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St James Friday News 05.11.2021

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

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

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

Remembrance

We still have poppies and other items on sale in school for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. If your child would like to purchase poppy items such as coat tags, rulers, etc. (see our Facebook page for items available). Please send money in an envelope labelled with your child's name and the item and hand it to the class teacher and for poppies a 50p suggested donation. Our trust wide super learning day for World War Two will be on Wednesday 10th November and remembrance will play a part in this, especially for our KS2 children who will be attending a special event at Bolton Parish Church. Please make sure you return the permission slip for your child so that they can attend the event - please send these back on Monday if you have not done so already.

Class 11 will be leading our school remembrance service on Thursday 11th November at 2:30pm. We are able to invite parents/carers of children in Class 11 to this event but we do have to limit numbers. No more than 2 adults per child from Class 11 only can attend, and if possible please can only 1 adult per child attend - this is so we can limit numbers in the hall. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Attendance

Please make sure your child attends school every day. Attendance is still a real worry for us 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 for pupils at 8:45am for lessons to start at 8:55am. If your child arrives after 8:55am they start to miss out on crucial learning; particularly with our youngest children in Reception and KS1 whose phonics lessons start at that time. Teaching phonics is one way we help children to learn how to read - we are sure you don't want your child missing out on this vital life skill so please make sure they are here for 8:55am. Regular lateness can be classed as unauthorised absence and this could lead to penalty notice fines being issued.

It is our legal duty as a school to tackle poor attendance. These are some of the ways we address poor attendance:

- Your child's class teacher will talk to you about attendance if needed.
- We will send a polite text reminder to you if your child's attendance drops below 95% (our target is 96%). We may be aware of the reasons behind why your child's attendance drops below this point, but we simply want to make you aware of it.
- If we have serious concerns about your child's attendance we will send you a letter outlining our concerns and the actions we will be taking to support you and your child with regular attendance.

If your child has 5 unauthorised absences/lates then this will trigger a penalty notice. If you are struggling with school attendance then please speak to us at school as we do want to help and support where we can. The children have missed enough school in the past 18 months, let's all work together to make sure they don't miss any more.

Dogs

A polite reminder that dogs are not permitted on school premises at any time, even if they are held. We have some children who are afraid of dogs and it can never be guaranteed when a dog might decide to make a mess. Thank you.

Attendance

WHOLE SCHOOL	93.8%
Class 1	95.2%
Class 2	94.2%
Class 3	94.6%
Class 4	94.7%
Class 5	93.7%
Class 6	91.8%
Class 7	94.1%
Class 8	93.3%
Class 9	95.7%
Class 10	90%
Class 11	95.2%

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

Our attendance target is 96%

Golden Scroll

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

Maison M	Madison R	Don Divin N
Addison F	Thomas F	Renesmae S
Rena L	Arianna D	Max B
Alexander R	Thomas P	Favour A
Miley M	William H	Manha T
	Tommy H	

Star of the Week

Class 1: Rosa Y	Class 7: Destiny B
Class 2: Skylar B	Class 8: Victodi D
Class 3: Gracie-Ella B	Class 9: Lydia D
Class 4: Mia-Rose R	Class 10: Lily-Mae L
Class 5: Hayley W	Class 11: Nathan W
Class 6: Ashaal A	



Our Christian value this half term is:
Peace

Non-uniform Days

We would just like to remind you about some of the non-uniform days that we have coming up -

- World War 2 Super Learning Day on Wednesday 10th November. We are encouraging children from Reception to Year 6 to come dressed up in 1940s outfits (military costumes allowed or military colours if that helps - evacuees also a simple, cost-effective idea for a costume e.g. grey school trousers/skirt, school shirt perhaps with a tie, plain jumper or 1940s style patterned jumper/cardigan over the top, make an evacuee parcel with a box and string and name tag out of card or paper). No donation needed to do this.
- Children in Need day Friday 12th November - 50p/£1 donation for the charity please in return for wearing non-uniform.
- LKS2 (Classes 6, 7 and 8 only) Ancient Greek Day Thursday 18th November - please see your child's homework grid for cost-effective ideas to put a Greek costume together e.g. plain bed sheet shaped and cut to make a toga, string around the waist. No donation required.

Bible quote of the week:

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God

Matthew 5:9


