

ST. JAMES' (C OF E) JUNIOR SCHOOL

Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day.



WELCOME BACK...

A huge welcome back to school for the start of the academic year. I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and I look forward to seeing you throughout this half-term.

CLASS DOJO...

All classes have now been set up on Class Dojo for this academic year. Please ensure that you are signed up as this is the best way of receiving important updates and contacting your child's class teacher.

*Please note: child absences must not be reported via Class Dojo. If your child is absent from school, you must contact the School Office.

NEW TIMINGS...

*Breakfast Club (free of charge) starts at 8am

*School Gates open at 8:30am

*School Gates close at 8:45am (please ensure your child is in school by this point)

*Registers close at 8:55am – after this point, your child is late. Regular lateness will result in a support meeting with Mrs McCall.

*Lunchtime 11:45am – 12:30pm (Years 3 & 4)

12:30pm – 1:15pm (Years 5 & 6)

*Home time – 3:15pm

After School clubs finish at 4pm

MEET THE TEACHER MEETINGS...

Each class teacher will be holding an open meeting after school during the week beginning 23rd September. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, find out about the learning taking place over the academic year, discuss how you can support your child's learning and an opportunity to ask any questions. Please keep an eye on Class Dojo for further details.

PE KITS...

A reminder that children can come to school in their PE kits on days that they have PE. All children should have a coloured #TeamStJames PE T-shirt. PE Hoodies are only to be worn on PE days, these are not an alternative to school uniform. For more information on PE kits and lessons, please contact your child's class teacher.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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This week's theme for the Golden Book is 'Someone who has made a positive first impression.'

This week's winners are:

3H	Zainab
3W	Amira
3/4K	Ro
4A	Fatima
4B	Sarah
5F	Hanvika
5R	Isaac
5/6B	Tyler
6F	Nicolas
6Q	Martin

A huge well done to all this week's winners.



Have an amazing weekend!

M. Webb

'You have planted them, they have taken root, watch them grow and bear fruit.' - Jeremiah 12:2

BACK TO SCHOOL

Online Safety Tips for Children

Wow, it's September already! The month when autumn officially starts and ... oh yeah, the beginning of a new school year. Every cloud has a silver lining though! Another term means new friends to make, different stuff to learn, fresh online trends to jump on and exciting new games to play on your phone, computer or console. We've compiled a list of our top tips to ensure that – whether you're going online to chat, research things or just have fun – you can do it safely.

Be cautious with your profile

Be careful not to give out too much info on your social media or gaming profiles. Details like your full name, address or school's name could all help strangers to actually find you offline. A trusted adult can help you make your profiles private – so only your family and actual friends can contact you.

Lock your devices

Taking your phone or tablet to school? Turn password protection on. It keeps your private info safe and stops anyone accessing your device without permission. Passwords should be memorable to you – but difficult for anyone else to guess. Get a trusted adult to write it down in case you forget it!

Be smart with screen time

Too much screen time, especially just before bed, can affect your quality of sleep. Losing sleep, or not sleeping well enough, messes with your concentration and energy levels. Try muting notifications so you don't get pinged late at night: you'll feel fresher and more focused the next day.

Know how to deal with bullies

Sadly there are people online who enjoy picking on other users. If you ever feel like you're being bullied online – by anyone, not just someone from school – talk to a trusted adult about it. Together, you can discuss possible steps, such as blocking or reporting

the person who's targeting you.

Manage online relationships wisely

Most people in a relationship chat to their partner online. Just be mindful that once you send a pic or message (even if it's private), you no longer control who else might see it. Messaging someone you've never actually met – and who might not be who they say – is definitely best avoided.

React well to inappropriate content

When you're researching something online, there's always a chance of finding content that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset. If this happens, you can report it as inappropriate and (hopefully) get it taken down. Tell a trusted adult what happened: they'll help you decide what to do next.

Report offensive in-game chat

If you game online with your mates, you'll know things can get competitive and heated on the in-game chat. Playing against people you don't know (especially if they're older) raises the risk of offensive comments and even threats. Our advice? Find out how to block or mute those bad losers.

Learn to spot fake news

If you're looking into a topic for homework or a project, be careful not to get taken in by fake news: content that's deliberately created to mislead people. Check the story with credible sources, like the BBC or Sky News. Trust your instincts, too – if it seems too unbelievable to be true, it's probably fake.

Keep it 'real' with online friends

Everyone enjoys adding friends and followers on social media. It's important, though, that the people you interact with online really are your friends. If they're just random people you've connected with to increase your contacts, you don't know if they could be trolls or bullies (or worse).