @ 9.15am
KS1 Christmas Performance *	Year 1 Parents Only	14 th December @ 10.30am
EYFS Christmas Performance *	Reception Parents Only	15 th December @ 9.15am
KS1 Christmas Performance *	Year 2 Parents Only	15 th December @ 10.30am
*Details regarding our EYFS and KS1 Christmas performances will be sent separately.		
Christmas School Meal	All pupils	16 th December
Term Ends	All pupils	17 th December
Spring Term Starts	All pupils	Wednesday 5 th January 2022

Please note that there will no be after school club on Friday 17th December.