



“Working together to fulfil potential”

April Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

19.04.2024

After a long Easter break, which I hope you all enjoyed despite it being a bit of a wash out, we are ready to welcome everyone back to the Summer term – our final term of this academic year. Hopefully we have brighter and warmer days ahead!



Class Assemblies & Coffee Mornings

Thank you to all the Nursery parents and carers who attended the wonderful Mothers' Day class assembly and stayed for the coffee morning after. Thanks to the donations made, Nursery were able to buy new maths and English resources for their outdoor provision. It was also a great opportunity for parents, children and staff to come together over tea and cake.

We will now be inviting parents and carers to join us for a coffee morning after each of the remaining class assemblies this term. There will be a range of cakes and hot drinks available to enjoy, with a suggested contribution. Any money raised from this will go directly to your child's class for resources of their choice.

Please join us on Friday 26th April for the Year 4 and Friday 3rd May for the Reception assemblies, at 09:00.

KS2 SATs

During the week of the 13th – 16th May, Year 6 will be completing their KS2 SATs. Miss Wilding and Mrs Devney have been working extremely hard with the children to ensure they are fully prepared and able to do the best that they can. I am sure they will do us all proud!

As a reminder, the Year 6 children **should** be in school by 8am during this week – they will have the opportunity to have breakfast and settle in to the day before each test. Please do let us know if asap if there are any problems getting to school on these days.

School Website

We are in the process of having a complete redesign of our school website, to make it more user friendly and ensure that it provides parents/carers with all necessary information, whilst also celebrating and showcasing all the amazing things we do at James Brindley. As part of the redesign and new website, there will also be a Parent App, which will be the central point of our ongoing communication.

As we near the launch of our new website, I will send further information about how to get started on the app.

Homework

Following responses on the parent survey, we will be reviewing our approach to homework for the next academic year. For the summer term, this will remain as 'Pick and mix' homework while we consider and research all options and the various platforms available to us. Again, we will keep you updated on any decisions we make.

Summer Fair & PTA

As we enter the summer term, preparations begin for our Summer Fair which will be held in July (date and details to follow). On **Wednesday 8th May at 14:30**, our PTA will meet to discuss initial ideas and plans, to make this our best summer fair yet!



If you would be interested in helping, in any capacity, with the Summer Fair please do come along to the PTA meeting. Alternatively, email the school office with details of how you would like to help, and this will be passed on to Mrs Thompson and the rest of the PTA. Any support would be greatly appreciated!

Sports Day will be held on **Tuesday 21st May**. Mrs Sharrock will be sharing further information and details with you all in due course. However, please see timings for the day:



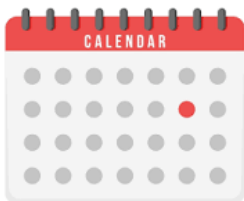
09:00 – Year 5/6
10:30 – Year 3/4
13:00 – EYFS
14:00 – Year 1/2



New Starter Induction

Parents/Carers have now been received offers for places in our Nursery and Reception for September 2024. We understand this is both an exciting, and anxious time, as you begin to prepare but do please bear with us. Mrs Simmons will very soon be sending out information to all parents with regard to transition arrangements, parent meet and greet meetings, and the induction process.

Dates for the diary:



W/C 22.04.24	Y6 Mock SATs Week
23.04.24	Towerwood Y3 Parent Meeting 17:00
24.04.24	Y1 RHS Bridgewater Trip
25.04.24	Y2 Fire Brigade Visit
26.04.24	Y4 Assembly & Parent Coffee Morning
01.05.24	Worsley Relays
03.05.24	Reception Assembly & Parent Coffee Morning
06.05.24	School Closed – Bank Holiday
09.05.24	Reception Knowsley Safari Trip
W/C 13.05.24	Y6 SATs Week & Mental Health Awareness Week
13.05.24	Y2 Fireground Trip Y5 Victorian Day
W/C 20.05.24	Sports Week
21.05.24	Sports Day
22.05.24	Boogie Bounce Sessions
23.05.24	Y3 Stonehenge Workshop
24.05.24	School Closes for Half Term

Information and details about all events in school will be shared separately and in regular newsletters.

You can also keep up to date with school life by following us on 'X'.



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Kind Regards

Miss K. Stokes

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