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St James Friday News 21.05.21

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.

Covid

I am sure that you are aware that the rates of Covid in Bolton are currently the highest in the country. Therefore it is vitally important that everyone continues to follow the rules, that are in place to keep everyone protected.

Please remember the current government strapline of 'hands, face, space, fresh air'. Even though restrictions are lifting, Bolton Public Health urge everyone to be cautious.

If your child develops one of the four main symptoms which are a high temperature, a new continuous cough, loss of smell or loss of taste then they **MUST** stay at home and not come to school. Brothers and sisters **MUST** also stay at home. You should then book a PCR test and self isolate as a family until the results are returned. Please remember that school can only accept negative results from a PCR test if your child has symptoms. We cannot accept rapid test results for symptomatic cases.

We are hoping and praying that we do not need to close any classes, please remain cautious and follow the rules.



Attendance

As restrictions begin to lift, we know some families may be looking to take holidays during term time. We have been asked by the Department for Education to remind you that school attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils and the usual rules on school attendance apply. This includes parents' duty to ensure their child regularly attends school, and schools' and local authorities' ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, for poor attendance.

As usual, parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school on holiday.

Punctuality

It is important that children arrive at school on time, as lessons commence immediately, and more importantly good morning routines are a life skill.

Times are detailed below, thank you for your support with this.

Class	Drop off time	Collection time
Little Saints & Nursery	8:30am	3:30pm
Reception	8:45am	3:15pm
Classes 3, 4 & 5	8:50 - 8:55am	3:15 - 3:20pm
Classes 6, 7 & 8	8:45 - 8:50am	3:10 - 3:15pm
Classes 9, 10 & 11	8:40 - 8:45am	3:05 - 3:10pm

May Half Term

School closes on Friday 28th May for half term and reopens on Monday 7th June. Let's hope the sun shines for us. We hope you all enjoy some family time together.

Equipment

A polite reminder that children should only bring into school their small book bag (satchel type), water bottle containing water (not juice), reading book/reading record and any homework books.

Other items such as stationery, pencil cases and toys should not be sent in. This is to avoid additional items being brought in from different households for Covid safety measures and also to avoid any upsets and falling out between the children.

Extra Curricular Clubs

We are really pleased to be able to introduce some extra curricular clubs again. If children are attending an after school sports club they can come into school in their PE kit for that day. Below is our current list of after school clubs:

Day	Class	Club
Wednesday	5	Cricket
Friday	9	Team building

Free School Meals

The children that are eligible for Free School Meals will be issued with a £15 voucher per child for May half term. The money is being allocated using the Bolton Council Covid grant and the provider is Wonde. Your vouchers will be issued Thursday 27th May.



Star of the Week

Class 1: Mohid M

Class 7: Ellis M

Class 2: Saif A

Class 8: Lydia D

Class 3: Felix A

Class 9: Marley E

Class 4: Eesa S

Class 10: Emma B

Class 5: Harry G

Class 11: Logan W

Class 6: Kayden W



Our Christian value this half term is:

Honesty

Bible quote of the week:

Love must be honest; if not honest it is not love.

Romans 12:9

