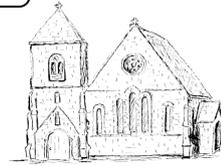


# St James the Less Splash News

## Week Beginning 31st January 2022

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Saint James the Less,  
Things are getting better!  
As we are beginning to see the green shoots of spring, we are also seeing the green shoots of a recovery from the pandemic and some normality for our schools. Sure enough, it has been an extremely challenging time for our schools and will, undoubtedly, continue for some time. However, we have a team of dedicated staff with years of experience and skills to meet the challenge head-on.

### Parent/Carer Meetings

By now you should all have managed to have a personal meeting with your child's class teacher to get a sense of your child's level of assessment and, more importantly, what needs to be done with them to move their learning on. I want to stress to everyone that the pandemic, repeated school closures and remote learning, has negatively impacted almost all our children's learning. I have every confidence that our school will adjust to their individual learning needs but, if you ever have any doubts, feel free to arrange a face-to-face meeting. Before you do, please understand that it is going to take many months before our children are all back on track in both their academic and personal development. Please continue to support your child at home with any suggestions from their teacher.

### We Need YOU!

Staffing schools, due to sporadic absences, has been one of the main challenges for our schools and St James the Less has also struggled with this. In the coming weeks, we will send out some short questionnaires to find out if anyone has any 'spare' time to help in school. This will range from ad-hoc volunteering to more formal employment. If you know someone who would be an asset in schools (even one hour per week), please give them a nudge. Details to follow.

Thank You

As ever, my sincere thanks to you all for your continued support in preparing your children so well for school. Thank you for supporting us and 'walking' down a path we have never been down before. Most of all, I thank you for trusting school colleagues who, I promise, have never worked so hard. This has been a challenging two years but I am confident that St James the Less has the expertise and great community support to continuing growing to be our best.

Thank you all for your continued support

Mr G Hall

### Year 6 Class News

We have started our new topic: Ancient Greeks. We found out that the the Greeks started the Olympic Games almost 3000 years ago in 776BC. The original Olympics had fewer events than we have at the modern Olympics today. The Javelin throw, one of the original events is still part of today's Olympics so we had a go ourselves.

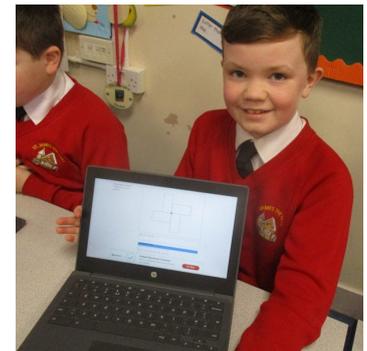


For World Faith Week (Judaism), we tasted some apples and honey to represent a sweet New Year. Yum!



This week, we also started our new topic in computing looking at coding. Using codes, we created an algorithm to make our character follow a set of instructions. Firstly, we made a square, then a rectangle and then multiple squares next to one another.

It was lots of fun!

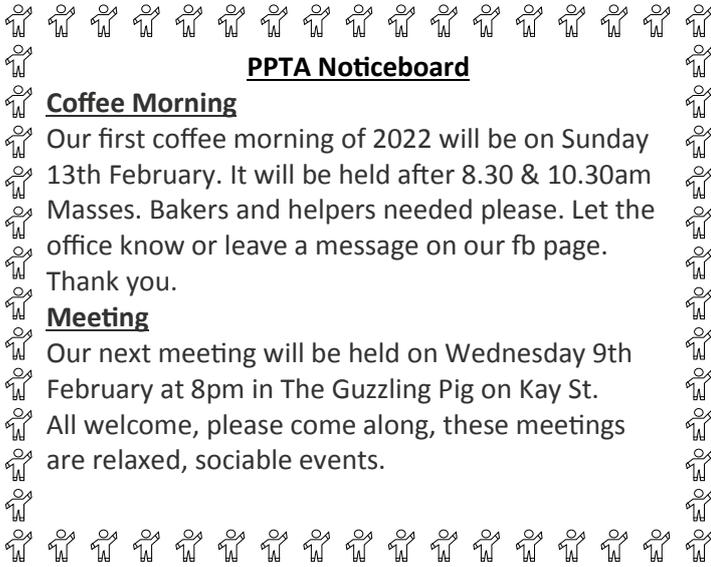


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### PPTA Noticeboard

#### Coffee Morning

Our first coffee morning of 2022 will be on Sunday 13th February. It will be held after 8.30 & 10.30am Masses. Bakers and helpers needed please. Let the office know or leave a message on our fb page. Thank you.

#### Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th February at 8pm in The Guzzling Pig on Kay St. All welcome, please come along, these meetings are relaxed, sociable events.

### Half Term Holiday

School closes on Friday 11th February and re-opens on Monday 21st February.

### Spring Term

**Pupils arriving after 8.45am will be marked late and must enter the building by the front door. Children must sanitise hands before coming into the school building. Please can parents/carers support us in this sanitising routine. Thank you.**

### School Dinners

Our system for selecting school meals for your child/ren allows you to choose a specific meal for your child. Please make every effort to book meals for your child/ren for the entire month to ensure the smooth running of this system. Meals are available to book up until the end of March. The closing date to book meals is always 1 week before the end of the month. Please remember to scroll past half term/holidays when there is no menu available. A HUGE number of parents/carers did not book meals for January. This means extra work for teachers, classroom staff, office staff and kitchen staff. When a significant number of children do not have meals selected it is "pot luck." Of course this means we have upset and disappointed children. Please do not leave it to the last minute to book meals. As a school we have worked really hard to put this selection system in place, so please use it for the benefit of children and staff.

### First Holy Communion

Our Year 4 children who are taking part in the Sacramental programme will make their First Holy Communion THIS Saturday 5th February. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers. There will be a rehearsal in Church on Wednesday 2nd February, please make sure you have read the details in the email sent out a couple of weeks ago.

### Dates for your Diary

02/03/2022 School Photographer  
18/06/2022 Year 3 First Holy Communion

### PALS

Our breakfast & after school clubs are run by PALS. If you have any queries regarding bookings/payments etc you must contact PALS directly. Contact information was included in the letter which was emailed out last term and it is also included on the PALS information on our website. Thank you.

### Attendance

If your child is absent you must contact school and leave a reason for absence (eg. headache, sore throat etc) on the absence line before 9.00am on the first day of absence. If your child will be arriving to school late, for example, due to medical appointment again please inform the office. Some parent/carers are sharing this information with their child's teacher on class dojo which is great, but please ensure the office are informed as they are responsible for documenting the details into attendance registers. Thank you.

### Long Hair

All long hair i.e. shoulder length or longer, must be tied back. This applies equally to all children. Thank you.

### Birthdays during January

Happy Birthday to Eddie (Y2), Joshua (Y6), Isaac (Y2), Jacob (Y2), Ruby (Y5), Mabel (Rec), Edie-Alice (Rec), Elsie (Y3), Henry (Rec), Theo (Y1), Ollie (Y2), Betsy (Y3), Isabella (Y5), Lola (Y4), Noah (Y6) and Isaac (Y6). We hope they had a great day.



St James the Less Sports News  
Week Beginning 31st January 2022

**Sports News**

**Football**

Our Y5/6 football team played in the Lancashire finals, finishing in 12th place. This is a fantastic result: there were over 500 schools who entered this competition.

So it's a **BIG WELL DONE** to this team and to Mrs K!!



**Badminton**

Well done to our badminton team who played at the Rossendale schools tournament.

Our boys, Alex and Sebastian finished in first place and our girls, Erin and Inayah finished in second place.

Well played!



**Dodgeball**

We entered 2 teams into the Rossendale schools tournament and both teams qualified for the finals.

The red team finished in second place and the green team finished in sixth place.

Well done to all who took part.



**Glow in the dark Dodgeball**

We went to our first glow in the dark dodgeball event. **It was FANTASTIC!** Everyone had a great time including Mrs K. We are looking forward to other glow in the dark events coming up.