



MESSAGE FROM MRS TYRER

Happy Friday everyone,

I would like to start by saying thank you for your patience this week. We have had no site supervisor to open up in the mornings, so I am aware that here have been a few mornings where gates and doors haven't been opened at the correct times. I know some of you will have needed to change your normal route or have been left waiting to get in. Hopefully, normal service should be resumed next week. A big thank you to all the staff who came in early this week to help with the opening up, what a team!

The week started with a whole school worship about our school vision, to remind everyone what makes St James' such a special place. Our school values of Love, Forgiveness, Hope, Kindness and Respect were discussed and the importance of demonstrating these values in our lives. This week's focus around school has been kindness, hopefully you will see lots of examples at home this weekend. I would love to hear about any acts of kindness which the children have shown.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Take care and God Bless

DANCEATHON

During the week commencing 31st January 2022, all our pupils will be taking part in a Danceathon to raise money for King's Highway School our linked school in Kenya. This event will take place during school hours; you will be told by the class teacher which day your child will be participating. All monies raised by the event will purchase text books and classroom resources for the school.

If you would like to donate please visit our online fund raising page:

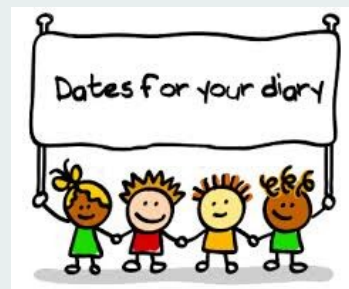
<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/kingshighwayschool2021>

Cash donations can be placed in an envelope and handed to the School Office staff.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

14–18 Feb 22	Half-term
21 Feb 22	INSET Day
4–18 Apr 22	Easter
29 Apr 22	Extra BH
2 May 22	May Day
27 May	Jubilee Celebration Day
30 May–3 June	Half-term
6 June 22	INSET Day
22 July 22	INSET Day
25 July	Summer Holiday



ONLINE MESSAGE

Did you know 'BBC Own It' has a keyboard and app?

Download the app on your child's phone to access the special keyboard, which will offer advice as they type and intervenes for example, if they're sharing their mobile number, the app will tell your child to 'think safe' before they send the message.

Find out more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/takecontrol/own-it-app>

'BBC Own It' also has a dedicated area for parents with video guides on useful topics such as 'the transition from primary to secondary school' and 'supporting children with social media apps and links to other useful sites.

Find out more at:

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/curations/parents>



STARS OF THE WEEK

Acorn

Tanja Scheidt
Ronnie Turner
Nathan Oxley

Ash

Emily Horton
Arthur Spencer
Patrick Peck
Olivia Davis

Oak

Franki Donnelly
Freddie Wood
Savannah Kitching-Jones
Ellie Wright
Lilly-Mae Gudgeon

Willow

Stanley Laycock
Angelica Isherwood
Isla Hurst
Ellis Crook
Sienna Wharton

Chestnut

Whole Class

Birch

Harry Kenyon
Ava Higson
Lydia Tyson
Katie Parkinson
Stanley Phillips

Alder

Felix Atkinson
Lily-Marie Kelly
Grace Crighton
Miley Brown
Oliver Parkinson
Joshua Lambert

Rowan

Lexi Walton
Finley Paolozzi
Libby Geldard
Jamie Billington

Hawthorn

Jackson Bruncker
Charlie Bond
Magnus Taylor
Theo Maguire

Sycamore

Scarlett Brunning
Anya Dobson
Alfie Smith

Attendance

The attendance figures for the week commencing 17th January 2022 are as follows:

<u>Oak</u>		<u>Acorn</u>	
98.5%	15 mins late	96.1%	5 mins late
<u>Ash</u>		<u>Willow</u>	
94.8%	no lates	99.3%	20 mins late
<u>Birch</u>		<u>Hawthorn</u>	
96.8%	1hr 5 mins	99.4%	15 mins late
<u>Chestnut</u>		<u>Alder</u>	
100%	10 mins late	92.8%	5 mins late
<u>Rowan</u>		<u>Sycamore</u>	
95.2%	10 mins late	98.7%	5 mins late

School

97.2% Attendance

2hrs 30mins of education missed due to late arrival

Government guidelines recommend a minimum attendance of 96%.

ROBINWOOD 2022

The next instalment of £30.00 for the Year 6 Trip to Robinwood in November 2022 is due by 31 January 2022. Online payments can be made to:

NATWEST

Account Number: 22748059

Sort Code: 01-02-14

Reference: Child's Name RW

COVID

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

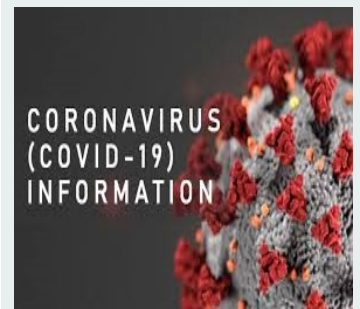
The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

YEAR 5/6 EXCAVATE CLUB

Excavate is a new after school club led by Helen Potts and Mrs Woodward. It's an older version of Bible Diggers that explores Bible stories with challenges, activities, games and discussion. There will always be hot chocolate (or alternative) and a snack. This half term we will be exploring stories from the life of Jesus, as recorded in 'The Diary of a Disciple...Luke's Story'. This book is a lively, doodle filled version of Luke's gospel, written in the style of 'The Diary of a Wimpy Kid'.

Excavate is starting next Wednesday 26th January, finishing at 4.15pm, and will run for 3 weeks.

Excavate is open to all children in Y5 and Y6. There is no cost to this club. If your child wishes to attend please complete the form that was emailed out this week. Hard copies are available at the School Office.



GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM COMPETITION

On Friday 14th January, our girls' football team represented HRVSSP at the Lancashire Final, in Fleetwood. There were fifteen teams in all, placed in 3 groups. In total, we had four games to play in our group stage which were against: Lower Darwen, Slyne with Hest, St Leonards and Holland Moor. After a great effort by all the girls, we won two games and lost two games placing us third in the group. Each game was closely fought with very few goals conceded.

After lunch, we played two friendly matches against the other teams which came third in their group stage (St Richards and St Peters) where we won one and lost one.

Overall, this was not only an amazing accomplishment to reach the final but the girls showed true grit and determination throughout the whole day. We are extremely proud of them.

ACTIVITY FESTIVAL

On Wednesday afternoon, 8 children from years 5 & 6 took part in the activity festival at Roefield leisure centre. The children took part in numerous activities: rock climbing, spinning, archery and were also shown how to use some of the gym equipment. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the activities and as always, they were a credit to St James' School.

SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

Well done to the Year 6 Sportshall Athletics Team who represented the school at a competition on Thursday evening. The children all participated in 2 track and 2 field events. After a great deal of determination, the team came second.

