



FRIDAY NEWS

7TH JANUARY
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The official newsletter of St James CE Primary School



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break and are looking forward to the year ahead. The next few weeks seem a little uncertain for all of us, but let's hope that brighter times will soon be upon us.

Staffing Update: This week, we welcomed Mr Green to our school family. Mr Green will be covering teachers' PPA across KS1 and LKS2 classes throughout the week. We hope he settles in well to our school and I am sure you will all give him a warm St James welcome.

PE KITS

Children are allowed to wear their PE kits to school for one of their PE sessions in the week. Allocated days are:

Class 1 & 2 - Wednesday
Class 3 - Monday
Class 4 - Monday
Class 5 - Monday
Class 6 - Monday

Class 7 - Friday
Class 8 - Thursday
Class 9 - Friday
Class 10 - Friday
Class 11 - Tuesday

STARS OF THE WEEK

Class 1 - Ella B
Class 2 - Oliver S
Class 3 - Amelia T
Class 4 - Ellie-Rose B
Class 5 - Madison R
Class 6 - Harvey R
Class 7 - Kacper S
Class 8 - Ellis Mc
Class 9 - Jaiden N
Class 10 - Emma O
Class 11 - All Class 11



GOLDEN SCROLL

These children were in the 'Gold Zone' this week in school:

Lily-Mae L, Victodi D, Ellyson T,
Chido G, Oliver S, Hailey W

CHRISTIAN VALUE

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

BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8

COVID-19 UPDATES

Please do not send your child into school if they are showing symptoms of covid.



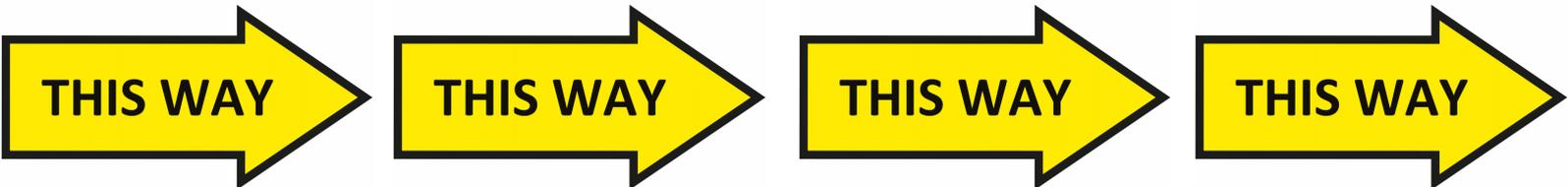
From Tuesday 11th January, new government guidance says that if your child tests positive on a lateral flow test they will not need a follow-up PCR test. Your child will need to self-isolate immediately for 10 days. Please see the most up to date guidance on self-isolation as self-isolation can now end after day 7 if your child tests negative on day 6 AND day 7 of their isolation.

If your child is classed as a close contact of someone with covid - they will be allowed to continue coming to school (as they are under 18 years and 6 months). IF they have no symptoms and IF they test negative on lateral flow tests on a daily basis (for 7 days) since becoming a close contact. If your child is in this position, we will need you to send their daily negative lateral flow test results to the school office email address which is: office@st-james-farnworth.bolton.sch.uk If your child tests positive on a lateral flow device then they cannot come to school and must begin self-isolation (see above). Please contact the school if you need further clarification on this.

If you need lateral flow tests for your child you can order some online from www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests or your local pharmacy may be able to help.

For the rest of this half-term, the school is going to move to virtual assemblies and limit the number of visitors. This means that the proposed class assemblies for Class 8 and Class 7 this half term will be moved to later in the year so that we can, hopefully, do these face to face. Parents' evening before the February half term may have to be in the format of telephone consultations as per the Autumn Term.

Visitors into school, which includes parents, will need to wear a face-covering - including when visiting the school office. Please respect that one family/person is allowed in the office area at one time. This is in place to keep you safe.



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ONE WAY SYSTEM

Following on from a parent survey we did before Christmas, a large proportion of parents who responded suggested that we bring the one-way system around the outside of school back. Therefore, from Monday 10th January we are going to put this back into place at home-time only. The pathways are narrow in places, and it can cause congestion when families are moving in different directions. Hopefully, putting this system in place will ensure a smooth and congestion-free exit for everyone. The morning routine is naturally staggered as children can enter the school from 8:45-8:55 am so there seems to be no congestion.

There will be no staggered exit times at home-time - all classes will still be dismissed from 3:15 pm. Parents/carers are able to wait on the playgrounds as you have been doing this term. We are happy for you to enter the school grounds from either the top or bottom gate as the gates are opened from 3:05 pm, which means that the number of adults arriving at school is naturally staggered and therefore traffic reduced. We will monitor this and may have to make changes if congestion is caused.

Classes 7, 8 and 9 will continue to be collected from the playground. Parents/carers will then have to leave the playground and follow the school path up towards the top gate - which is the exit gate on Brookland Avenue NOT Hillside Avenue. **We will now dismiss classes 10 and 11 from the school playground also.** Children who walk home will be dismissed from the top gate at Brookland Avenue. Parents/carers who collect children in classes 10 and 11 will have to wait on the school playground and collect children from there and then leave from the top gate at Brookland Avenue.

If you are collecting children from the playground, DO NOT wait on pathways to take children. Not only does this block the path, but it also isn't safe as teachers need to see who children are being dismissed. Please support us with this as it does make things much easier and safer.

Classes 3 and 5 will continue to be dismissed from door 4. From Monday, parents/carers will need to exit towards the Reception play area and follow the KS1 and Nursery playground paths and leave at the top gate on Brookland Avenue. **Do not try and return towards the main playgrounds and the front of the building.** This will cause congestion for families trying to get to the back of the school.

Reception, Classes 4 and 6 will continue to be dismissed from where they are now, at the back of the school. From Monday, parents/carers will need to exit towards the KS1 play area and follow the Nursery playground paths and leave at the top gate on Brookland Avenue. **Do not try and return towards the Reception play area, main playgrounds and front of the building.** This will cause congestion for families trying to get to the back of the school.

Thank you for your support with this - and thank you to those parents/carers who responded to our survey asking for this system to be returned. We will monitor how this works and make changes if necessary. We are not putting this in place to inconvenience anyone, we are doing it because parents/carers are asking for this and it will help you leave school quicker and safer as you won't have to 'give way' or wait for others to pass you. For those of you that experienced this system last year, we are sure this will all make sense to you - if you are not sure please speak to a member of staff.

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SCHOOL SUBSCRIPTIONS



Oxford Owl
www.oxfordowl.co.uk



Spelling Shed
www.spellingshed.com



Times Tables Rock Stars
www.ttrockstars.com



Numbots Maths Activities
www.numbots.com

ATTENDANCE

OUR TARGET IS 96%

Whole School	92.2%
Class 1	75.0%
Class 2	83.3%
Class 3	96.2%
Class 4	95.2%
Class 5	94.0%
Class 6	96.4%
Class 7	90.5%
Class 8	93.1%
Class 9	98.2%
Class 10	96.3%
Class 11	88.8%

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

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