



FRIDAY NEWS

4TH MARCH
2022

The official newsletter of St James CE Primary School



A PIRATE'S LIFE FOR ST JAMES'

On Wednesday, we celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as pirates and taking part in lots of wonderful pirate-themed reading activities that focussed on reading skills. We also created a special 'message in a bottle' story as a school, where each class added their own paragraph. In the afternoon, we were visited by a theatre company and the children enjoyed an entertaining show.

Also, we held a special homework competition, where children had to make pirate ships and treasure maps. Our winners were Ronnie B for KS1 and Layton M for KS2!



STARS OF THE WEEK

- Class 1 - Jessica C
- Class 2 - Renesmae S
- Class 3 - Alicia K
- Class 4 - Edita D
- Class 5 - Ramadan EKG
- Class 6 - Jenson M
- Class 7 - Poppie B
- Class 8 - Nusar H
- Class 9 - Emma D
- Class 10 - Elise W
- Class 11 - Ewan W



GOLDEN SCROLL

**Maison M, Abel W, Mohair BA,
Bailey L, Ellyson T, Teagan W,
Sophie J, Phoebe A, Skylar B,
Freddie B, Matteo PS**

CHRISTIAN VALUE

Our Christian value this half term is **Forgiveness**.

BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgive one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32

"With God, there is no limit to what you can do. There is no obstacle you can't overcome. Through Him all things are possible."
(Matthew 19:26)



Please make sure that your child attends school every day. Attendance is still a real worry at the moment.

Thank you to those of you who are ensuring your child is here on a regular basis.

As well as being here every day, children need to be here on time. A reminder that we open the doors at 8:45 am for lessons to start at 8:55 am. If your child arrives after this time, they will miss out on crucial learning; in particular, our youngest children in Key Stage 1 and Reception who start phonics at this time. Regular lateness can be classified as unauthorised absence, which could lead to penalty notice fines being issued.

It is our legal duty to tackle poor attendance.

These are some of the ways in which we will address poor attendance:

- The class teacher will talk to you about poor attendance if needed.
- We will send you a polite text reminder to you if your child's attendance falls below 95%.
- If we have serious concerns about your child's attendance, we will send you a letter outlining our concerns and actions we will be taking to support you and your child.

If your child has 5 unauthorised absences/late marks, this will trigger a penalty notice.

If you are struggling with attendance, please speak to us at school as we do want to support where we can.

Don't forget that you can find lots of information on our website:

www.st-james-farnworth.bolton.sch.uk



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ATTENDANCE

OUR TARGET IS 96%

Whole School	93.6%
Class 1	97.1%
Class 2	87.6%
Class 3	91.7%
Class 4	90.4%
Class 5	97.2%
Class 6	93.8%
Class 7	96.0%
Class 8	92.0%
Class 9	95.7%
Class 10	93.4%
Class 11	93.8%

Green - 100% - 95%
Yellow - 94.9% - 90%
Red - Below 90%

COVID-19 UPDATE

The government recently announced some significant changes to the guidance around the coronavirus and we now have a better understanding of how this will impact schools.

Positive Cases

The key message is that if children or adults show any signs of coronavirus or are at all unwell, they should not attend school. Children that attend school showing symptoms will be asked to go home.

Children and adults that are showing symptoms should isolate and continue to seek a test if they are able - this may be a PCR or Lateral Flow Test. School can then provide further information on how long someone needs to isolate before they return to school.

Schools in Bolton are being asked to continue to report positive cases to the local authority so that case numbers across the borough can be monitored. Even if children do not take a test, they must stay at home until they are fully recovered.

Testing

The government have now removed the requirement for staff in mainstream primary schools to test regularly. However, all adults should still be able to access Lateral Flow Tests through local pharmacies, testing hubs or order tests online. The wider community are still encouraged to test if they are visiting people that are vulnerable. This advice is likely to change at the end of March when it is expected that tests will no longer be readily and freely available.

Vaccinations

Children age 5-11, who are clinically extremely vulnerable, are currently being offered the vaccine. If you think your child falls into this category, please contact your GP for further advice. Similarly, if someone in the household is immunosuppressed then children ages 5-11 in the same household may be able to access the vaccine. Please check with your GP.

From April, vaccination will be available for 5-11 year-olds, as it is in many other countries already. This will be 'non-urgent' and based on parental choice. The offer will be community-based and not school-based. Once we have more information on this, we will share it with parents.



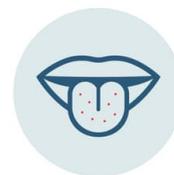
**HIGH
TEMPERATURE**



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