



Newsletter

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This Week at St James'...

We've come to the end of what has been a busy and at times quite tricky term, with unusually high levels of sickness and absence among both children and staff—hopefully, the upcoming two week break will enable us all to fully recover.

On Monday, Robins went for a walk around the village to spot all the signs of Spring's arrival. They had a lovely time, were beautifully behaved, and very much enjoyed their venture—thank you to all of the parents who came along and helped with keeping everyone safe. Our younger children attended a multi-skills event yesterday at Biddenham School, and had a wonderful time competing against other children in a variety of different sports; again, behaviour was exemplary. This afternoon, we look forward to ending term with our Easter Service, and we're hoping to see many of you join us for this special time together as a whole school family.

Children return to school on Wednesday, 24th April; our INSET day on the 23rd is focused on RE and our Diocesan Adviser will be working with staff to develop their skills in teaching RE and assessing pupil's progress.

We wish you all a peaceful, restful and happy Easter break and look forward to seeing you all again for the summer term.

Maria & all of us at St James'

Staffing Update

Mrs LeNette will be leaving St James' in the new term—she has decided to leave teaching in order to pursue other ventures. We are grateful for all her hard work and support in her time here and wish her every happiness with her next steps. Her last day at St James' will be 30th April.

School Uniform

With the arrival of better weather next term (hopefully!), parents are reminded that children may wear summer uniform—this is a blue checked/striped dress, or shorts or cullottes. Please ensure shorts are appropriate school shorts (rather than sports shorts). Summer shoes may also be worn, but these should be black and should remain appropriate to a school setting—open toed sandals with bare feet should not be worn.

Can You Help?

Year 6 are getting ready to go away on their residential in early June. They are planning to carry out some fund-raising activities to try and help reduce the overall cost for this, and are hoping to hold a raffle in the new term. Are you able to donate any prizes for this raffle? If so, please speak with Mr Leach or Dawn - thank you!

Parking outside school

Staff have been approached by a very irate neighbour on two occasions this week, concerned that parents are parking across her drive. Please remember to park courteously. Thank you.



Twitter users.....Follow St James': [@StJamesHead](https://twitter.com/StJamesHead) for regular school updates

Eco-Echoes



Thank you for your bottle tops, our bin is getting close to half full—please save up your bottle tops this Easter & bring in the new term. Thank you!

We've been busy making a Easter Garden in Robins



'He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.'

Matthew 28:6

PSA News

Thank you for all your old coins—please keep them coming!

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 4th April, after drop off in the mobile—please come along.

BEDFORD PARK PROMS - 28th July 2019

Are you going to this years proms in Bedford Park? The St James' PSA have been given the opportunity to sell proms tickets, of which we then receive a donation to put towards the school. It should be a fantastic evening! If you're buying tickets, or if you have friends or family who are please let them know that so they can support our school at the same time. We will publish the details on how to book through us as soon as possible!



<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> - support St James Lower School PSA—Biddenham

CASH 4 COINS RESULTS

A big thank you to everyone who has donated their old & foreign coins this term! We have the results of this terms competition, the results are:

1. Sabrewings
2. Whinchats
3. Canaries
4. Robins
5. Kingfishers
6. Peacocks
7. Green Jays

Well done to Sabrewings! Your prize will be afternoon treats on the field after Easter.

We'll be running another competition next term so if you're going away for Easter or the May half term don't forget to donate any loose change you may have when you return.



Last Saturday the PSA held a Mothering Sunday Flower Arrangement event. There was a great turnout and the children proudly took home their self made flower arrangements. The event managed to raise a profit just under £300 which is being match

funded by a local business, bringing it closer to £600. This is amazing, as are all fund raising activities. More funds for the school, happy days! Thank you to everyone that got involved with the event. Thank you to Wayne at the Three Tuns for donating so generously and for being a great sport and displaying some of the arrangements on his restaurant tables.



If you are interested in helping out for future fund raising activities please feel free to message me bargerycaz@gmail.com. I find meetings and events daunting so totally understand and welcome an email.



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Peter Applewhite sent us this photo—this is the view of Main Road with the school on the left and the Three Tuns on the right. As Peter says, there's been a few changes since!