



Be COVID Aware

Do not come onto school site if you have any Coronavirus symptoms, & get tested. Maintain social distancing at all times. The symptoms are:

- High temperature
- New, continuous cough
- Loss of or change to sense of smell or taste

Newsletter

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We've reached the end of a term never to be forgotten! As I look back, there are so many things of which we should all feel rightly proud—your children have returned to school following the Lockdown. When term started, there was lots of talk about children needing to catch up, concerns about the quality of their mental health and emotional well-being, and the 'lost generation'. None of us knew how well they'd cope with all the arrangements we've had to put into place or what sort of an impact Lockdown would have. They have surpassed all our expectations—they're clearly happy to be back at school with their friends and teachers, have coped brilliantly with all the new routines and ways of working, and have shown such commitment and enthusiasm for their learning. I couldn't be more proud of or impressed with them—they are an absolute credit to you all.

Returning to school was difficult for all of you as well, and you were being asked to trust us to keep you and your children safe. You've had to get used to new ways of working with us and supporting your children. Along the way, you've shown great patience as we all get used to things, but also shown incredible levels of support and encouragement to children and staff. You've had to get to grips with all the technology and learn lots of new skills and find new ways of communicating with us in school. Parents Evenings this week were like no other, and none of us knew how well they would work, but we made them work and we were so pleased to see so many of you. The two class assemblies this term have gone well, and again so lovely to see so many of you join in. Thank you so much—you've been brilliant.

Our staff have worked incredibly hard this term, to make sure everything is as 'normal' as possible for the children. None of us have experienced anything quite like this and we've been asked to work in very different ways which has involved us learning lots of new skills, particularly working with new (to us) technology. The staff have worked incredibly long hours this term, never complaining, and showing determination and commitment to getting things as right as possible for your children. We've not got everything 'right' at first, but we've persevered and made changes along the way. I'm incredibly proud of our team here, and so grateful for their spirit and energy.

This week, we've missed Robins, who have had to stay away from school, and we've had to move to our Remote Learning plan much earlier than we had hoped for. They've been using Teams to meet up during the day, and it's been working well, and becoming a lot easier & smoother for everyone as the week has progressed. Well done to all the adults who have worked together to keep things going for the children, and thank you so much to the parents who have been in touch to feedback—it's so good to hear your positive experiences and also your appreciation of the staff, thank you!

It's been a tough term for us all, but by working together, we've made it work. I am so proud of our school family and the strong relationships we have here. We can't work without your support, and your encouragement, patience and understanding help us do our jobs as well as we can, and drives us on to do even better, which, of course, benefits your children. So, at the end of this tough term, I say a heartfelt thank you, you really are the best families we could hope to work with.

With all good wishes for a peaceful and restful half term break,
Maria & all the team at St James'



Please remember that parents are no longer welcome to park in the pub car park.

Half Term Review

As promised at the start of term, we will be carrying out a review of all the arrangements we've had to put into place to re-open school. We'll be looking at ways in which we can continue to return to full 'normal service' and re-introduce elements of our provision, such as music lessons. As part of this, we have already had a look at hot meals provision, and working with Caterlink, have worked out a way of re-introducing hot meals at lunchtime, details below. Once we've carried out our review, we will, of course let you know of any changes/amendments.

School Meals provided by Caterlink

Hot meals will resume on a 3 week menu rota. There will be 2 options to choose from, a meat option or vegetarian option. Please note that Jacket Potatoes will not be available.

A simplified menu has been sent home today, and it can also be seen on our website. This new menu conforms to all necessary Food Standards, but is simplified to enable a more efficient service.

If your child is in Robins, Whinchats or Canaries class, they are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal. If your child is in Key Stage 2 meals are charged at £2.15 per day unless your child is in entitled to Free School Meals. Payment should be made via the Caterlink online payment system.

Autumn Menu Bubble Dining 2020						
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week One 7/9, 28/9, 19/10, 9/11, 30/11	Option 1	Beef Burger in a bun with Potato Wedges	Chinese Chicken Curry with 50/50 Rice	Roast Chicken served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	MSC Breaded Fish with Chips
	Option 2	Soya Bolognaise with Pasta	Quorn Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Vegetable Toad in the Hole with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with 50/50 Rice	French Bread Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Chips
	Vegetables	Rainbow Slaw	Broccoli	Carrots	Sweetcorn	Baked Beans
	Dessert	Chocolate Cake	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Peach Cake	Chocolate & Orange Cake	Vanilla Shortbread
Week Two 14/9, 5/10, 26/10, 16/11, 7/12	Option 1	BBQ Chicken Pasta	Sausage Roll with Wedges	Roast Chicken served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Fajitas with 50/50 Rice	MSC Fishfingers/ Salmon Fishfingers with Chips
	Option 2	Vegetable Tagine with Couscous	Vegan Mexican Roll with Wedges	Broccoli Pasta Bake	Vegetable & Bean Fajitas with 50/50 Rice	Quorn Sausage in a bun served with Chips
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn	Peas	Carrots	Summer Roasted Vegetables	Baked Beans
	Dessert	Fruit Flapjack	Iced Sponge	Fruit Salad	Apple Sponge	Lemon Shortbread
Week Three 21/9, 12/10, 2/11, 23/11, 14/12	Option 1	Bolognaise with Pasta	Pork Sausage in a Hot Dog Roll with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with New Potatoes	MSC Fish in Batter with Chips
	Option 2	Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel with Roasted New Potatoes	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta	Quorn Roast Fillet with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Soya Mince Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Pizza with Chips
	Vegetables	Carrots	Peas	Mixed Vegetables	Sweetcorn	Baked Beans
	Dessert	Banana Sponge	Marble Cake	Fruit Salad	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Cookie with Oats

Added Plant Power
Vegan
Wholemeal

Available Daily:
- Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised)

ALLERGY INFORMATION:
If your child has an allergy or intolerance please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.

Children return to school Tuesday 3rd November