

St James the Less Splash News  
Week Beginning 4th November 2024

Headteacher : Mr G. Hall  
Parish Priest: Father Stamp

Tel 01706 216190  
www.stjamesthelesschool.co.uk



### Year 5 Class News

*"We had a special visitor during Recycling Week to tell us about recycling waste. We had to wear special clothing, plastic gloves & a yellow vest and use a litter picker to collect the rubbish. It was great as we were having fun and helping the environment at the same time."* By Adalyn



*"As October was Black History Month, we learnt about Malorie Blackman. Malorie Blackman is a famous British author and she has written more than 60 books. Her most famous book is called Noughts & Crosses. She has been awarded an OBE by the Royal family for being such a fantastic writer and we can't wait to read one of her novels next year."* By Eddie



### Curriculum Assemblies

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

08.11.2024 Year 6 **THIS FRIDAY**

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

16.12.2024 Y3/4 Christmas Party in afternoon

17.12.2024 Infant/KS1 Christmas Party in afternoon

18.12.2024 Y5/6 Christmas Party in afternoon

04.03.2025 Parents' Evening

05.03.2025 Parents' Evening

More details to follow

### Hothersall Lodge 2025

Our current Y5 class will have their educational residential visit to Hothersall Lodge from 13th-15th October 2025. Please make a note of these dates.

### Christmas Holiday

School closes on Friday 20th December at 3.15pm and re-opens on Monday 6th January at 8.35am in readiness for a 8.45am start.



**Outstanding  
Catholic School**

SALFORD DIOCESE Nov 2019



### PPTA Noticeboard

#### Non Uniform Day

Thank you to all who supported our non-uniform day. The amount raised to date is £192.

This is still available on ParentPay for those who haven't yet made a contribution.

#### Christmas Artwork

Thank you to all who've placed orders. Items will be delivered to school. We'll let you know when orders arrive. A big THANK YOU to one of our parents Lisa who organises this fundraiser.

#### Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thank you to those who came along to our meeting. Please have a look at our fb page. We are looking for PPTA reps on the parent/guardian WhatsApp groups to assist with circulating useful information, as and when needed.

Please give this some thought, it's not a big job but would be really helpful.

#### Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning is THIS Sunday 10th November after the 11am mass. Bakers and helpers required please. Just pop a message on our fb page. Thank you.

#### Calendar

We are looking for a couple of sponsors for our upcoming calendar. Please see our fb page for more information.

#### Bag Pack

Tesco Rawtenstall have kindly offered us the chance to do a bag pack after school on Monday 2nd December with ALL proceeds coming to us. There will be more details to follow, so please keep this date free. Also, please continue putting your blue coins in the tub for our chance to win to fund sports equipment. Thank you.

#### Children in Need

Come to school in non uniform wearing spots/yellow where possible on FRIDAY, 15th November. Minimum £1 donation or more if you wish. This is available on ParentPay where amount can be edited to make the donation of your choice or a cash donation can be brought into school on the day. Thank you.

#### Rossendale Hospice Penny Pinching Boxes

Thank you to all who've returned their boxes.

We will let you know the amount raised when it's been confirmed to us.

#### 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](mailto:FSM.East@lancashire.gov.uk) they will be able to assist your query. Thank you.

#### Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all who donated monies and bought merchandise in support of our poppy appeal. Monday 11th November will be the final day to contribute. We will let you know the amount raised as soon as it has been confirmed to us.

#### Christmas Fayre

Our Parish of Holy Apostles which comprises St James the Less, St Peter's & St Joseph's Christmas Fair will be held at St Peter's Parish hall on Sunday 24th November. On this day masses at St Peter's and St James the Less will both be at 10am. The fayre will start straight after the 10am masses 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. Please pop along if only for an hour or so to support this church fayre. Donations can be dropped at church or school.

The summer fayre will be held in the grounds of St James the Less Church in June/July 2025.

#### Raffle Tickets

Books of raffle tickets in support of the Church Christmas Fayre will be sent home this week. Please do your best to sell them and return ticket stubs and monies to school. Thank you.

#### Birthdays in November

Happy Birthday to Sofia (Y4), Emma (Y4), Ada (Y1), Sebastian (Y3), Spencer (Rec), Thomas (Y3), Hugh (Y2), Amelia (Y3), Aoife (Rec), Freya (Rec) and Amoura (Y3). We hope they had/have a great day.



### **Fundraising in support of RAFT**

Thank you to all who donated items in support of our local foodbank, Raft. There was a huge haul of items they were requesting to keep supplying those in need.

Thank you to all those who supported our cake sale by baking, buying and donating. Our cake sale raised £219.79.



Handing over our cheque