



MESSAGE FROM MRS TYRER

On Monday night, the staff completed a training session arranged by Mrs Barnes on outdoor learning and how different areas of the curriculum can be taught in our school grounds. Although it was really cold, the staff threw themselves into the training and came away with lots of ideas for lessons with the children which I am sure they will love.

This afternoon, the school choir will be travelling to Ewood Park for Sing Together. They have been practising hard for weeks to learn the songs which they will perform tonight with lots of other schools from across Lancashire. It is an amazing opportunity for them and an experience that I am sure will stay with them for a long time to come. Thank you to Mrs Longhi for arranging this for the children, I will let you know how it went next week.



We close today for the extended weekend with tomorrow being our additional Bank Holiday in lieu of the Queen's Jubilee Day which falls in the half term break. Due to the significance of this bank holiday, schools were asked last year to add this to their annual holiday list in order to give parents

plenty of notice. Hopefully this extra day has not come as a surprise to you and will give you the opportunity to do something fun. School will re open on Tuesday 3rd May.

God Bless and enjoy the weekend!

FRIENDS MEETING—5 MAY 2022 AT 6.00PM

The Friends of St James' School will be meeting on Thursday 5th May 2022 at 6.00pm in the KS1 Hall. Everyone is invited to attend. Not only does this group raise much needed funds for school, it is also an excellent way to meet other parents/carers. Please come along, refreshments will be provided.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

29 Apr 22	Extra BH
2 May 22	May Day
5 May 22	Friends' Meeting
9-12 May	KS2 SATS
19 May 22	School Disco
27 May	Jubilee Celebration Day
30 May—3 June	Half-term
6 June 22	INSET Day
27 June	Moving Up PM
5 July	Moving Up PM
22 July 22	INSET Day
25 July	Summer Holiday



INTERNET SAFETY—GAMING PARENTAL CONTROLS

Does your child have a game console? If yes, have you set up age-appropriate parental controls? The controls vary across the different consoles, but all will allow you to restrict spending and communication, for example:

PlayStation

Set up your account as a family manager and create a separate child account so you can tailor their activities. Find out more here:

<https://www.playstation.com/engb/support/account/psn-safetyparents-guide/>

Xbox

You can download an app to manage your child's gaming experience. Find out more here:

<https://www.xbox.com/enGB/apps/family-settings-app>

Nintendo Switch

Nintendo also offer a free app to monitor what and how your children are playing. Find out more here:

<https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Nintendo-Switch-Family/NintendoSwitch-ParentalControls/Nintendo-SwitchParental-Controls-1183145.html>



SCHOOL DISCO—19 MAY 2022

The Friends of St James' School are arranging a School Disco for Thursday 19th May 2022.



The EYFS/KS1 Disco will be 6.00pm-6.45pm

The KS2 Disco will be 7.00pm-8.00pm

Parent helpers will be needed, please can volunteers give their details to the School Office.

Attendance

The attendance figures for the week commencing 25th April 2022 are as follows:

<u>Oak</u>		<u>Acorn</u>	
90.3%	6 hrs late!	97.8%	5 mins late
<u>Ash</u>		<u>Willow</u>	
95.3%	no mins late	99.6%	30 mins late
<u>Birch</u>		<u>Hawthorn</u>	
96.7%	20 mins late	100%	5 mins late
<u>Chestnut</u>		<u>Alder</u>	
97.3%	10 mins late	97.4%	3hrs 40 mins
<u>Rowan</u>		<u>Sycamore</u>	
100%	30 mins late	96.7%	no mins late

School

97.2% Attendance

11hrs 20 mins of education missed due to late arrival

Government guidelines recommend a minimum attendance of 96%.