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# St James Friday News 8.01.21

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.

## You are all amazing!

Thank you so much to all of you for your patience and understanding with us over the situation we have all been placed in over the past few days. I apologise for school bombarding you with messages and letters etc but I know that you understand we have had to organise things quite quickly. Please remember that even though you might not be with us in person, school is here for you and we will help you with whatever we can.

## Staffing Update

Welcome to Miss Craven who is the new teacher for Class 11 and welcome to Miss Bleakley who has started with us as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant and will be supporting/covering classes across Class 5 to Class 11. Also congratulations to Mrs Parkinson and Mrs Nuttall who have been promoted to Assistant Principals within St James—they will be supporting Mrs Belfield (Principal) and Mrs Patel (Vice Principal) with the senior leadership of the school.

## Remote Learning

Thank you for your support with home learning; as a parent myself I know how tricky home schooling can be but we will help where we can - please just ask us and please let us know if you are struggling. School will contact you on a weekly basis starting next week to see how things are going, so please look out for these phone calls. Remote learning for KS1 and 2 children will work better over our SeeSaw platform because teachers and teaching assistants will be marking work daily and giving feedback to children; I too have enjoyed commenting on some children's work! Every child has a log on to SeeSaw so please contact the school office if you need this information. Teachers will be encouraging children to engage with the work online where they can. We are aware that there may be families facing difficulties with the use of technology and we will help and support with this as best we can.

## Free School Meals

As it currently stands, the government are asking us to use our local provider (Bolton Council) to provide meals for children who are eligible for free school meals. Our local provider is going to be issuing food parcels to eligible families through Urban Outreach. We are currently allowed to request that food parcels are delivered to home addresses, which is what we will ask for. Therefore we may have to ask permission from relevant parents/carers to share addresses with Urban Outreach; we will ask for this consent when needed. As it currently stands, school will not be issuing vouchers as the government guidance tells us that we have to use our local provider. Children who are still attending school, and are eligible for free school meals, will continue to receive their meals in school and these families will not be issued with food parcels. This is not due to start until 18th January, so Bolton Council will be providing lunch 'grab bags' that can be collected from school in the meantime.



## Star of the Week

Reception: Andy S

KS1: Tyler M

LKS2: Layton M

UKS2: Toby L



Our Christian value this half term is:

Love

## Bible quote of the week:

Let all that you do be done in Love.

Corinthians 16:14

