



Newsletter – Wednesday 22nd July 2020

Dear parents,

I am sure you will be delighted to hear that this will be my last newsletter for this academic year.

It has been wonderful seeing the children again in years 2 to 5. I hope the children have had a good day back at school.

Thank you

We were completely overwhelmed with all of your kindness and generosity yesterday. We were all totally shocked and very emotional. On behalf of the school's Senior Leadership Team, admin team and our caretakers I would like to express our profound gratitude. It's been quite a year but I can't imagine a better school (parents, children and staff included) to go through this experience with and honestly cannot believe how lucky I am to be part of this incredible St James' community. Thank you so much for your generosity, kindness and support this year.

School office move

You may have seen that we have rearranged the lobby/office space in the junior building. As part of our continuing integration of two schools into one, the Key Stage 2 entrance will now be the main school entrance, and all office staff and functions will now be located there. My office is also moving there too. If you have any questions or queries, please go to the main school office.

Mrs Wardell, Miss Hayward and Miss Greenfield will be relocating to the infant office spaces.

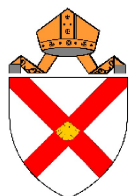
September plans

I sent out planning for September on 13th July – the letter is available on the school website if you no longer have it. I will resend details for September in the last week of August – if the guidance and local situation have not changed then this will simply repeat the message you have already have. In case there has been a change in circumstances, please read the letter carefully.

St James' sporting success

It is a real shame that this year, we have not been able to compete in and enjoy the great variety of events we usually would. We missed a large number of competitions, not least the dance and the cheerleading shows which the children had spent months working on.

You will be pleased to know that, despite this, St James' won the Sports Team of the Year for our Girls' Football Team. Mr Hodges was also the runner-up for PE Co-ordinator of the Year and our school was in the nominated shortlist for Sporting School of the Year for our district, coming 3rd. Well done to Mr Hodges as always for his dedication and enthusiasm to sport at our school, as well as the other teachers who choose to give up their spare time to run teams and training events.



Congratulations to St Matthew's who won School of the Year – it was well deserved.

House and Sports Captains

Congratulations to the following children who have been selected by Mr Hodges to be our House and Sports captains from September:

House Captains:

Calverley - Cory and Georgia

Dunorlan - Harry N and Lia

Grove - Iris and Finlay C

Hilbert - Maxim and Cerys

Sports Captains:

Calverley - Oliver P and Lily

Dunorlan - Ozi and Isabella

Grove - Rory and Imogen

Hilbert - Zain B and Sophia

Art competition

Thank you for all of you whose children entered Mrs William's art competition. The entries were wonderfully creative and varied. It was very difficult choosing winners, but those chosen were:

Year 6: Astrid

Year 5: Dylan

Year 4: Rebecca H

Year 3 Holly R

Year 2: Samuel S

Year 1: Matilda D

Year R: Daisy S

Mrs Williams will be sending a prize in the post over the summer.

Parentmail +Pay

A quick reminder that we will be using Parentmail +Pay from September for all payments instead of Parentpay. You'll be able to use it for school meals, all school trips and events as well as uniform payments.

Have a lovely summer, a good rest and I hope we can all get some rest and recuperation over the next few weeks.

Kindest regards,

John Tutt

