



## Newsletter – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear parents,

Getting excited about future dates for wider reopening seems like clicking on a clickbait link that promises so much, only to find an article that delivers very little. As soon as we know more about wider reopening and changes we can make to our school routine, we will pass the details on to you.

As you will have heard, we now have a class isolating at home which is a reminder that COVID is still present and still impacting the community. Thankfully, the affected pupil is well and currently without symptoms. That class has been affected more than any other in the school by COVID, so we all really feel for the children, staff and their families.

### Year 5 11+ test registration

Registration is now open for parents to register their Year 5 children for the 11+ tests. We now have the results from the CAT tests which teachers will be sharing with you shortly, and teachers will be available for you to meet on the 24<sup>th</sup> June to talk them through. More details to follow.

You register for the tests via the KCC website (see below) and registration closes on 1<sup>st</sup> July. As I said before, my advice is to register if you have any inkling that you may wish your child to take the tests. After this date it will be too late. You can always change your mind after you have completed the registration.

Please ensure you choose the correct St James' from the list and check that you have received an email confirmation. If you do not receive an email, call the KCC admissions helpline to check your registration was processed correctly. Again, after the 1<sup>st</sup> July it may be too late to do anything.

[Kent Test - Kent County Council](#)

### Sunscreen and hats

Please ensure your child comes to school with a hat and please also apply sun cream before leaving the house. Children are allowed to bring sun cream to school so that they can reapply it themselves (if they are able to), but we are not allowed to apply it. Please ensure your child has a full bottle of drinking water each day; if they run out during the day they can refill at school.

### Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy and Information

Recently we shared an update with you about the statutory changes to the teaching of RSE and our new RSE Policy. Thank you to those of you who shared any feedback with us. If you have any queries or would like further information can you please email Holly Shortland ([hshortland@st-janmes.kent.sch.uk](mailto:hshortland@st-janmes.kent.sch.uk)) and Barry Pritchard ([bpritchard@st-james.kent.sch.uk](mailto:bpritchard@st-james.kent.sch.uk)) by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

### Fox class

On Wednesday, the Year 3 children had a Greek food celebration during which they prepared their own Greek salad. They learned about the traditional ingredients, why olives grow well in Greece and how olive oil is made.



They all thoroughly enjoyed carefully cutting their vegetables and especially enjoyed eating their salad accompanied by hummus and pitta bread in the sunshine. They also tried fresh figs for dessert.

### Key Stage 2 Accelerated Reader Challenges

We have all been impressed with the children's engagement in, and enjoyment of, reading during this term so far and celebrate this week's winners below:

Highest Individual Word Count	Highest Number of Quizzes Achieved	Highest Class Word Count
Divit in Fox Class	Divit in Fox Class	Osprey Class
1,531,574 words	80 quizzes	5,864,810 words

Many congratulations to these winners and a big well done to all the children for making every word count. Please keep encouraging your child to read and complete their quizzes.

Ms Simpson

### Dates for the diary

21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 6 residential week
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 meetings with teachers to discuss secondary options
29 <sup>th</sup> June	New reception parents meeting
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Secondary transition information meeting for Y5 parents (if possible)
21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of term
1 <sup>st</sup> September	INSET day
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	First day back for children

Sorry that this is a shorter newsletter than usual. I was tempted to add a bit of filler at the end here, to pad it out a little, but felt that reading the unnecessary "filler" part would only waste your time, so decided not to. However, I now realise that reading this last section has also been a complete waste of your time. Therefore I would like to apologise for including this paragraph and for the time you have now wasted by reading it. I understand that this precious time could have been spent so much more productively (following clickbait links for example).

Have a lovely weekend and thank you all, as always.

John Tutt  
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