



Newsletter - Friday 25th June 2021

Dear parents,

I would like to begin by apologising again for the disruption that has been caused by this week's closure for Year 3, Year 4 and two Year 5 classes. I know that this has had a negative emotional impact on pupils and their families and I truly am sorry that we had to take such measures.

So many times over the last year and a bit, I've been awed by how well everyone responds to difficult situations and this time has been no different. I would like to say a massive 'thank you' to everyone for your support and understanding this week.

Exciting news!

In some good news, I am thrilled to tell you that Mrs Dennett is having a baby! The newest member of the St James' extended community is due to arrive in November and we cannot wait to meet them.

Year 6 residential

At the start of the year, the Year 6 residential trip to Mendip, seemed a distant prospect so it was lovely to be able to wave them off on Monday morning knowing that they were able to have this 'rite of passage' that last year's cohort missed out on. They've sent regular updates about the fantastic time they have been having as well as frequent weather reports. Those of you who have changed your weather APP location to Mendip will be pleased to hear that the weather was kind to them for most of the week. Whilst this might not have made much difference to the children (lets face it, most children are allergic to wearing coats even in the rain), I know the adults will have appreciated staying dry. We are looking forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return.

Sports Day

When the government announced a delay to the easing of restrictions, they said that sports day could go ahead however they set a limit on the number of spectators that rules out the parent body of all but the smallest village school it would seem. This means that Sports Day will go ahead, provisionally on Monday 5th July weather permitting, however unfortunately we are unable to invite parents to watch this year. I know this will come as a blow to many of you, particularly if this is your child's first or last Sports Day.

Key Stage 2 Accelerated Reader Challenges

We are so pleased to see so many children engaging in, and enjoying, their reading, as well as completing their Accelerated Reader quizzes this term. Many congratulations to this week's winners for their achievements. Well done!

Highest Individual Word Count	Highest Number of Quizzes Achieved	Highest Class Word Count
Harrison in Chaffinch Class	Divit in Fox Class	Osprey Class
749,499 words	21 quizzes	2,686,482 words

Keep Reading!

Ms Simpson

Book Amnesty

Do you have any St James' School class reading books or library books...

- sitting on your bookshelves at home?
- lost on the floor of your bedroom?
- hiding under your bed or amongst your toys?

It would seem that a number of our home/school reading books and library books have not been returned to school when they have been taken home (this does not include your child's current reading book). Please can we ask you to have a good look at home for any school books. If you do find any, please bring them into school next week. There will be some large boxes at the front of the school for them. No questions asked! THANK YOU for your help!

Ms Simpson and Mrs Dennett

Year 1's Marvellous Middle



For our Marvellous Middle, Year One had a wonderful afternoon making collaborative art using loose pieces they found in the classroom. They also had a brilliant time following maps to find the lost vegetables and exploring their outside area, painting the plants in our garden, controlling the Beebots, exploring the farm sets and an animal treasure hunt.

We all enjoyed our biscuit treat at the end of a lovely afternoon!

Mrs Mill

Dates for the diary

28 th June	Secondary transition virtual Q & A for Y5 parents
29 th June	New reception parents meeting
21 st July	End of term
1 st September	INSET day
2 nd September	First day back for children

Take care and stay safe,

Lucy Hayward
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