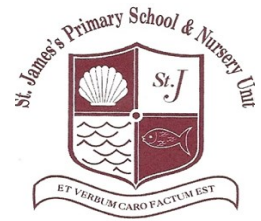


# St James's Jotter

May 2018



## PTA BAG PACK

We are delighted to have been given a fantastic fundraising opportunity by Tesco Newtownabbey, through its Community Champion Katrina Dale. On **SATURDAY 9 JUNE 2018**, the PTA has been given permission to hold a charity bag-packing collection, from **10am - 6pm**. This is a really significant opportunity to raise substantial funds, which can be applied to needs of the school such as PE equipment, playground resources - even updating of the classroom furniture.

The success of the event will depend in large measure on one thing: the number of volunteers. We have 8 hours, during which we will pack bags and collect money at 10 tills. Keeping all of those tills manned by enthusiastic volunteers at all times is obviously crucial. So **PLEASE** help us by signing up to give whatever time you can - an hour would be great - to this effort. It is a job for the whole school community to become involved in. If you can smile and pack a bag at the same time, you're qualified! Any information you need will be provided in advance.

**IF YOU (or a member of your family) CAN HELP, PLEASE SIGN UP with a member of the PTA or in the school office.** This will allow a timetable to be finalised well in advance of 9 June. We cannot overstate the importance of this opportunity to our school. It is something to be genuinely excited about, and we look forward to making the most of it for the benefit of the pupils.

Thank you in advance for your support.

The PTA Committee

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to our Year 4 children who made their First Communion on Saturday 12th May. Many thanks to our wonderful choir, all the teachers involved, Fr David and to the Parish Pastoral Council for organising the refreshments on the day.



## SPORTS DAY sponsored by Tesco

Weather permitting, Sports Day will take place on Friday 1 June. All children will come to school at the normal time. Sports for children in Years 1—4 will begin at 9.15am and end at 10.45am. Sports for children in Years 5—7 will begin at 11.00am and end at 12.30pm. Children may go home with an adult afterwards as long as the



class teacher is informed. However, school will continue as usual until 2pm for those children who do not go home. If it is wet, a decision as to whether Sports Day will proceed will be taken as soon as possible that morning and will be communicated to parents via Parent Mail.

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## The Jungle Book

The Year 7 end of year show this year is The Jungle Book. The Year 7 children accompanied by a choir made up of children from Years 5 and 6 will perform on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th June. Tickets for the shows will go on sale from the office on Tuesday 5th June and Wednesday 6th June for Year 7 parents and then on Thursday 7th June for the rest of the school. We are all looking forward to a fabulous show!



### Uniform for 2018-19

From September, we are asking all parents/guardians to buy specific PE uniform consisting of black shorts and a white round neck t-shirt. These items can be bought from a retailer of your choice. It must be a round neck t-shirt and not the polo shirt used everyday so as we can promote good hygiene and ensure the children get changed for PE. The need to specify PE gear has arisen due to the inappropriate clothing some children are bringing in for PE. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Arrangements for purchasing school uniform for September, will be sent home soon.

### TAKE CARE!

It is great to see some of our children coming to school on their bicycles. However, I would like to remind you that, in the interests of your child's safety, when riding a bicycle, they should always wear a helmet. Children should also get off their bicycle at the school gate and walk their bicycle round to the bicycle stands.



### THANK YOU

Many thanks to the parents/guardians who took the time to complete our Parent Survey. We had 31 responses. I hope to send you the findings as soon as possible.

### WEBSITE

Please remember to check our website regularly.

[www.stjamesps.co.uk](http://www.stjamesps.co.uk)

### Leavers' Mass and Assembly

The annual Mass for our Year 7 children will take place in St Mary's, Star of the Sea, Whitehouse on Tuesday 19th June at 7.00pm. This is always a very special occasion for the whole parish community especially our Year 7 children and their families. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our very special Leavers' Assembly will take place on Friday 22nd June at 9.30am. Parents of our Year 7 children are invited to attend as we celebrate the time the Year 7 children have spent with us in St James's and their many achievements. Following the Assembly, there will be refreshments available in the canteen and the Year 7 children can then go home with their parents.

### Earrings

I would like to remind you that, in the interests of health and safety, children are not permitted to wear earrings in school.

### Nursery Applications

Letters will be sent home on the 8th June to those parents/guardians who have applied for a Nursery place for an underage child.

### Newtownabbey Food Bank

St James's Primary School and Nursery Unit is a registered referral agent for Newtownabbey Food Bank.

Vouchers are available in school. Mrs Dallat is the contact person for these vouchers. The voucher entitles an individual or family in crisis to receive food sufficient for three days.

**There is no gathering of personal information by school.**

The vouchers can be handed in at the local food bank at Abbots Cross Presbyterian Church or in Carnmoney.

At the food bank there are refreshments available and toys for young children to play with whilst waiting for the food pack.

### GDPR

The staff have received training in the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). We also have uploaded our Privacy Notice and Data Protection Policy to the school website. Please be assured that we will continue to treat any information you give to us with great care and respect.

### 2018-19 Holidays

We have had a number of queries regarding the holidays for the 2018-19 school year. As previously advised, the holidays are available on our website under the About Us tab. [www.stjamesps.co.uk](http://www.stjamesps.co.uk)

### Pupil of the Month

The following children were awarded Pupil of the Month for April:

Year One Miss Morrow	Jessica Patterson
	Olly Lupari
Year One Mrs Magill	Layla Johnston
	Ethan Walsh
Year 2 Mrs Cross/ Mrs Dallat	Harry Stewart
	Tyrah Chodeva
Year 3 Mrs Hinds	Tom Dench
	Ethan Blair
Year 3 Mr Jones	Yeshua Duhaylungsod
	Joseph Komath
Year 4 Mr McNamee	Caoimhe Murphy
	Jacob Montijo
Year 5 Mr Nolan	Carly Crossan
	Mateuz Glanowski
Year 6 Mrs Kelly	Shannon McCourt
	Aimee Green
Year 7 Mrs Donaghy	Abigail McNamara
	Johnny Nicholson

Congratulations to all the boys and girls.

### Morning Arrangements

I would like to remind parents/guardians that children in Years 2-7 should be left in the children's entrance foyer from where they can make their own way to their classroom. Only parents/guardians of Year One children should accompany their child to the classroom unless an arrangement has been made with Mrs Cunningham. In the interests of Safeguarding and Child Protection, parents should not enter the children's toilets. If a young child needs to use the toilet, please use the toilets at the office.

### CAR PARKING

I would like to remind parents/guardians that they should not enter the staff car park at the back of the school either for parking or dropping off. I am appealing for cooperation in this request as staff are still having difficulty getting in and out of the staff car park. If your child is going to Breakfast Club, I would be grateful if you could drop them off in the main car park and they can walk the short distance to the canteen door. I would also be grateful if parents/guardians would be mindful of the speed at which they enter the school grounds remembering there are lots of children around.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 1st June		Sports Day
Tues 5th June		Year 5 trip to Greenmount
Wed 6th June		Shared Education Culture Night—Whitehouse Primary School
Sat 9th June		PTA Bag Pack Tesco Newtownabbey
Tues 12th June		Year Four trip to Ulster Museum
		Year One (18-19) Induction Meeting 6.00pm
Wed 13th June		Year Three trip to Colin Glen
	7.00pm	The Jungle Book
Thurs 14th June	7.00pm	The Jungle Book
Mon 18th June		Nursery (18-19) Induction
Tues 19th June	7.00pm	Year Seven Leavers' Mass, St Mary's, Star of the Sea, Whitehouse
Wed 20th June		Nursery Stay and Play
		Year One Stay and Play
Fri 22nd June	9.30am	Year Seven Leavers' Assembly
Tues 26th June	9.30am	Nursery End of Year Concert
	12.30pm	
Fri 29th June	12 noon	School closes for the Summer

### Nursery Induction and Stay and Play

The Nursery Induction meeting will take place on Monday 19th June at 6pm. This meeting is for parents/guardians who have children either starting or returning to our Nursery Unit in September.

Parents/Guardians of Nursery children will also receive an invitation for a Stay and Play session in the Nursery on Wednesday 20th June at a specific time.

We look forward to meeting all our Nursery children and their parents/guardians.

### Year One Induction and Stay and Play

The Year One Induction meeting will take place on Tuesday 12th June at 6pm. This meeting is for parents/guardians who have children starting Year One next year.

Parents/Guardians of our new Year One children will also receive an invitation for a Stay and Play session on Wednesday 20th June from 9.30am until 10.15am.

We look forward to meeting all our Year One children and their parents/guardians.

### Daily Mile

During June, every class in the Primary School will be running a mile a day in a pilot programme in an effort to promote a healthy lifestyle. Research has also shown that a mile a day will positively impact on the children's learning.

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