



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well... what a busy week it has been at TGPASJ! I would like to thank all of the parents who shared their good wishes with us as we went into the inspection, and to those who took the time to complete the parent survey. I will write to you to notify you when OFSTED publish their report.

I had the pleasure of speaking to some of the parents who came to the Mothers' Day breakfast on Wednesday morning. It was lovely to see the beautiful portraits the pupils had drawn and to see them sharing special time with the lovely ladies in their lives.

Finally, today we have celebrated World Book Day, and what fun we have had! It is wonderful to see the children all dressed up and so keen to talk about the people that inspire them. Thank you for all your support in this - as a parent myself, I know that it isn't easy!

Best wishes,

Mrs Lynch
Principal

West Midlands Police - Shirley Neighbourhood Team

Message from PCSO Matthew Johnson

The parking situation outside of the school has been brought to the attention of Solihull Police over the past few weeks. I have spoken to parents who have stressed that some of the parking poses a danger to pupils crossing the road, to enter the school gates.

The first concern is at both bottom corners of Danbury Road, which takes you on to Halifax Road. Vehicles have been seen to be parking on these corners, which obstructs the view for parents and pupils crossing the road. In addition, these corners are marked with double yellow lines, meaning that any vehicles parked here can be penalised.

Secondly, there have been reports of parking within the keep clear markings directly outside the school gates. Again, this is highly dangerous and I must stress that all parents abide by the Highway Code. People parking here will be penalised.

Solihull Police will continue to monitor the parking situation, and will conduct school patrols in marked and unmarked vehicles where possible. If you would like to report dangerous parking, please email myself: Matthew.Johnson1@westmidlands.police.uk.

Please include a photograph of the vehicle displaying the registration. Please also raise the same report to Solihull Council.



PTA Updates

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- Please note that the re-arranged AGM date is Thursday 11th April 2024 (5.30pm – 6.30pm). All are welcome and we encourage you to see [here](#) for further information or email pta@stjames.tgacademy.org.uk

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

- 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](#).

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

Opportunities at St James

Please see the link here for some exciting opportunities which have arisen at TGPA St James including PTA Committee, Parent Governor, Library and Reading volunteers:-

<https://www.stjames.tgacademy.org.uk/files/2024/02/TGPASJ-needs-You.pdf>

Pupil Eco – Council Message

We are working hard to try and achieve the Green Flag award for our school this year and need your assistance to help make our school more eco-friendly.

We have noticed there is a lot of waste in our lunch bin, and we want to try and reduce this as much as we can. We have decided to ask all children who bring packed lunches to school to take all their packaging and left over food home with them. We hope that this will make it easier for families to use re-usable packaging wherever possible, and to recycle other packaging in your home recycling (we would also encourage you to compost any leftover fruit and vegetables if you are able to).

We really hope that by doing this we can reduce the amount of waste going into landfill.

Many of you will know that our menu at St James is meat free on Mondays. We would also like children who have packed lunches to try and join in with this by avoiding meat products on Mondays. We have found that eating more plant-based foods is not only healthy but helps to reduce our carbon footprint too. Thank you for your help and support and we look forward to sharing more of our ideas with you soon.

Summer Term Enrichment Clubs

You will receive a separate letter with a link for you to indicate if your child is interested in joining a club after the Easter break. We will contact you to inform you if your child has a place by Tuesday 19th March. The clubs will run for ten weeks. Please note that Chess is booked and paid for via your child's MCAS account (this will be available next week) and Football, Dance and Gymnastics are booked directly with FootieBugs and Stardust Academy.

EYFS Request

If anyone has any spare clothing that they could donate, we would really appreciate it for our Early Years. In particular, we are in desperate need of tights, sock and pants (both boys and girls) and we would be really grateful if anyone has any pre-loved items that they no longer need.

Please ensure that your child has a spare set of clothing within school for unavoidable accidents to avoid having to ring home for a change of clothes and ensure that we can change them into something dry and comfortable as soon as we can! Donations may be given at the door or at the office. Thank you.

EYFS Fund

Please may we ask if you have not already done so and you are able to contribute to the EYFS Fund, that you make your payment through the MCAS system (Products). We sincerely appreciate this valued contribution used to enrich your child's learning here in the EY at St James. We ask for £15 per term or £40 as a one-off payment which is used to help purchase extra resources. Thank you.

Wraparound – Parent Survey

We sent a letter earlier this week asking for your views about our wraparound services.

Please may we ask that you complete the survey found here to give us your views:-

<https://forms.office.com/e/9uXg8pDBYi>. It should take you no more than 10 minutes to complete and all submissions are anonymous. The survey will close on Thursday 21st March 2024. Your support is much appreciated.

Should I Keep My Child Off School?

Please find a link [here](#) which you may find useful for guidance.

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.

Stardust Dance and Gymnastics

Please find information [here](#) for Summer term dates for Stardust Academy.

World Book Day

It was lovely to see so many staff dressed up as 'people who inspire us' for today's World Book Day.

See who you can recognise



Staffing Update....

We warmly welcome Mrs Kelly Chambers, Teaching Assistant, to our team in EY here at TGPA St James.

Easter Holiday Clubs

Please see the attached links for holiday club information across the Easter holiday;

[Tudor Grange Leisure Centre Let's Play](#)

[Pick and Mix Holiday Camp](#)

[The Bugs Group](#)

Please note that these are not run by or organised by TGPA St James.

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



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 13 th March	The Easter Journey @ St James Church	Year 5
Tuesday 19 th March	Last swimming session	Year 3
Thursday 21 st March	Church Service	All pupils
Friday 22 March 2024	End of Spring Term	Whole School