

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

with Chuckleberries Pre School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday Flyer – 12th January 2024

We have been delighted to see the safe return of all our pupils following the Christmas break. The children have settled quickly back into the school routine and are working hard in their lessons as well as becoming reacquainted with our school values: Respect, Kindness, Honesty, Positivity and Teamwork. We started the year with stormy, wet weather followed by the snow and ice; there's no doubt winter is upon us! The chilly weather does not stop us from getting outside as much as possible so please do send your child to school with a warm coat, gloves and hat. Many thanks.

Year 4 Forest Schools

This half-term, it is the turn of Year 4 to take part in Forest Schools with Mrs White, our Forest School leader. This week they lit the fire, toasted marshmallows and made bird feeders which were hung on the trees.



Parent Meeting: Listening to your child read at home

Tuesday 30th January 2024 at 3.15pm

There will be a meeting in the hall on 30th January where Mrs Douse will share handy tips and advice to make the most of your time reading with your child at home. All parents and carers are welcome to attend, however, the meeting would be most beneficial for parents and carers of children who bring home a Read Write Inc book. The content of the meeting is particularly targeted to the support of children learning to read with phonics. The meeting will last around 30 minutes and any children who attend St James will be looked



after in Penguins classroom. Younger siblings will need to remain with their parent in the hall.

Art Throughout the School

Jaguars have started a new topic in Art looking at brave colour. We will be gathering different ideas about what is visually appealing and why. We have made these sketchbooks as a place to collect our visual notes.



Last term, Elephants learned about the French artist Henri Matisse. They looked at his paintings and made visual notes in their sketch books. They then researched his life and discovered that, as he got older, he became ill and unable to paint and so he began to use paper and scissors to make his art. He called his technique "Painting with scissors". They then used one of his paintings as inspiration for making their own paintings with scissors.



Rhinos have been designing the playground equipment sculptures that they will be making next week using card and recycled materials.

Penguins have used inspiration from Henri Matisse's work "The Snail" and created these beautiful snails.



Appeal for Spare Underwear and Shoe Boxes

It is occasionally useful to have spare underwear at school but our supplies are running low. We would be grateful to receive donations of any outgrown underwear for use in the event of an accident.

We are also collecting cardboard and shoe-box sized boxes for a project. We would be grateful if any unwanted boxes or cardboard could be brought to school.



Class Dojo Certificates & Upcoming Class Worship

It is always a pleasure to celebrate our Values Ambassadors and the children who have earned Class Dojo Certificates each Friday, in our Celebration Worship.

This term, each class will be sharing a Class Worship on a Friday which parents and families are welcome to attend. Please see the diary dates for specific class information.

Congratulations to Jo and Caroline who earned their 150 dojo certificates this week.

I hope you have enjoyed catching up with all the latest news and events. We wish you all a restful weekend and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday.

Kind regards

Natalie Douse
Senior Teacher

Dates for the Diary

Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th February 2024	Half Term
Friday 23 rd February 2024	Rhinos Class Worship 9.00am – Parents and carers of Rhinos are invited to attend
Friday 1 st March 2024	Penguins Class Worship – Parents and carers of Penguins are invited to attend
Friday 8 th March 2024	Jaguars Class Worship – Parents and carers of Jaguars are invited to attend
Friday 15 th March 2024	Elephants Class Worship – Parents and carers of Elephants are invited to attend
Thursday 28 th March 2024	Last day of the Spring Term
Monday 15 th April 2024	First day of the Summer Term
Monday 3 rd June 2024	Inset Day – School closed to pupils
Week of 8 th July 2024	School production week
Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	Last day of the summer term