

St James the Less Splash News  
Week Beginning 28th November 2022

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### Year 1 Class News

The children have made a wonderful start in Year 1 and have been working hard. During maths we have been learning about fractions. We had lots of fun dividing fruit from whole into parts to share in class. We had even more fun when we used chocolate! We have been practising making equal fractions of halves and quarters.



In History we have enjoyed investigating change over time. Our class compared baby pictures of themselves, to what they look like now by using a mirror. We shared what changes we could see about each other and enjoyed looking at baby pictures of some of the staff of St James the Less! Ms Nicholls caught us looking at her baby picture mid-lesson!!



We have been reading poems about bonfire night in English lessons and exploring different types of suffixes, such as 's' and 'ed'. The pupils created their own bonfire poem and shared them aloud with the whole class. In Science we have been exploring properties of different types of materials. The children went on a hunt around the classroom to group and classify materials under 'soft, hard, transparent and opaque'.



We also conducted an experiment to test which materials are waterproof.



### Assemblies

Our assemblies are listed below for this Autumn term. All assemblies will start at 9am.

**02.12.2022 Year 1 THIS FRIDAY**

**16.12.2022 Year Reception Christmas Songs**  
Parents/carers are invited to these assemblies.

### Christmas Productions

Tickets have been issued for our Christmas productions. If you have tickets you no longer require please return them to school so they can be reissued. As we come closer to the performance dates if you have tickets you no longer need due to unforeseen circumstances eg illness, change in circumstances, etc again please return them to us so they can be reissued. Thank you in advance.

### Christmas Parties

The dates of the parties are:

Reception Class—Tuesday 13th December - afternoon

Year 1/Year 2—Tuesday 13th December - afternoon.

Year 5 /Year 6—Wednesday 14th December - afternoon.

Year 3 & Year 4 —Thursday 15th December - afternoon.

**Children may wear their own clothes on their Christmas party day!**

We hope there will be a special visitor coming to the Infant department parties. HO, HO,HO!

The Y5/6 party is on Wednesday afternoon as Y6 will have their final skiing lesson on Thursday 15th December.

### School Christmas Dinner

This will be held on Wednesday 14th December. If you have not booked a Christmas dinner through ParentPay you must send a packed lunch with your child.

**Come to school in uniform on Christmas dinner day but wear something Christmas related eg jumper, hat, headband, tinsel etc.**

### Christmas Holidays

School closes on Friday 16th December and re-opens on Wednesday 4th January at 8.35am in readiness for a 8.45am start.

### Skiing

Y5 will start skiing lessons in January. A letter will be sent home next week.



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**PPTA Noticeboard**

**Gin & Proceso Evening**

Thank you to those who came along to this event. It was a fabulous evening. We will let you know the amount raised as soon as we know.

**Christmas Productions**

There will be a raffle at the Christmas Productions. We are looking for donations of raffle prizes. Please send any donations into school anytime from now onwards. Depending on donations there may be stand alone prizes and donations made up into hampers. Bottles, biscuits, chocolates, food items, beauty items, vouchers etc all make great raffle prizes. Thank you to those who have already sent in raffle prizes

There will also be mince pies & mulled wine available.

**Please bring cash with you on the night to enable you to buy tickets and refreshments.**

**Calendar**

Our calendar is now at the printers. We will let you know it is available to order.

**Thank you**

A huge THANK YOU to our PPTA who funded our graphic timeline which has been installed on a wall in our hall. It looks super. Please have a look at it when you attend assemblies/events in our hall.

**Supplementary Information Form (SIF)**

If you have a child due to start school in September 2023 you are required to complete a SIF/Faith Request Form.

This can be found on our website in:

Parents/Policies & Documents/Application of Faith Request.

Thank you to those who have already submitted this form.

**Rossendale Hospice Penny Challenge**

Thank you to all who supported this appeal. Our school contributed £102.74. The total amount raised overall was £3,978.95.

**Christmas Fayre**

St James the Less, St Peter's & St Joseph's Christmas Fair will be held at St Peter's Church on Sunday 11th December. The fayre will start straight after the 9am mass at St Peter's and continue into the afternoon. There are further details on the Church newsletter which can be found on our PPTA fb page, on the church website & on our school website. Please pop along if only for an hour or so to support our church fayre.

**Raffle Tickets**

Books of raffle tickets in support of our Christmas Fayre have already been sent home. Please do your best to sell them and return ticket stubs and monies to school. Thank you.

**Whole School Mass**

**This will be held in CHURCH on THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER at 9am.** It will be to celebrate Advent and the end of the autumn term. Children should be taken straight to Church in the morning. Staff will be available at Church from 8.45am.

Children who attend breakfast club will be walked down to Church by staff.

All welcome to join in the celebration of Mass. As usual we are looking for help to walk the children back to school. **Please call us if you can help or leave a message on our PPTA fb page. Thank you.**

**Y4 Swimming**

There will be NO swimming lesson on Wednesday 14th December. Lessons will resume on Wednesday 4th January, which is the date we return to school.

**Haircuts**

Haircuts are part of our school uniform policy.

**Children must NOT have shaved heads or shaved tracks in their hair. These rules apply equally to all children.**

**Birthdays during December**

Happy Birthday to Eloise (Y2), Harriet (Y2), Priya(Y5), Rosie (Y4), Lily-Rose (Y3), Nancy (Rec), Isaac (Y3), Alfie(Y6), Tilly (Y5), Katie (Rec), Molly (Rec), Indie (Y4), Penny (Rec), Rohan (Y5) and Francine (Y2). We hope they have a great day.



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