

ST. JAMES' C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL, COLDWALTHAM

with Chuckleberries Pre School

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Friday Flyer – Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe that we have reached the end of our first half term already. At the time of writing, the final preparations are being made for our trip to Marwell Zoo. We have everything crossed that the weather will be kind to us but, regardless, we are all incredibly excited to be going out together, experiencing new things, seeing many endangered animals and making St James' memories.

We wish you all a wonderful half term break and look forward to seeing the children when we return on Tuesday 31st October.

Harvest

Yesterday, St Giles was filled to the brim with our whole school community. Thank you to so many families who were able to join us on this joyous occasion. Well done to all the classes who shared their Harvest presentations. We were treated to singing and words of thanks as well as displays of beautiful art work. During the service all donations were placed on the altar and blessed. They will now be transported to the Petworth Foodbank to support local families in need. Thank you for your generosity and for once again showing what a caring community we have at St James'.



Remembrance

Poppies, and other fundraising items sold by the British Legion, will be available in school after half term. Remembrance Day will be marked at St James' with a special worship led by Fr John Bundock on Thursday 9th November. The year 6 children will also attend the service at Bury War Memorial on Friday 10th November 2023. Further details will follow.



Parent Consultations – 31st October and 2nd November

If you have not already made an appointment, it will be possible to make appointments for the Parent Consultations right up until the day of the meetings. Parents who do not come into school are welcome to telephone the office for an appointment.

We will confirm with Year 6 parents, as soon as we able to, whether the Parent Consultations on Tuesday 31st October with Mrs Turner are able to go ahead. Should they not be able to take place, we will reschedule them for another date.

Behaviour on Church Lane

Please can we remind parents that they are to supervise their children when walking up and down the lane. It has been brought to our attention that children are climbing the walls, swinging on the gate and running through the church yard near to the graves. This is obviously distressing for the relatives of people who have been laid to rest and is not in-keeping with our school value of Respect. Thank you for your support with this.

Inset Day

Half-term is from 23rd to 27th October and there is an Inset Day on Monday 30th October. We will return after half term on Tuesday 31st October.

Children in Need – 17th November 2023 – Own Clothes Day

The children may wear their own clothes on 17th November which is Children in Need. The theme is bright colours, be as bright as you like but football kits and crop tops are not suitable on this day. Nearer the time, it will be possible to make voluntary donations towards Children in Need via Parentpay.



Reading Meeting for Parents – 7th November 2023 3.15pm to 3.45pm

Parents are invited to a further meeting with Mrs Douse to explain more about the teaching methods used in school, specifically how we teach Set 2 and Set 3 sounds. This meeting is not for all parents, if you were invited to the meeting on 3rd October please also attend this meeting if you can.

Individual and Sibling Photographs

The school photographer will be taking photos on Thursday 2nd November. These will be both individual and sibling photos and can include siblings from Chuckleberries, if they attend on Thursdays. Please ensure that the children look super smart (they will need their jumper or cardigan!) and keep hair accessories to a minimum.

School Lunch Orders and Holiday Return Menu

Chartwells will serve a holiday return menu on Tuesday 31st October. The menu will be limited to jacket potato and fillings only so please provide a packed lunch on this day if your child will not eat a jacket potato.



Thursday 26 th October 2023	Orders should be made on Parentpay by this date for all children who require a hot meal during the week starting Monday 6 th November.
Thursday 2 nd November 2023	Orders should be made on ParentPay by this date for all children who require a hot lunch during the week starting Monday 13 th November.

Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium Grant

We wish to remind all parents and carers of how to apply for free school meals and how this affects the Pupil Premium Grant received by St James'.

What is the Pupil Premium Grant?

The Pupil Premium Grant is funding paid by the Government to schools. This amount of funding is partly based on the number of children in a school who are eligible for free school meals (FSM).

What are Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) and Free School Meals (FSM)

All children in Reception, year 1 or Year 2 automatically receive Universal Free School Meals (UFSM).

Parents and carers may apply for Free School Meals (FSM) if they are in receipt of certain benefits. If successful, free school meals be provided to a child throughout years 3-6 and, in addition, our school will receive an additional amount of money in the Pupil Premium Grant. An application may be made for FSM at any time while a child is at school and, if successful, the school will receive the Pupil Premium Grant each year.

How do I know if my child is eligible?

The following website explains that FSM are available to those in receipt of certain benefits. If you are in receipt of benefits, please check to see if you are eligible for Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium Grant.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

How do I apply for Free School meals for my child?

To apply, please follow the instructions at the web page shown above. If you require any assistance to complete the forms, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Kirby in confidence.

One of my children already receives free school meals, will other children automatically receive them?

A separate application must be made for each child in a family.

If you have any questions about free school meals, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your support of our school and have a lovely time with your children next week.

Kind regards



Natalie Douse
Senior Teacher

Friends Of St James' Update

Class Fundraising - Christmas Items including cards, bags, cushions and tags.

This week the children have brought home the order form showing their Christmas design with details of how to order the personalized Christmas merchandise.

Please order your items as soon as possible – the closing date for the last orders is Monday 30th October 2023.

There are instructions on the order card to follow when placing your order. Any name/typing errors can be corrected on the Class Fundraising website.

Dates for the Diary

23 rd to 27 th October 2023	Half Term
Monday 30 th October 2023	InSET Day - School closed to children on this day
Tuesday 31 st October and Thursday 2 nd November	Parent Consultation Afternoons – refer to previous letter for dates and times
Thursday 2 nd November 2023	School photographer - Individual and Sibling Photos
Tuesday 7 th November 2023	Reading Meeting for Parents: Set 2 & Set 3 phonic sounds 3.15pm to 3.45pm
Friday 17 th November 2023	Children in Need Day – see above for details
Friday 24 th November 2023	Jaguar Class Worship 9am – Parents and Carers from Jaguar class are welcome to join us in the hall
Friday 1 st December 2023	Elephant Class Worship 9am – Parents and Carers from Elephant Class are welcome to join us in the hall
Monday 4 th December 2023	Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance 6.00pm– further details to follow
Tuesday 5 th December 2023	Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance 2.00pm – further details to follow
Wednesday 13 th December 2023	Wear Something Festive Day and Chartwells Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14 th December 2023	Christingle Service at St Giles' Church – further information to follow
Friday 15 th December 2023	Last Day of Term
Christmas and New Year Break	
Tuesday 2 nd January 2024	InSET Day - School closed to children on this day
Wednesday 3 rd January 2024	First day of Spring Term



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MRC Parents Presents
FIREWORKS NIGHT
2023



**Tickets on
Eventbrite**

**Friday 3rd
November**

**Search for MRC
PARENTS**

Gates open 6.00pm



- Hot food & snacks
- Licensed Bar
- Raffle to start the display
- No parking onsite (disabled parking available if booked)



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Family of 4 - £20/£16 adv

Adult - £7/£6 adv

Child - £4/£3.50 adv

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Apply online at:
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Was your child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020?

If so they are eligible to start school
in September 2024

Apply online!

It's simple, convenient and time-saving.
If your application is received after the deadline,
your chance of securing a place at one of your
preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from
Monday 2 October 2023.
If you would like further advice or
information, phone: **03330 142 903.**

Deadline: Monday 15 January 2024

Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.



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SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND
YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR
MENTAL HEALTH



Each webinar will take place on Zoom at 10am and 7pm and will run for 90-120 minutes

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PARENT/CARER
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- 19TH OCTOBER ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (ADHD)
- 8TH NOVEMBER BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM AND RESILIENCE
- 13TH DECEMBER DEPRESSION
- 17TH JANUARY OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE DISORDER (OCD)



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NEED TO GET IN TOUCH?

If you have any questions, please email: CAMHSParticipationTeam@spft.nhs.uk

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