



The Academy at  
**St James**  
Aspire, Achieve, Believe

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Dear Parents/Carers,

First of all we would like to thank you for your hard work and support with your child's attendance and punctuality, this has seen the schools overall percentage increase and we ask you continue with this approach in order to achieve the everyday matters motto – 'Attend Today – Achieve Tomorrow!' We would also like to thank you for supporting your child with their Topic projects, we had some fantastic markets brought in that made some excellent displays in the classrooms.

### Peace

The whole school theme for this half term is 'peace.' We will be thinking about how we can be peaceful, how we can create peace in our community and how peace brings people together.

### School Council

We are very proud of the children who stepped forward to represent our classes for school council. They wrote some persuasive speeches that made it difficult to elect just two from each class. However, the two winning candidates from each class are:

Tenacious Tigers – Delyla and Eshal  
Pouncing Panthers – Arwa and Tegan

These children have a vital responsibility in providing a voice for the children in our school. They will communicate information to their peers and feedback ideas and decisions to staff to help move our community forward.

### Residential

May we take this opportunity to remind you that permission slips need to be returned and deposits (£15.00) need to be paid this half term for your child to secure a place on the residential to Nell Bank in February. If you have any queries about the residential, please do not hesitate to ask.

### Upcoming Special Days

As part of our Topic unit – Peace, Poppies and Pretzels we will be providing the children with many opportunities to immerse themselves in their learning. We are fortunate to have artist Tony Bullock working with us to develop the children's skills in creating landscapes. School will be hosting a Christmas Craft afternoon on the 1st December where parents are invited into class to help children create decorations and crafts to help celebrate Christmas. Year 4 will also be visiting the Leeds German Market on Monday 4<sup>th</sup>/Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December (1 class per day) hoping to inspire us for our own Christmas Market that will be held in school to bring our topic unit to an end. The market will coincide with the Christmas Fayre.