Autumn 1, Week

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St John & St James' C of E Primary School

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Breakfast Club

Breakfast club opens at **8.00am.**

We kindly ask parents not to leave children with staff walking into the building before 8am.

They must wait for an adult to be present in the playground to let them in.

Thank you for your co operation.

COVID-19 Symptoms

If anyone is showing COVID-19 symptoms, a test should be booked ASAP. The entire household **MUST** isolate until the test comes back negative. You must inform the school if you are getting a test.

This can be done online or by calling 119. The main three symptoms are as follows:

- **A high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- **A new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours. It is coughing more than you are not
- **A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

To protect others, please **DO NOT** go to places like school, GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital if you have any of these symptoms.

You must stay at home until you get your result. Once you have the results please inform the school immediately.

Black History Month Competition

Anoushka in **Reception** drew a beautiful picture of Stormzy as part of the Black History Month Competition. Please keep sending us your work so we are able to share your wonderful creations with the rest of the school.

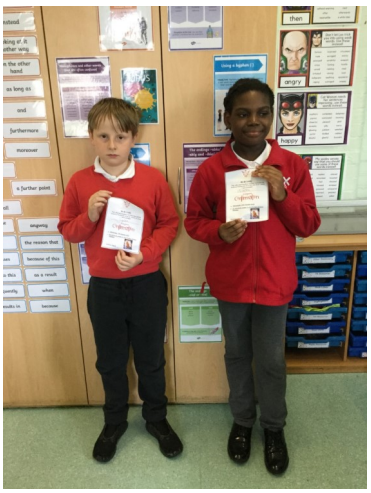
Further information on the competition can be found on the link below:

https://www.100greatblackbritons.co.ukcompetition.html

The Big Bike Revival

Achievements

As part of their learning in RE, **Year 6** have been learning all about Christianity. This week the children learnt about the Christian rite of passage, Confirmation. They found out that teenagers and adults are confirmed when they want to recommit to the promises made by their parents/carers when they were baptised. **Naomi and Dylan** were chosen to take part because they thought very carefully about their promises, which focused on supporting their local communities.



Year 6 have been reading The Silver Sword by Ian Serraillier and writing letters from the perspective of the character Joseph. They have thought about how to describe the camp, where Joseph was taken to. Have a read of **Nancy's** fantastic description of the concentration camp of Zakyna in Poland. She has thought really carefully about figurative language to enhance her writing and make her reader able to vividly imagine what it was like all those year ago.

"In the bleak mountains of South Poland, I can hear the bawling babied and young children clinging to their mothers like magnets. There is an incessant sound of screaming ringing in my ears. There is an atmosphere of cold here that makes me want to put a jumper on. The howling wind whistles in my ear. It beats down on us as the snow lays thick on the ground. The grey camp of Zakyna will be the death of me. The Nazi's whistle screams violence as does the deathly sound of silence. Laughter doesn't exist in this place. The screeching steam trains arrive full of families whose smiles disappear as soon as they step foot in this bleak place".—***Nancy, Year 6***

The **Reception** children have been creating their own amazing repeated patterns in maths using different colours and shapes. Here is **Harry** and **Max** showing us how it's done!

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival is being celebrated throughout the month of October, where farmers and growers give thanks for a successful harvest season; during this time churches, community groups, schools and individuals give to those who are less fortunate. Last Year your generous food donations made a huge difference to those families that needed help the most.

This Harvest, School Council are appealing for donations of dry, tinned, long-life and ambient foods. We will distribute these donations on your behalf to our local church and The Hackney Food Bank.

If you would like to make a donation to our appeal during this Harvest season, please give your donations at the school gate office until Friday 23rd October.

School Photo

As we near Christmas, we usually have our school photo's taken this time of year. This year however we have made the decision to cancel the school photo's due to Coronavirus.

We cannot risk the photographer crossing bubbles and we will not be able to safely facilitate this.

Thank you for your understanding

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Important Dates for your Diary

Details of Event	Time	Date
Black History Month	-	October 2020
Flu spray: Reception through to Year 6	1.00pm	23.10.2020
Last day of term	3.30pm	23.10.2020

Reminder

We are asking all parents from **Monday 19th October** to drop their children off at the gates. This includes Nursery and Reception.

Parents will no longer be able to come onto the school grounds at drop off time. We are asking all parents to wear masks when collecting their children.

Gold Award

Name	Class	Reason
Noah	Year 1	For his hard work and perseverance in reading.
Sparrow	Year 2	For always making the right choices and being a role model to all.
Archie	Year2	For putting 100% effort into everything he does. Keep it up!
Iris	Year 3	For brilliant writing to describe a stone age setting. She took Year 3 back in time.
Chloe	Year 3	For amazing progress in writing . Great description of a stone age setting.
Rufus	Year 4	For always doing the right thing and putting100% effort into his reading. Well done!
Johanna and Leone	Year 4	For putting a huge effort into their presentation!
Tanisha	Year 5	For consistently amazing presentation.
Khalid	Year 5	For being super kind to everyone. Well done!
Ella	Year 6	For being such a smiley, kind and caring member of the class.
Deniz	Year 6	For his amazing effort in reading. Well done!

Online Safety Tip

Set up rules for going online with your parents about the time of day, the length of time and appropriate areas for you to visit. Stick to them.

Mindfulness Tip

Keep Phone and Computer Time In Check. With all of the media at our fingertips, we can easily be on information overload. Set boundaries for screen time – with designated times for social networking (even set an alarm) – and do your best to keep mobile devices out of reach at bedtime.