

St James the Less Splash News
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Merry Christmas Everyone!

This is our last Splashnews before we break for this exciting festive season.

THANK YOU!

On behalf of every member of staff in school, a sincere thanks to you for the very generous messages, cards, cakes, biscuits, treats and gifts you have sent into school. Our staffroom has been full of lovely treats from so many people. Thanks you for taking time to think about our team during the chaos of Christmas shopping and finding those moments to just stop and say to us something you appreciate about the way our school works for the benefit of our pupils. We really appreciate it. Most of all, thank you for the excellent year-round support you give to our school. If school is important to you, it is important to your child. Thank you for your great preparation to ensure their successes in school.

Special thank you to every member of staff in school who have given their all with curriculum and productions, to prepare our children. The staff are genuinely committed to our children and deserve a well-earned rest!

Whilst we embark towards this festive season, our faith demands that we should pause and think about all those for whom Christmas will not be a time of celebration. For many in our parish, it is a stark reminder of sadness and loss. We pray these people find love around them. For many, in other parts of the world, there are those who endure a pain and suffering beyond words. We pray that justice and support comes to them.

Finally, please find time to follow the Christmas message through church services and connect with the story of Christmas and, please, have a brilliant Christmas break. We will see you all on Monday 8th January 2024

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Mr G Hall

Year 4 Class News

In the last couple of weeks in school we have been up to all sorts! Firstly, in maths we have been practicing our times tables on TT Rockstars and playing times tables splat. We have also been working through a Christmas themed maths booklet. We have been planning and writing a Christmas adventure story which was really fun. Last week we did our Christmas play, it was really hectic because people had to get changed in between scenes but we still had a good time and we got a box of chocolates at the end! In RE we have been learning about Advent, and lighting the candles on the Advent wreath, as we are in the 4 weeks leading up to Christmas.

Written by Adalyn & Mikael



School Christmas Dinner

A huge thank you to our kitchen staff who prepared lunch for 168 children and 16 adults! WOW!!
"Christmas lunch was delicious, we got to wear Christmas outfits like a jumper or a headband with tinsel."

Written by Adalyn & Mikael



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PPTA Noticeboard

Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who supported our coffee morning. A total of £85.17 was raised plus £7 from the pre-loved uniform sale.

Christmas Fundraising

Thank you to all who donated prizes for our raffle. We certainly had something everyone wanted to win!! A total of £982.60 was raised from the raffle, photos and refreshments.

Calendars

Calendars are now available to buy through ParentPay cost £6. A huge thank you to all the companies/businesses who have sponsored our calendar.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our pupils who have had their artwork featured on our calendar. They are Nancie (Y6), Ellie (Y5), Owen (Y4), Emma (Y3) and Martha (Y2). They each will receive a mug with their winning design.

Thank You

A huge thank you to all who work so tirelessly as part of our PPTA. Our PPTA provide social events where families can get to know each other and make contributions towards funding for so many areas in our school.

Our PPTA volunteers are small in numbers but mighty in spirit and enthusiasm.

Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning will be on Sunday 15th January after the 11am Mass. It will be held in the Old School Room. Bakers & helpers required. Please pop a message on our PPTA Facebook page

School Mass

There will be a whole school mass in SCHOOL on Thursday 11th January at 9am. All welcome to join in the celebration of mass.

Privacy Notice

This can be found on our website: Parents/Policies & Documents/GDPR Statement

Advent Wreaths

All classes made their own Advent wreaths. Father Stamp came in to look at them to select the best wreath..... and the winner is Year 6



IMPORTANT DATE

The closing date for Primary school applications is 15th January 2024. All applications to be done on-line. www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools Please submit a SIF to school in support of your application. Thank you.

Supplementary Information Form (SIF)

If you have a child due to start school in September 2024 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.

Y5 Skiing

Year 5 will start skiing lessons on Thursday 11th January. Letters with details have already been emailed to parents.

Y4 Swimming

Swimming lessons resume on Wednesday 10th January.

Forest Schools

Year 3 will start Forest School sessions on Monday 8th January. Year 4 will also start Forest School sessions on Monday 8th January. Letters with details have already been emailed to parents.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Mass times can be found on our PPTA fb page and on the parish newsletter. Please take a look.



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