



Year 3 Class News

"In RE we have been learning about Judaism. Shabbat is the Hebrew word for Sabbath. On Shabbat, Jews go to the synagogue. This is their rest day. At the synagogue they read from the Torah using a yad. A rabbi leads the prayer. We learnt that when boys or men go to synagogue they wear a Kippah, a hat."

By Elodie



"In science we have been learning about rocks. Did you know molten rock is liquid? Rocks are natural, physical features. The earth is made up of an inner and outer core."

We have been learning about types of rock: igneous, metamorphic, & sedimentary. Soil is not just dirt, it is tiny pieces of rock and decaying material."

By Zachary



"We have had a brilliant time in Forest School. We have been making shelters and learning how to tie knots. We made necklaces from conkers and wood we found on the grounds. We used tools to shape the conkers and wood. We have looked at different types of mushrooms, from one of them you could make ink. We found out that we should never eat mushrooms found growing outdoors without checking with an adult as they could be poisonous."

By Avaya



Curriculum Assemblies

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

18.10.2024 Year 3 **THIS FRIDAY**

31.10.2024 Reception: Please note this is a Thursday. This assembly to be followed by a stay & play session for parents/carers. Assembly will finish approx.

9.40am. Stay & play will finish approx. 10.40am.

08.11.2024 Year 6

15.11.2024 Year 4

22.11.2024 Year 5

29.11.2024 Year 2

06.12.2024 Year 1

Parents/Carers/Family members are invited.

Christmas Productions

Here are the dates for our Christmas Productions:

Please note Y3 & Y4 production will be in CHURCH

10.12.2024 Year 1 & Year 2 - 6pm start in school hall

11.12.2024 Year 3 & Year 4 - 6pm start in CHURCH

12.12.2024 Year 5 & Year 6 - 6pm start in school hall

13.12.2024 Reception - 9am start

More details to follow

Dates for your diary

04.11.24 Nasal Flu immunisation for all classes

1pm-3pm. A link to complete the forms has already been emailed out. Please carefully read the notes accompanying the link.

24.11.24 Holy Apostles Parish Christmas Fayre in St Peter's Church Hall.

More Year 3 News

"In history we have been learning about the Stone Age. The beginning of the stone age was very cold because it came after the ice age. People were nomadic and hunted their prey such as woolly mammoth, woolly rhino, deer and rabbit. They also collected berries and nuts. There are three periods of the stone age: Palaeolithic, Neolithic and Mesolithic. Lithic means stone. We can find out about these times from cave paintings."

By Annie and Frankie



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PPTA Noticeboard

Welcome Disco

Our welcome disco for our Reception Class families was a fun family event. Thank you to all those who came along. A huge THANK YOU to those families who made this event happen!

Non Uniform Day

There will be a non-uniform fundraiser THIS Friday 18th October. Minimum £1 donation but this amount can be edited to make the donation of your choice. This is available on ParentPay.

Christmas Artwork

A sample of your child's artwork will be sent home this week. You will be able to order Christmas cards/tags etc. Follow details on the order form to place an order. Please place orders by Wednesday 30th October. Commission from orders goes to our PPTA. Orders will be delivered to school. A big THANK YOU to one of our parents Lisa who organises this fundraiser.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

This will be held on Tuesday 5th November at 6.30pm in school. All welcome to attend.

Meeting will last no more than 1 hour.

Please come along, our meetings are welcoming and informal.

HUGE THANK YOU

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Mary Astin for the years of dedication and commitment in her role as Chair of the PPTA and previously as Vice Chair. Over the years, Mary has worked tirelessly to organise events and raise funds to enhance the experiences of our children.

The funds raised have supported building work, educational visits, workshops, equipment, Christmas touring shows, not to mention the end of year ice cream treat! Mary has also served our community through organising preloved uniform sales, Reception class discos, rallying volunteers for trips/mass walkers and many Year 6 leavers events!

Thank you for all you have done to enrich the educational lives of the children of St James the Less.

School Mass in SCHOOL-All Souls day

There will be a school Mass in SCHOOL on Friday 1st November at 9am. All welcome to join in the celebration of Mass.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all who attended parents' evening. Thank you to all who engaged with our new system of booking appointments on-line. This is the way we will book parents' evenings going forward.

IMPORTANT DATE

The closing date for Secondary school applications is Thursday 31st October 2024.

All applications to be done on-line.

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

Rossendale Hospice Penny Pinching Boxes

These boxes have been sent home.

Please do your best to make a contribution. Please return them no earlier than Monday 4th November. Thank you.

Free School Meals

As you are all aware all Infant children are entitled to Universal Free school Meals. However if you think your child, either Infant or Junior, may be entitled to income based Free School Meals please call 01254 220711 or email FSM.East@lancashire.gov.uk they will be able to assist your query. Thank you.

Half Term Holiday

School closes on Friday 18th October at 3.15pm and re-opens on Monday 28th October at 8.35am in readiness for a 8.45am start.

Birthdays in October

Happy Birthday to Rae (Y1), Daniel (Y6), Isla (Y2), Ethan (Y1), Reece (Rec), Avaya (Y3), Ada (Rec), Leo (Y5), Margot (Y1), Lucy (Y1), Ellis (Y1), Dylan (Y6), Isla (Y6), Owen (Y5), Reagan (Y1), Evelyn (Y6), Dottie (Rec), Jasper (Rec), Jaxon (Y4) and Orla (Y3).

We hope they had/have a great day.



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St James the Less Splash News
Week Beginning 14th October 2024



Our fabulous School Council for 2024-2025



Our hard working chaplains for 2024-2025

Valley Mass

Thank you to all who supported Valley Mass. Our pupil Chaplains benefitted from an afternoon of training related to their role as chaplains.