



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

# St James Newsletter

February 2020

**Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,**

What a term it has been! We are nearly at half term and it has been such a busy half term. I wanted to take the time to write to you and celebrate all the great things we have been doing.

## School values

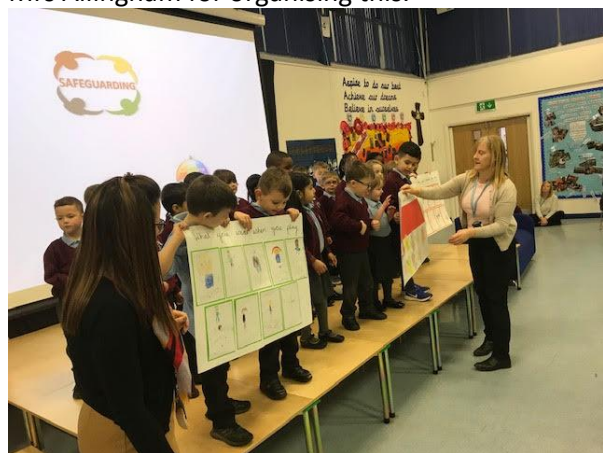
We have worked hard on our school values over the last few months which are: community, peace, respect, forgiveness, Courage and Trust. We have been focusing in on Respect in the lead up to Half term.

Next half term we will be looking at how we can show respect.

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| Autumn 1 | Community   |
| Autumn 2 | Peace       |
| Spring 1 | Respect     |
| Spring 2 | Forgiveness |
| Summer 1 | Courage     |
| Summer 2 | Trust       |

## **Safeguarding week**

From Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February the whole school focused on how to keep safe and the theme 'No Outsiders'. Our school is an inclusive and supportive environment where we want people to feel safe and happy. We focused in on how we can do that with our phrase 'tolerance is not enough'. It was an excellent week with visitors from Bradford council, Powergen, the police and a number of other organisations. A special thank you to Mrs Albentosa and Mrs Allingham for organising this.



## **Forever Angels:**

As I spent some time living and working in Tanzania I wanted to support a charity close to my heart. We have been looking at our global links with other countries and with the £95 we raised we have managed to send 5 children to school for the year and pay for valuable milk for babies who do not have enough food. We will be continuing to support Forever Angels for the rest of the year. <https://foreverangels.org/about.html>



## **Curriculum:**

What an amazing term it has been. We have had so many exciting things which have included an amazing hook day!



### **Forest Schools**

We have been doing lots of work with Phil Lowde this term working outside. Keep Moat Homes have been and we have a new path and steps! A huge thank you to them.



Phil has continued to work with us and has been working with Reception and Year 3 and 4. This work has been excellent and the children have learnt so much through using Phil expertise. I would like to thank Phil for all his hard work with our children.



### **Physical Activity:**

We have been lucky enough to be part of the JUMP project and this has coincided with our new PE leader starting with us. Mr O'Brien started with us in January and has introduced:

1. **Forest Schools**
2. **Cook and Move**
3. **He is now teaching all the PE for school from Reception upwards**

Mr O'Brien and Mrs Louch will be leading on the JUMP project and we have a JUMP activity day on February 28<sup>th</sup>.



Mr O'Brien also has a weekly PE award he gives out.



## **Reading**

Year 5 read Cosmic last term and got to SKYPE the author Frank Cottrell-Boyce to ask him lots of questions about his book! Well done Year 5!



## **Reading Breakfast**

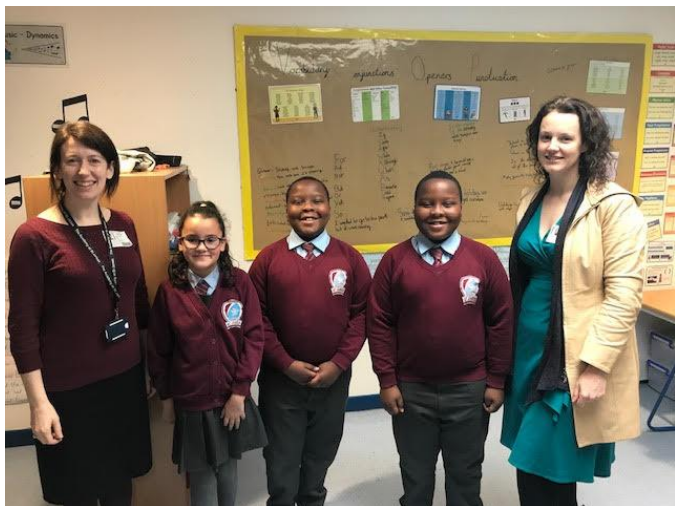
To launch our Year of Reading we had a reading breakfast in the hall where all children could read with their parents. Watch out as we have Family breakfast to come in the next month!



We have other events to follow: a sponsored read, a book fair, world book week and our whole school writing competition!

## **Music**

Our music grows from strength to strength and after having our brass band perform live at St Georges Hall, we now have the opportunity to perform again in April and May in the end of year prom for Bradford schools. Our Furthering talent programme is well underway and 3 of our pupils are excelling under the careful guidance of Helen Varley from Bradford music service. She has been amazing and seeing our brass band on stage in front of 500 people was something I will remember forever.



## **Hot Chocolate Monday!**

Our new initiative for 2020 is called Hot chocolate Monday. Each week each teacher chooses 2 children who have excelled that week. They all come to my office and have hot chocolate! It has been really successful so far. It also allows weekly good work and behaviour to be celebrated by the whole school.



## **Community Events:**

Last term we had our Christmas Extravaganza and Firework display and this term we have our Family breakfasts and our 2020 500 word writing competition. We also have our JUMP activity family day which we are very excited about.



### Reminders

- **Black school shoes must be worn in school**
- **All pupils in KS2 are expected to wear a tie.**
- All pupils should be wearing a blue t-shirt with black shorts and pumps.

### The School Gate:

Please remember that if you are picking your child up from school or dropping them off at breakfast club you must **park outside the school gates** for safeguarding reasons. The gates are closed between 8.30pm-9.00pm and from 3.00pm-3.30pm to everyone due to safeguarding reasons.

### Attendance

Our attendance for the whole year is now around 95.05% Our aim is to get that back up to 96% by the end of the year. We need your help to make your children are in school every day.

School starts at 8.40am and your children must be in school by that time.

### **Breakfast Club**

We are continuing to linkup with '**Magic Breakfast**' and are still offering free bagels in a morning. On another, we will be increasing the cost of breakfast club to £2 a day. This cost covers the childcare as the food is free.

### **Keep In Touch!**

Please keep looking at our website for updates and information.

<http://academystjames.com/>

### **Dates of Diary-Spring**

| Date                                      | Event  |
|---|--|
| <b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b> | Year ½ Skipton Castle                              |
| <b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>    | Half term begins                                   |
| <b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>    | School opens<br>Hook day                           |
| <b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b> | Pancake Day  |
| <b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>  | JU:MP KSI 9.30-10.30<br>JU:MP KS2 10.45-11.45      |
| <b>W/C Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>    | Assessment Week Year 2 and Year 6                  |
| <b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>      | World Book Day- more details to follow.            |
| <b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>      | Scholastic Book Fair in                            |
| <b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>    | Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm- more info to follow |
| <b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>     | Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm- more info to follow |
| <b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>       | Wind and String Concert for KS2 only               |

### Golden Learners for the half term

| <u>Class</u>      | <u>Name</u>             |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>N- AM</b>      | <b>Kyle Kelly-Lofts</b> |
| <b>N- PM</b>      | <b>Mohammed Raheem</b>  |
| <b>Reception</b>  | <b>Harley Mulqueen</b>  |
| <b>Reception</b>  | <b>Elsie Broadley</b>   |
| <b>Giraffes</b>   | <b>Muskan Ali</b>       |
| <b>Hedgehogs</b>  | <b>Caleb Penn</b>       |
| <b>Rabbits</b>    | <b>Max Tuzimek</b>      |
| <b>Foxes</b>      | <b>CJ Gombe</b>         |
| <b>Pandas</b>     | <b>Hawa Hussain</b>     |
| <b>Flamingoes</b> | <b>Evie Thornton</b>    |
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, Curtis Gibbons 5DD, Aleena Taylor 5DYD, Kian Turner 6BB, Saif Kahliq 6OO

### Star of the Week

Mikaeel Akhtar REC, Maryam Imaan REC, Whole Class 1/2GG, Inayah Bibi 1/2HH, Kaitlin Brogden 1/2RR, Tilly Steele 3/4PP, Ali Bukhari 3/4FF, Ryan Hudson 3/4FLF, Lacey-Mai Nolan 5DD, Albright Kodom-Abrafi 5DYD, Laiba Khan 6BB, Eshal Khan 6OO.

Thank you for all your support and help this term- your children are fantastic!

Best wishes

Mr C Tolson

(Headteacher)

**Aspire to do our best  
Achieve our dreams  
Believe in ourselves**