



FRIDAY NEWS

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The official newsletter of St James CE Primary School



MEET THE TEACHER

Welcome back to a new academic year at St. James. We have been delighted to welcome the children back to school and we hope they have had an enjoyable and settled start with their new teachers.

Next week, we will be holding our 'Meet the Teacher' events. This will be your opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and see the classroom they will be learning in this year. It will also give the teacher a chance to explain any school systems, class procedures and events that will take place this year.

A Microsoft Form has been sent out for you to book your place on one of two sessions - you only need to book one day. Don't worry if you cannot make the event, a parent leaflet will be made available with important information and, as always, teachers are available to speak to parents via the school office or at the end of the day.

Key Stage 1 (Classes 3, 4 & 5)

Tuesday 12th @ 9:00am & Wednesday 13th @ 2:45pm

Lower Key Stage 2 (Classes 6, 7 & 8)

Thursday 14th @ 2:45pm & Friday 15th @ 9:00am

Upper Key Stage 2 (Classes 9, 10 & 11)

Tuesday 12th @ 2:45pm & Wednesday 13th @ 9:00am

REMINDERS

STAFFING UPDATE

A big welcome to our new members of staff in school.

Starting with us are Miss Z Ali (CL10), Miss S Ali (CL9), Mrs Patel (CL6), Miss Symonds (CL4), Miss Hulton (CL4), Miss Jama (CL3) and Miss Bester (Reception).

I'm sure you help us all make them feel welcome to the St. James family.

Mr Booth and Miss Darroch-Bartley will be temporarily teaching CL5 until Mrs Parkinson returns to school after recovering from her operation.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you would like any further information.

PE KITS

PE kits should be brought into school on Monday and taken home on Friday. School PE kits consist of a plain white t-shirt, navy blue shorts and black PE pumps.

Please note that due to health and safety reasons, children who do not have an appropriate PE kit in school will not be able to take part in PE lessons.

PE Days for this half term:

CL1 - Tues

CL2 - Tues

CL3 - Thurs & Fri

CL4 - Tues & Thurs

CL5 - Mon & Thurs

CL6 - Mon & Wed

CL7 - Fri

CL8 - Wed

CL9 - Mon & Fri

CL10 - Mon & Fri

CL11 - Mon & Fri

CLASS LIST

Nursery - Mrs Finch

Class 1 - Mrs Whitton

Class 2 - Mrs Pilling

Class 3 - Miss Jama

Class 4 - Miss Symonds

Class 5 - Mr Booth & Miss Darroch-Bartley

Class 6 - Miss Hilson

Class 7 - Miss Casserley

Class 8 - Mrs Thomas

Class 9 - Mrs Pandor

Class 10 - Miss Ali

Class 11 - Miss Craven

GOLD SCROLL

Tyler S

David W

BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

God has something great in your future.

Isaiah 43:19

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

www.st-james-farnworth.bolton.sch.uk or follow us on



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Have you heard the news? Rock Kidz is coming to our school on Friday 22nd September to deliver the most exciting rock 'n' roll workshops in the UK!

Throughout the school day, we will be transforming the whole school into rock stars and inspiring them to be the best they can be. The experienced team will be teaching one of their key messages such as self-esteem, anti-bullying, aspirations and inclusion through unique Rock Kidz songs.

To fully immerse themselves into the day, children are allowed to come to school dressed as a rockstar for a small donation of 50p per child.

At the end of the workshop day, the team will be outside conducting a 'meet & greet' for the school community, where there will be an opportunity to meet the team and purchase the official Rock Kidz merchandise for your child. The merchandise features a positive message of the value they've covered in the workshop and aims to serve as an inspirational reminder of the Rock Kidz experience. All purchases can be made with cash or card.

T-shirts - £12

Caps - £15

Hoodies - £20

Thank you in advance for your support of this day.

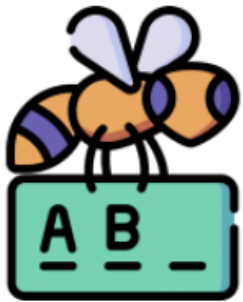


Gimme 5: Explained



Read your reading book

We recommend that children read their school reading book around 3 or 4 times a week. This helps to sharpen the reading skills and exposes children to a wealth of new vocabulary. This needs to be recorded in their reading record book.



Practise your spellings

Spellings should be practised as often as possible to prepare for a weekly spelling test. Spelling words are set each week on paper in homework books or online using the 'Spelling Bee' app. The 'Spelling Bee' app allows children to practise spellings in a fun and interactive way.



Practise your times tables

Times tables should be practised as often as possible during the week. Children who have a good recall of times table facts often achieve much better in maths. 'Times Table Rock Stars' is an excellent way for children to practise and strengthen their recall.



One piece of English or maths homework

Each week, the class teacher will set an English task or a maths task alternately. These tasks will be used to strengthen and solidify learning that the children already know. These tasks will be stuck into their homework books ready for completion. Homework will be set on Fridays to be returned the following Wednesday.



Mindfulness and Wellbeing

Healthy minds are just as important as healthy bodies. We want to encourage children to spend some time focusing on their mental health and wellbeing by engaging in mindful activities. These could include: a no-device evening, going for a walk, mindfulness colouring, playing outdoors, exercise, etc.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about LIVE STREAMING

Live streaming involves broadcasting and watching videos online in real time, often on social media or via platforms like YouTube and Twitch. Viewers can interact through comments, chats and reactions during the broadcast: such instant engagement makes this an exciting way to share experiences, learn from others and build digital communities. Despite the many positives, live streaming also creates a potential platform for unsuitable content and poses some risks to children: it's essential to keep privacy and safety in mind and comply with each site or app's age restrictions.

AGE RESTRICTION
13+
16+ 18+
Age varies by platform

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

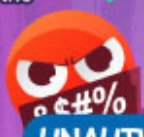
LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

Despite their age restrictions, some platforms don't require proof of age at sign up - meaning that anyone can register for an account (and potentially pretend to be older or younger than they actually are). In many cases, this means that young live streamers can never be totally certain exactly who they are broadcasting to and who is engaging with their live stream.



UNAUTHORISED RECORDINGS

Each live streaming platform stores completed videos for different periods (Twitch saves broadcasts for 60 days, for example, while Facebook and YouTube remove them only at the creator's request). Deleting a video, though, doesn't always stop it from being shared: in some cases, streams have been illegally recorded (or screenshots taken) by certain viewers and redistributed on other sites.



DISCLOSING PERSONAL INFO

A characteristic of live streaming is the ability for videos to be instantly shared worldwide. Without the correct privacy settings enabled, a child could inadvertently reveal personal information or their location, making them vulnerable to online predators or identity theft. It's wise to regularly check the privacy settings (and what data is being shared) on any apps your child has signed up for.



ROGUE CONTENT CREATORS

Children can also watch other people's live streams, which could potentially contain anything at any time (such as nudity, drug use or profanity). Most apps claim to monitor live streams and will stop any that don't adhere to their guidelines - but with millions of streams per day, it's complicated to regulate them all, so children could be exposed to inappropriate content without parents knowing.



ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN

As the video streams are live, children might encounter (or inadvertently share) inappropriate content. Most live-streaming apps have rules to prevent this and monitor their services, also providing report buttons where content can be flagged for review. It may not be dealt with instantly, however, meaning that your child could be further exposed to harmful content during a live stream.



DANGER OF GROOMING

There are increasing reports of children being coerced into performing "suggestive acts" by strangers on some live-streaming apps. Due to the lack of verification required for certain apps, almost anyone can sign up to these services (including anonymously or under a fake identity). It's vital, therefore, to ensure the correct safety measures are in place before your child begins live streaming.



Advice for Parents & Carers

PUT PRIVACY FIRST

Through the streaming app's settings, switch your child's account to 'private', so only their friends and followers can see their broadcasts. You could also turn off the live chat, shielding your child from any upsetting comments - although viewers' feedback is often seen as an integral part of the fun. Identify any nearby items (such as school uniforms or visible landmarks) that could give away your child's location.



MANAGE MULTISTREAMING

Some apps and sites let users stream their content through multiple social media platforms at once. A broadcast on SteamYard, for example, can be shared on YouTube, Twitch, X and Facebook if the accounts are linked. The privacy settings can differ on each of these, so we'd suggest only streaming via one platform at a time to maintain greater control over who's watching your child's videos.



GET INVOLVED YOURSELF

Research suggests a significant number of streams show a child on their own, often in a supposed safe space like their bedroom. If your child wants to live stream, ask if you could be present because you're interested in how it works. You could even set up your own account to gain a more detailed knowledge of what your child talks about in their live streams - and who they're broadcasting to.



TALK ABOUT LIVE STREAMING

Try to start with positives before discussing potential risks. You could ask which live streaming apps your child likes and how they use them. Do they just watch streams or create their own? Explain why it's unwise to reveal personal information while streaming (even to friends). If you feel your child's too young for live streams, explain your reasoning to them and perhaps agree to review this decision in the future.



CONSIDER THEIR ONLINE REPUTATION

As the broadcasts are live, it often causes the misconception among young people that whatever happens in their video simply 'vanishes' once the stream ends. However, videos can stay online indefinitely or be recorded by other users. It's important that your child understands what they do and say in a live stream could potentially damage their online reputation and, quite possibly, be seen by prospective future employers, colleges or universities.



Meet Our Expert

Rhodri Smith is Head of Digital Learning at Thomas's Kensington, London. Recognised in the EdTech 50 UK Awards Yearbook 2021/22 for his efforts in the digital transformation at Cubitt Town Primary School and Tower Hamlets, he is also a Google for Education Certified Trainer and guest lectures at University College London on the integration of technology across the curriculum.



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