

St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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Class music lessons with plenty of space to explore the sounds

A Learning Update

Our classes have been busy and engaging places since all children returned at the beginning of the month. We know that, even more so than ever, we have to work hard to make the most of our precious time in school. As you can imagine, there has been a lot of focus on our core areas of learning: Reading, Writing, Maths, RE and Science but the foundation subjects too are being taught even though sometimes it looks a little different. Music is now taught in the hall so that children can space out and play musical instruments. We plan for our Brass instrument tuition to restart at the end of the month. Mandarin teaching has started for children in the Key Stage 2. PE has continued a full timetable with resources changed between groups and

our dance sessions have begun with gusto! Other subjects are being addressed through reading for example the whole school looked at the fabulous book, 'The Colour Monster' and this helped the children to understand some important themes in PHSE.

'Summer Learning from home' packs

Thank you to all the children who have returned their excellent work this week. We will be looking at celebrating some of the best of these on Monday with the award of some vouchers. So Monday is the last day for submission.

Coughs, Colds and Coronavirus

Along with the ongoing concern regarding Coronavirus we are now entering the period of the year when there are all kinds of bugs and virus' circulating. It is important that we look out for the symptoms and act sensibly and accordingly. So:

If your child develops a new persistent cough; has a temperature or has a loss of taste or smell, it could be corona virus and you should get a test via the gov.uk website or phone 119.

If your child presents with sneezing, runny nose, sore throat; these are symptoms of other conditions and do not warrant a test but your child should remain at home until well again as they would have done in the past

Rucksack type bags not allowed

Thank you to all for such a prompt response to this request.

Lateness after school.

For the small number of people that this relates to, please note: There is a Late Collection Policy which is on the school's website. This policy includes the issue of fines and these will be invoked.

Water Bottles- name labels please

Please ensure your child brings their water bottle and it has their name on it.

Year 6 - Secondary School

Application

Deadline: end of October.

Open days have begun.

School Uniforms

Next uniform sale/ opportunity to order, on Tuesday 6th October 2-3pm.

Mass at Our Church

Sunday Mass is celebrated at the following times: Saturday 6pm Sunday 8:30, 10:00 and 12:00 midday. Please try to go along.

'Covid secure' means bring a facemask and something warm to wear as the windows are open for fresh air.

Fr Jack has been missing you!

As ever, thank you all for your support and good will.

St James the Great, Pray for us.