

**To St James’s Pupils**

We dusted, cleaned and polished

The windows, walls and floors,

We even tidied the staffroom

And painted some of the doors.

We cleared the boards and backed them,

Added a fancy trim

But something was still missing

From the corridors and the gym.

We looked at all our schemes,

Shared ideas, resources and plans,

Got carried away with numicon,

Izak 9 and Newcomer fans.

We put on our wellies and raincoats

Went outside with Scouts for forest play,

We weeded the garden and filled the pond,

And almost got washed away!

So, the classrooms now are spic and span

Everything neat and in their places,

But still there is something missing…..

It’s you and your smiling faces.

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