



Message from the Principal

Happy new year to all of our families!

It has been lovely to welcome all of the staff and pupils back to school this week, for what promises to be another busy term. Today, Endeavour celebrated their half term win for Autumn housepoints. This term, we are looking forward to more house events where children can represent their house and earn those all important house points!

Best wishes,

Mrs H Lynch
Principal

Weekly Bulletin

Through the Parent Bulletin, we seek to send out as much information as we can via only one document each week. There may be occasional additional emails where information needs to be sent out quickly, but we always try to keep this to a minimum. We hope this helps parents and families to keep track of what is happening in school without having to trawl through dozens of emails! At the end of each bulletin, you will find upcoming diary dates of note.

PTA Updates

CHRISTMAS FAIR

- Many thanks to everyone who attended our Christmas fair last term! We are very happy to share that the total profit raised was £1440.87. The PTA would like to send a huge thank you to all teacher and parent volunteers, stallholders and everyone who contributed in any way towards making the fair a success.

SHIRLEY LIONS SANTA TRAIL

- Once again a huge thank you to the volunteers who joined us on the Shirley Lions Santa trail just before Christmas - we had a lovely evening and £386.53 was raised in collections for the school.

BAG2SCHOOL

- We have another Bag2School donation day booked for **Tuesday 30th January 2024**. Donations are to be dropped to the bike sheds in the morning at school drop-off please.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at the start of February - more details to follow.
- Part of the AGM is to elect a new PTA committee. All current committee members must step down and then reapply if they wish to continue. Anyone else wishing to apply may also do so. The new committee will then be elected by a vote done by members present at the AGM.
- If anyone would like to know more about the roles, please contact the current PTA.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM & CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

- Parents wishing to purchase pre-loved uniform can email the PTA and leave a donation of their choice in a sealed envelope with the school office. We are also accepting donations of pre-loved uniform (school-branded items only please.) Please see the up-to-date inventory of available items [here](#).
- We are also still taking donations of pre-loved Christmas jumpers - please drop these to the school office.

All correspondence for the PTA should be sent to pta@stjames.tgacademy.org.uk

Footie Bugs

There are a few last places left for Footie Bugs- see [here](#) for more information.

Enrichment Clubs

Enrichment clubs have recommenced this week and we are pleased to see so many pupils taking part in the various clubs we are able to offer our pupils. As you are aware, children in clubs for EY and KS1 pupils are dismissed from the EY door. Please may we ask that if you have children who are released from both the EYFS door and the playground that you collect your youngest child first from EY before collecting your older child from the playground.

Christingle Service

On Thursday 25th January, we will be holding a Christingle Service led by Reverend Paul and Reverend Richard at the church. This will start at 5.30pm, and finish at 6pm, and all pupils and their families are invited to attend. This event is not compulsory, but it would be lovely to see lots of families in the church. Children do not need to wear their school uniform. Christingles will be made at school during the day and brought over to the church.

Lost Property

We have accumulated a lot of items in lost property and whilst we do our best to reunite lost property with its rightful owner, clothing that is not named is unfortunately now outside the school office. The office staff will be sorting through the box next week and any items not named or not collected will be removed.

Calling all children learning instruments!

If your child is having individual music lessons either in school or out of school, we would like to invite them to play for the whole school on a Friday morning during Celebration. We would also like to invite their parents to attend to watch them play. Please contact the school office on office@stjames.tgacademy.org.uk to book in a date.

Reception Admissions

The closing date for reception admissions for September 2024 is 15th January 2024. Applications received after the closing date will not be processed until after national offer day, 16th April 2024 and will impact possible outcomes. If you live in Solihull, apply via the application portal [Starting primary or secondary school | solihull.gov.uk](https://solihull.gov.uk). All pupils must apply for reception through this process.

Any children living outside the Borough will need to apply direct to their Home LA.

A 'Thank You'

A very warm thanks to the PTA and parent body for the wonderful new rugs that have been purchased for the Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms. The rugs give the children the individual space they need to sit comfortably on the carpet, and look great too! The children and classroom staff are very pleased with them.



Upcoming Diary Dates

Did you know? You can sync our school calendar with the calendar on your phone, so you always have the most up to date calendar information. Click here to go the calendar page on our website, click on the button at the bottom of the page that says 'Subscribe to Calendar' and select which of your own calendars you wish to sync it with.

When?	What?	Who?
Wednesday 17 th January	Vision Screening – School Nurse at school	Reception
Thursday 25 th January	Christingle Service at church @ 5.30pm	Whole school and families invited
Monday 29 th January	Trust Inset – school closed to pupils	Whole school
Friday 2 nd February	Buddhist Temple visit (am)	Year 4
Wednesday 7 th February	Heights & Weights – School Nurse at school	Reception & Y6
Thursday 8 th February	Church Service @ 2pm	Y5 & 6 Parents invited to attend
Friday 9 th February	Coventry Cathedral visit	Year 6
Monday 12 February 2024 to Friday 16 February 2024	Half Term	Whole School
Tuesday 19 th March	Last swimming session	Year 3
Friday 22 March 2024	End of Spring Term	Whole School

'Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong. Do everything in love.' 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

