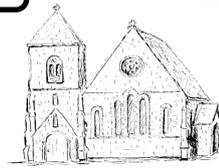


St James the Less Splash News
Week Beginning 17th July 2023

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Goodbye and Happy Holidays!

Dear Parents and Friends of St James the Less,
This is our final Splashnews before the summer holiday break and the last word on our Year 6 school leavers who have been a terrific group of children throughout their time in this school. As headteacher, I have the privilege of seeing young children grow from reception class and seeing them leave in Year 6. This particular group have been brilliant in so many ways. They have been great in their attitude to learning, brilliant at sports and, above all else, wonderful buddies and excellent ambassadors to our school. Their contribution to this school has been incredible.

Added to this, there are many families that leave us this time. They have provided so much support to our school, building sheds, maintaining grounds, helping with gardens, enhancing forest schools, going to countless sporting fixtures, fundraising and I could go on and on. Again, as headteacher, I have felt the importance that school has been to our families and your support has been exceptional. Although I shouldn't single out anyone, I can't help but mention Lee Ferguson for the many hours he has given this school in many projects, including the restoration of our beautiful cross, on the wall at the front of school. To him and to all our parents, thank you for your years of support in helping us shape the wonderful children that leave this school for the very last time. Our team will miss you all. God bless!

Other Goodbyes

We say goodbye to Mrs Airey (Y3 Supply Teacher), Miss Cleary (Y4 teacher), Mrs Dunn (Former Y2/Y3 teacher) and Miss Heaton (Office Manager). We thank all these much-loved colleagues for their service to our school. Good luck to them all.

Happy Holidays Everyone

On behalf of the entire school community I would like to wish all of you all a happy and restful holiday. Goodbye and God Bless to Year 6, departing families and our valued colleagues. We look forward to seeing everyone else in September.

Happy holidays everyone!

Kindest regards,

G Hall - Headteacher

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

21.07.2023 Year 6 Leavers Assembly will start at 2.30pm with doors opening at 2.15pm.

Fundraising Event

Thank you to all who supported our fundraising event for Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, Ward 86 Haematology and Oncology. We raised £190.50 which will be donated to the ward.

Year 4 Swimming

Year 4 will have swimming lessons on a Wednesday morning throughout the 2023-2024 academic year. Please refer to the details on letter emailed out.

Year 6 Skiing

Year 6 will have skiing lessons on a Thursday afternoon throughout the autumn term. Please refer to the details on letter emailed out.

Inhalers

If your child has an inhaler in school it will be sent home with them on Friday. Please ensure it is returned on the first day back in September. Expiry dates on inhalers must be checked by parents/guardians before they are returned to school. Thank you.

Summer Fair/Duck Derby

The Duck Derby was a great success with families enjoying an entertaining afternoon. There was a window of perfect weather for the duration of the event!! Thank you to those who bought raffle tickets, baked goodies and donated items to sell or raffle. Thank you to all who came along and to those who helped in lots of different ways. A total of just under £6,000 was raised. There is a list of prize winners on the parish fb page. Mrs Shell would like to say a "BIG THANK YOU" to those who helped with getting the boards ready for the Irish dancers!

Raffle Tickets

Thank you to all who bought raffle tickets. £266.50 was raised from ticket sales from school.

Summer Holiday

School closes on Friday 21st July at 3.15pm.

We return on Monday 4th September at 8.35am in readiness for 8.45am start.



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PPTA Noticeboard

Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who supported our recent coffee morning.

Pre Loved Uniform

Thank you to all who donated uniform. As always, our preloved uniform is very popular.

Ice Cream Van

A huge THANK YOU to our PPTA who arranged for the ice cream van to visit school and treated EVERYONE to a whopping cone.



Whole School Mass

Whole school mass in CHURCH on Thursday, 20th July at 9am to celebrate the end of the academic year. 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.

PE Kits

Please send your child's PE kit into school with them on their return on Monday 4th September. Thank you

Y6 Hoodie

Our Y6 parents who organised the hoodies made sure our former pupil Mischa didn't miss out on her hoodie. Thank you to those who included Mischa & to her family who sent us this great photo.



Uniform

Please, Please. Please, remember to put names in school uniform and book bags. Every year we have upset children and parents as uniform has been "lost."

Thank You

A huge THANK YOU to our PPTA who work so hard in so many aspects supporting our school. They are generous with their time and we are grateful for all your hard work and support. Enjoy a great summer holiday.

Birthdays in August

Happy Birthday also to Joey-Jack (Y1), Lucas (Y5), Jesse (Y5), Joshua (Y6), Finlay (Y1), Noah (Y6), Freya (Y6), Tommy (Y3), Harper (Y4), Josey (Y4), Hugo (Y5), Rose (Y3), Albi (Rec), Jesse (Rec), Imogen (Y6), and Frankie (Y1). We hope they have a great day.

Y6 Colour Run

This is the second year of the colour run and once again it was a fantastic event. It really is GREAT FUN and is enjoyed by adults and children in equal measure. We raised £333.00 which will go towards supporting a Young Mental Health Champions programme run by Rossendale Schools Sports Partnership.

Y6 said,
"This was the best afternoon EVER"



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