



Friday 18th June 2021

Dear Family

Thank you all for your support in a settled start to the final half term of the school year. It is very unfortunate that the recent turn of events regarding the final stage of wider opening means that we will be unable to finish the year in the way that we had hoped, but school staff have been very busy making safe plans so that the children do not miss out.

Sports Day

Sports day will be held on Wednesday 14th July. Children will attend school in the PE kits on that day and are welcome to wear a t-shirt in the colour of their allocated house (Gloucester – blue, Worcester – yellow, Lichfield – red, Hereford – green). Children will participate in traditional races as well as a circuit of physical activities planned by year group staff. Unfortunately, for this year we will be unable to invite families to attend and watch.

Birthday party day

Many of the children have informed us that one of the things that they have missed over the past year is not being able to attend birthday parties. We have therefore arranged a whole school birthday party event for Tuesday 20th July. Children are invited to attend school in party clothes. They will be treated to a party lunch courtesy of the school and will play party games organised by year group staff. We hope that this will provide the children with a memorable event and go some way to compensating for all of the parties missed.

End of year reports

We had hoped to be able to invite you to come to school to meet with your child's class teacher and collect their reports. However, following local and national guidance we will now distribute reports in sealed envelopes addressed to you with your child on Monday 12th July. Please do look out for those coming home with your child and complete and return the letter enclosed confirming that you have received the report. With your child's report will be details of how to make contact with your child's class teacher should you wish to follow anything up with them.

Internet and online safety

We are experiencing a large number of issues that are arising both in school and out of school due to children's use of social media and communications. TikTok and Whatsapp are of particular concern. There are a number of places that families can look for advice:

- www.common sense media.org tells you the age restrictions of games and apps and gives an overview of information and risks associated
- www.childnet.com advice for families and remote training
- www.webwise.ie information, advice and resources
- www.bbc.com/ownit advice and guidance for a number of issues, including safety

Email: info@st-james.dudley.sch.uk Website: www.st-james.dudley.sch.uk



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Staffing

Mrs Williams will be retiring at the end of the summer term. We are very grateful for her dedication to St James's and wish her all of the very best for the future. In addition, Miss Hemmings and Mrs Gledhill will be beginning their maternity leave in the Autumn term. I am very pleased to inform you that we have appointed Miss Hollie Hughes who will be joining our Key stage 1 team in September and Mr Hoten and Mrs Norwood who will be joining our Key Stage 2 team for maternity cover. Miss Spencer and Mrs Evans will be joining our support staff team, also.

Yours sincerely

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