



10th September 2021

Dear Family

Newsletter

Well done to all of the pupils for their confident and positive return back to school. We have been overwhelmed by how resilient the children have been and how quickly they have settled into their new routines. Many thanks for your hard work in supporting your child's transition back to school. Thank you also for your patience with the new procedures at the start and end of the day. With your cooperation in adhering to timings, it seems to be getting easier each day. Our priority remains safety and I am conscious that obstructions at the school gates and on the pavement mean that some families are having to walk close to the road. Please could I ask that you remain mindful of not obstructing the pavement outside school and the school gates. This is particularly pertinent as we will be welcoming our new reception, pre-school and playgroup pupils back from Monday 14th September, therefore increasing the volume of people even further.

I completely understand the concern that families have around absence and whether or not their child should attend school if unwell. We are in the season of the common cough and cold as well as the concerns around the current pandemic situation. I am attaching an information sheet provided by the Local Authority that will help to direct you as to what to do if your child becomes unwell. This should support you in your decision making.

My sincere thanks to our school's PTFA committee whose hard work and dedication meant that we were able to fund a two day Festival celebration for last year's, year 6 pupils. Every year, the PTFA play a vital role in funding exciting opportunities for our children. I know that despite its challenges this year, the PTFA are working hard to come up with innovative ideas to raise funds in the absence of our usual face to face events. If you would like to get involved in supporting our PTFA, we are holding the first of this year's virtual meetings via Zoom on Wednesday 30th September at 730pm. Please follow this link to nominate yourself or someone else for a role <https://forms.gle/fdAuEUUuDWCqijXM8> If you would like to attend the meeting, please email info@st-james.dudley.sch.uk with PTFA as the subject of the email. I look forward to seeing you there!

St James's Church PCC have also been very generous in supporting our return to school. One example, is the church have funded 1 set of colouring pencils per child to prevent children from having to share resources. Many thanks to the congregation of St James's for their continuing prayers and support.

Yours sincerely

Lindsay Mason head teacher

Il am currently reading Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Rauf

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Term dates 2020/21

Half term – Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2020 – school closed.

Monday 2nd November 2020 – school reopens

Friday 18th December 2020 – Last day of term.

Monday 4th January 2021 – INSET – school closed to pupils.

Tuesday 5th January 2021 – school re-opens to pupils.

Half term – Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February 2020 school closed.

Monday 22nd February 2021 school reopens.

Thursday 1st April 2021 – last day of term.

Monday 19th April 2021 – School reopens.

Monday 3rd May 2021 – school closed – bank holiday

Thursday 6th May 2021 – school closed for voting.

Half term Monday 31st May 2021 – Friday 4th June 2021 – school closed.

Monday 7th June 2021 INSET – school closed to pupils.

Tuesday 8th June 2021 – school re-opens to pupils.

Wednesday 21st July 2021 – last day of term.

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