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St James Friday News 01.10.21

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important information on our
website:

<http://st-james-farnworth.bolton.sch.uk/>

Our 'Calendar' is updated on a
regular basis with important
school dates.

Attendance

Just a reminder that attendance, like last year, is mandatory for pupils and usual attendance procedures are in place. This means that parents have a legal duty to ensure that their child attends school on a regular basis. The government expect schools to promote good attendance and reduce absence. Schools are expected to act early to address patterns of absence. School monitors your child's attendance on a regular basis and we will be in touch with you if we have concerns. The reason we do this is because children who do not attend school regularly, are at risk of falling behind their peers. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school. We know that you do not want this for your child, so please make sure they come to school on time, every day. Many thanks to the parents who make sure their child/ren attend regularly - we know who you are!! Children have missed far too much school over the past 18 months, so let's work together to make sure your child gets the education that they deserve. Thank you for your support.

Harvest

We are delighted to be able to invite parents of Year 3 children into school to watch the Year 3 Harvest on Friday 15th October at 2:30pm. However, we do need to limit the number of adults in school - so please make sure you only come if you are watching your Year 3 child and please no more than 2 adults per child (1 adult preferably but no more than 2). Thank you and we can't wait to see you in school again! Please remember that parents/carers cannot take photos or videos within school due to safeguarding purposes, please do not be offended if we have to ask you to stop taking photos before or during the event.

This year we will be asking for donations of non-perishable food for Farnworth and Kearsley Foodbank. Please bring your donations into school on Friday 15th October or Thursday 14th October for Reception children (letter to follow). Some suggestions of what to bring are: tinned meat, tinned fruit, beans, soup, rice pudding, UHT milk, long life fruit juice, instant coffee, tea bags and sugar. All donations will be gratefully received.

Year 5/6 Football Competition

Well done to our Year 5/6 football team who travelled to All saints Primary on Wednesday this week to take part in a Farnworth schools' sports event. Mrs Lambert accompanied the children and she said that they were an absolute credit to the school with their outstanding behaviour and resilience. Despite not winning the competition, the children tried their very best and didn't give up - even when facing defeat! We are very proud of them! Well done to Phoebe A, Laura W, Samuel Y, Mohid B, Hadee B, Henley F, Bradley J and Manu D!!

Staffing Update

Mrs Twist, one of our teaching assistants, has recently retired from her role in school. Mrs Twist has given 15 years of service to our school and we are incredibly grateful for her contribution to our St James family. She has recently worked within our Little Saints nursery, worked in breakfast club and supported classes over lunchtime. She has also supported pupils on a one-to-one basis during her time here and has had a positive impact on a number of children and staff. We are all going to miss Mrs Twist very much and we wish her lots of love and best wishes with her retirement.

Attendance

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| WHOLE SCHOOL | 93% |
| Class 1 | 97.1% |
| Class 2 | 89.6% |
| Class 3 | 92.7% |
| Class 4 | 92% |
| Class 5 | 93.1% |
| Class 6 | 91.3% |
| Class 7 | 92.6% |
| Class 8 | 92.4% |
| Class 9 | 93.6% |
| Class 10 | 95.8% |
| Class 11 | 92.6% |

Green = 95% – 100%
 Yellow = 90% - 94.9%
 Red = below 90%

Our attendance target is 96%

Parents' Evening

We have really enjoyed talking to parents/carers over the phone this week for our parents evening. It has been a very positive experience with lots and lots of happy parents and children. Please remember that if you have any concerns about your child you must contact us as we are always happy to help. Thank you for your support this week. Your child gets the best out of their education when school and home work together.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones for children are not allowed in school. We understand that some of our older children feel safer if they have one for walking to and from school. If you feel your child needs to do this, then a parent/carer must complete a consent form available at the school office. Phones must be switched off and handed in to the office first thing in the morning and will be locked away for the school day. Phones can be collected at the end of the day.

Star of the Week

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| Class 1: Jessica C | Class 7: Addison F |
| Class 2: Anthony H | Class 8: Lacey G |
| Class 3: Gracie-Mae H | Class 9: Jack E |
| Class 4: Awen H | Class 10: Daisy M |
| Class 5: Lola C | Class 11: Luna D |
| Class 6: David M | |



Golden Scroll

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

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| Jessica C | Isla W |
| Bobbi-Raye B | Honey-Mae L |
| Tommy H | |



Our Christian value this half term is:
Respect

Bible quote of the week:

Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.
 Philippians 4:11

