

# EC St James' News



September 2018

## Welcome Back!

Welcome to our first newsletter of the 2018/19 Academic Year. As we progress through the year you will receive a copy of our newsletters which provide parents and carers with news, diary dates and notices. If you require any further information, please see Mrs Whybrow or Mrs Hawkins in the school office or contact them on – 01706 847360 / info@st-james.oldham.sch.uk

If you have any queries regarding your child's learning please do not hesitate to come into school to see your child's class teacher. Our teachers are usually available straight after school (except Monday) or, for a quick query, before 8.45am. Formal parents' evenings also take place twice-yearly – November and March.

## Dates For Diaries

A full list of diary dates is on the reverse of this newsletter but we would like to draw your attention to our first two 'events' in school:

Our Macmillan Coffee Morning - **Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> September** – Please come and join us for coffee, tea (and cake!) in the school hall at 8.45am. We are very proud of the way our children show their support towards worthy causes and, through your attendance and a non-uniform day, we hope to raise as much as possible for this worthy cause. Our first service in school will be our Harvest Festival - **Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> October**. **ALL** children in school will be taking part in our celebration of thanksgiving. You are most welcome to join us at 1.45pm in the School Hall.

## Year 6 Prefects

Well done to the following Year 6 children who were successful in their application to be a Class Prefect or Deputy Prefect:

|     | <b>Prefect</b> | <b>Deputy Prefect</b> |
|-----|----------------|-----------------------|
| Rec | Freya          | Callum S              |
| Y1  | Poppy          | Danyal                |
| Y2  | Lola           | Charlotte             |
| Y3  | Thomas         | Eleanor               |
| Y4  | William        | Lydia                 |
| Y5  | Anya           | Gabrielle             |

All children in Year 6 are also given the opportunity to take on roles as 'monitors' in school during their final year at St James', (eg. setting up the hall for assembly before 8.45am, distributing class registers etc.) helping to develop their sense of responsibility.

## School Council

Also congratulations to children below who have been appointed by their classmates as representatives for our School Council:

|     |          |        |
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| Rec | Afsana   | Jack   |
| Y 1 | Robyn    | Oliver |
| Y 2 | Katie    | Fahim  |
| Y 3 | Olivia H | Riley  |
| Y 4 | Maisie H | Oliver |
| Y 5 | Olivia B | Reece  |
| Y 6 | Lily     | Jasnu  |

## Always Reward System

We have a set of Golden Promises for our children to follow:

1. We always show respect for everyone in our school.
2. We always do as we are asked first time.
3. We always look after our own property and that of others.
4. We always behave in a way that allows us and others to learn and do our best.
5. We always think about the health and safety of others when moving around school.

By following these promises, the children move up a chart in their classroom. When they reach the top they receive a badge from Mr Laskey, Mrs Brereton or Mrs Laskey. If they break any of the promises they have to return their badge to one of these teachers. Behaviour can then be discussed with the child. You, as parents and carers, will be able to see if your child has behaved well. If your child keeps their badge all year they will receive a gold star in recognition of this during the last assembly of the year.

## Friends Of EC St James'

Our Friends of ECSJ Group (PTA) will be meeting for the first time this year on Monday, 1st October at 8.45am in school. Please feel free to pop in for a coffee and share any ideas with us for fundraising.

Last academic year our 'Friends Group' successfully raised extra funds to provide many additional items for our children. These included: Year 6 leavers medals, first aid training & leaver's trip. They have also provided additional events such as secret shops and our summer fair.

We are very lucky to have a small but very hardworking group of volunteers but we do need additional parents/carers/grandparents to join our group this year as parents of Y6 children inevitably move on. This does not have to be through attendance at every monthly meeting! If you can only spare a certain amount of time to help at school functions or only help outside school (work) hours with preparation, shopping, evening events etc. you would be most welcome; or you may not be able to help directly but have some great ideas for fundraising...? Please do get in touch with Mrs Brereton or contact our current members: on the playground, or at the next meeting. Thank you very much for your support.

## Parental Consent

### Key Stage 2 (Y3-6)

Please could all parents ensure you have read and signed the consent sections in your child's school planner along with the home school agreement.

### Reception & Key Stage 1 (Y1&2)

Please complete and return the home agreement attached to this newsletter.

## Help with Reading

If any parents can help listen to readers please could you contact Mrs Brereton, Mrs Laskey or the school office.

## Helpful Reminders:

### Names In Uniform

After just a few weeks in school we already have some uniform in our lost property bin!

PLEASE could you ensure that all items of your child's uniform, PE kit, school bag, coat & footwear have their name in.

Name tapes are available to order from Top Form (Rochdale or Oldham) etc. You can order from store or on-line at [www.monkhouse.com](http://www.monkhouse.com)

### Absence Guidelines

If your child is absent please telephone school on the first day and follow their absence up with a letter when they return to school. It is **essential** you follow these guidelines as failure to do so may result in your child receiving an unauthorised absence mark. If you think you may have forgotten to send a follow-up absence letter please contact the school office as our attendance is closely monitored by the School Attendance Improvement Service. Oldham Council have informed school that holidays / unauthorised absence taken in term time will incur a fine.

### Charges for lost items

One of the Golden Promises is to look after property. In teaching our children the value of things there will be a small charge for lost school items which are all given to children for free in the first instance.

Reading book - £5 each

KS1 Reading Record - £1.00 each

KS2 Planner - £1.50 each

Always Badges KS1 - 50p each, KS2 - £1 each

Music, Prefect, Monitor, School Council badges - all £1 each.

### Parking Outside the School Gates

Please could parents take care when parking outside the school. Please **do not** park across the zig-zag lines or driveways as this makes it very unsafe for children and their families crossing the road and also for residents.

## DIARY DATES

### Before half term

**W/C 24<sup>th</sup> Sept** – School Clubs commence as follows and will need to be booked and paid for on ParentPay (excluding Anna's Dance which is still payable by cash).

**There are still places available but each club has a limited amount of places. To avoid disappointment please book ASAP.**

**Mondays** – Anna's Dance – 3-4pm

**Tuesdays** – Y1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Fitness – 8-8.30am

**Tuesdays** – Y4, 5 & 6 Multi-Sports – 3-4pm

**Tuesdays** – Y1, 2 & 3 Football – 3-4pm

**Wednesdays** – Y1, 2 & 3 Multi-Sports – 3-4pm

**Wednesdays** – Year 4, 5 & 6 Basketball/Netball – 3-4pm

**Fridays** – Y1 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Sports – 8-8.30am

**Fridays** – Y1 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Dodgeball – 3-4pm

**Fridays** – Chess – 3-4pm

**(Rec class will be able to participate later on in the term once they have settled into school life)**

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Macmillan Coffee Morning in the school hall at 8.45am - everyone welcome

Also, **non-uniform day** for all pupils, please send a donation per family into school.

**Mon 1st Oct** – Friends Group Meeting – 8.45am (everyone welcome)

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Y5 Class Assembly – 8.55-9.25am

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Y4 – Castleshaw linking trip

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Y3 Class Assembly – 8.55-9.25am

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Flu Immunisation – Rec-Y5

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Harvest Service – 1.45pm (everyone welcome)

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Oct** – School closes for half term at 3pm

### After half term

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Nov** – School re-opens after half term

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Nov** – School Clubs commence this week

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Nov** – St James' Church Christmas Fair

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Parents evening – 3-6pm

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Parents evening – 3-5.30pm

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Y4 Class Assembly – 8.55-9.25am

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov** – Y1 Class Assembly – 8.55-9.25am

**Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Y4 Bikeability Level 1 (am)

Y5 Bikeability Level 2 (pm)

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Y5 Bikeability Level 2 (all day)

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Y1 Class Assembly -8.55-9.15am

Please note: All term dates, letters to parents & newsletters can be viewed and downloaded on our website. ([www.st-james.oldham.sch.uk](http://www.st-james.oldham.sch.uk))

A copy of our holiday pattern for this academic year is attached to this newsletter

We will also upload the newsletter and holiday pattern to our Parentmail App