

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

*with Chuckleberries Pre School*

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**Enabling every child to thrive and succeed**

## Friday Flyer – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we launch into the second half of our Autumn Term we have had some very tempestuous weather! In spite of Storm Babet and Ciaran, we always endeavour to get outside as much as possible, especially for Forest School sessions. Please ensure that your children have suitable waterproof shoes and coats each day in school as a beautiful sunny morning can turn to a wet and windy afternoon in a blink.

This time of year is a very special season to spend in a school as we reflect and give thanks for the sacrifice made by our armed forces on Remembrance Day. We then begin to turn our thoughts to Christmas preparations. This Flyer is full of news and information both about what has been happening and what is planned for the forth-coming weeks.

### Whole School Trip to Marwell Zoo

As you will know, the whole school visited Marwell Zoo just before half term. One of the advantages of being a smaller school is being able to organise whole school trips, where the older and younger children can share experiences together.



Having watched the weather forecast with trepidation, on the actual day the sun shone and a marvellous time was had by all. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the zoo and seeing a tremendous range of animals, as well as playing together in the parks and open spaces. We are extremely grateful to all the parent helpers who volunteered to support the trip and to the financial subsidy made by FOSJ to ensure that the trip was reasonably priced for our families. We are so fortunate to have such a kind and happy community and the trip reflected the spirit of St James'. Thank you.



## Harvest – Thank You from the Food Bank

Our school received the message below from Chichester Food Bank, thanking us for the generous harvest donations.

“ I'd be very grateful if you could pass on our thanks to St James's School in Coldwaltham for the huge amount of donations made to the foodbank during Harvest Festival.

Autumn and winter are our busiest times of year at the foodbank and many of the people that we support are families with children. Families may turn to foodbanks when they are in crisis and have no means to buy food or toiletries. To be able to make up our emergency food parcels, we rely on donations so we are very grateful for the generosity of everyone who has helped us build up our stock. Your donations have made a big difference so thank you very much for all your support.

## School Council

A school council provides a meaningful way in which pupils can voice their opinions and have their views taken into account in decisions that impact upon them, as stated in Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) - Respect for views of the child.

At St James', we feel it is very important for the voice of our pupils to be represented and heard. We are delighted that each class has voted in representatives for this academic year and the first meeting, a working lunch with Mrs Martin, was held this week. Archie & Lexi from Reception, Felix & Luna-Belle from Year 1, Ben & Elena from Year 2, Robin & Ava from Year 3, Lucas & Sophie from Year 4, Ava & Rocco from Year 5 and Elliott & Harriet from Year 6 are our School Councillors for 2023 – 24.

## Remembrance



Worship this week has been focused on Remembrance as we move towards Armistice Day. Each class has made a Poppy Wreath which were taken to the service held in Bury on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Our Year 6s joined pupils from other local schools and members of the church community to pay their



respects and read the poem 'And Death Shall Have No Dominion' by Dylan Thomas before laying the school wreaths at the Cenotaph and observing a respectful 2 minutes' silence.

In school, we were visited by Father John on Thursday to share a whole school Remembrance Collective Worship and, on Friday, pupils who had not travelled to Bury gathered in the hall to mark the occasion.

*We shall remember them.*

## Reminder – St James' Medical Information and Parental Consents



We would be very grateful if all parents could ensure this form has been completed on behalf of their child/ren. This email with this link was originally sent to all parents/carers on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScw1FABV8oph-PUuJyzHyR5I1Tx1V4aSRY6fRdIvElzRucGEg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScw1FABV8oph-PUuJyzHyR5I1Tx1V4aSRY6fRdIvElzRucGEg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## Children in Need – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Own Clothes Day

The children may wear their own clothes on 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Class Worship – Jaguar & Elephant Classes

We would like to welcome families of children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 into school to share their Class Worship which will take place in the school hall at 9 – 9.30am. Jaguar Class Worship will take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November and Elephant Class Worship will take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## Behaviour on Church Lane

We are pleased to report that children have not been playing in the churchyard and we thank parents for supervising their children when arriving and leaving school. Staff will no longer be monitoring the lane, but we ask all of our community to be respectful and mindful that the churchyard is not a playground. Should there be any cause for concern do not hesitate to let the office know.

## Christmas Events

There is always a great deal happening as we reach the end of the Autumn Term. Please find listed below a rundown of all the Christmas Events:

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| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November    | Wear your PJs to school and bring a donation for the Christmas Fair                                                                                   |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December     | Penguins & Rhinos Nativity Performance @ 6pm (Ticket information to follow)                                                                           |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December    | Penguins & Rhinos Nativity Performance @ 2pm (Ticket information to follow)                                                                           |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December     | FOSJ Christmas Fair, 3.30 – 5.30pm @ Sandham Hall                                                                                                     |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December | Wear Something Festive<br>Christmas Lunch (Order on ParentPay - Deadline 30 <sup>th</sup> November)<br>Making Christingles (Please provide an orange) |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December  | Christingle Service, 9.15am @ St Giles<br>FOSJ Christmas Party 3.30 – 4.30pm                                                                          |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December    | Last day of term                                                                                                                                      |

## School Lunch Orders

There has been a recent update to Parentpay meal bookings which allows parents to be notified if a meal booking is cancelled, due to a change of menu for example. Please could parents look out for any cancellation messages and follow the instructions to re-order if necessary, to ensure that no meal orders are missed.

Chartwells have recently launched a new parent survey, please see the poster at the end of this newsletter. Clicking on the link below will allow parents to give feedback direct to Chartwells.

<https://servicemonitor.co/WebProd/Interview/4VV2U9XQUK29LQPF4VV1NH4EMV7JN92F>

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| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 | Orders should be made on Parentpay by this date for all children who require a hot meal during the week starting Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November. |
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| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023 | Orders should be made on ParentPay by this date for all children who require a hot lunch during the week starting Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December.                                                                                                                                        |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 | Orders should be made on ParentPay by this date for all children who require a hot lunch during the week starting Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December. If your child would like a hot Christmas lunch on Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December please ensure a lunch order is placed for them. |



Kind regards

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Natalie Douse  
Senior Teacher

### Dates for the Diary

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| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2023    | Children in Need Day – see above for details                                                                                                                                              |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2023    | Jaguar Class Worship 9am – Parents and Carers from Jaguar class are welcome to join us in the hall.<br><br>Wear PJs for Friends of St James’ and bring a donation for the Christmas Fair. |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2023     | Elephant Class Worship 9am – Parents and Carers from Elephant Class are welcome to join us in the hall                                                                                    |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2023     | Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance 6.00pm– further details to follow                                                                                                                        |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2023    | Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance 2.00pm – further details to follow                                                                                                                       |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2023     | Friends of St James’ Christmas Fair at Sandham Hall 3.30pm to 5.30pm.                                                                                                                     |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 | Wear Something Festive Day and Chartwells Christmas Lunch – order on Parentpay by 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2023.                                                                         |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 | Christingle making - please provide an orange.                                                                                                                                            |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023  | Christingle Service at St Giles’ Church 9.15am – further information to follow.                                                                                                           |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023  | Friends of St James’ Christmas Party – see poster for full details 3.30pm to 4.30pm.                                                                                                      |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023    | Last Day of Term                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Christmas and New Year Break</b>      |                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024     | InSET Day - School closed to children on this day                                                                                                                                         |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024   | First day of Spring Term                                                                                                                                                                  |



# HOLIDAY AND SPORTS CLUB

 **AMBERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
 **18TH TO THE 20TH DECEMBER**  
 **9AM - 3PM**  
**1DAY: £25    2DAYS: £40    3DAYS: £50**  
**OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN AGED 4+**

**INDOOR AND OUTDOOR**  
**GAMES AND SPORTS**  
**CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES**  
**CHRISTMAS THEMED FUN**

**INFO@1-1PC.CO.UK**  
**TO BOOK TODAY**



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**ULTIMATE**  
YOU



# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**YOUR FEEDBACK HELPS SHAPE EVERYTHING WE DO AT CHARTWELLS.**

Our mission is to make sure we feed children delicious, nutritious food to help them get the most out of their day.

Complete our survey by **17 November 2023** to be in with a chance to win a **£20 Love2Shop voucher**. We have **30 to give away!**

[Complete the survey](#)



Terms and conditions apply. Visit link for details.



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Please use the link above to respond to the Chartwells parent survey.



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## Winter HAF 2023

### South coast skate club

For children that receive free school



meals

9-1pm



Dates-  
18th Dec-  
19th Dec-  
20th Dec  
AGES 8-  
11YRS

Dates-  
21st Dec  
AGES 12-  
14YRS



Tarring, Worthing  
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**Storrington Tennis Club** is at the foot of the South Downs. It has amazing facilities including 8 courts, 5 clay and 3 Astro – 7 of which are floodlit. Whether you are a total beginner or a more experienced player, the club offers something for everyone. With a great coaching team there is so much to try including rusty rackets, improvers, cardio tennis, hosted social club tennis, team tennis and much more.

The club has a very strong junior section with evening and weekend group coaching and everyone is made to feel welcome.

We offer a 30-day trial membership for both adults and juniors and if at the end of this you decide to join the club, we will refund you the cost from your membership price.

Please contact: [admin@storringtontennisclub.co.uk](mailto:admin@storringtontennisclub.co.uk) for more information or follow the link to find out more [www.storringtontennisclub.co.uk](http://www.storringtontennisclub.co.uk).





Friends of St James School

# CHRISTMAS FAIR

8 Dec, 2023

3.30 - 5.30pm



Prizes ❄ Games

Hot Dogs ❄ Mulled Wine

Hot Choc ❄ Crepes

Competitions & Lots More!

SANDHAM HALL  
COLDWALTHAM



**FRIENDS OF ST JAMES**



*Christmas*

**PARTY**

**DECEMBER 14 | 3.30-4.30 PM**

**DISCO | SNACKS | GIFTS**

ALL CHILDREN  
INVITED!  
DONATION OF  
£2.50-£5 TO COVER  
COSTS PLEASE  
QR CODE OR CASH

