



## Newsletter Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December

As Christmas draws ever closer, it feels like we have just got through the longest term ever. Christmas is that time of the year when we all act a little nicer, we smile a little easier, we cheer a little more. It truly is the most wonderful time of the year where we celebrate the birth of Jesus with those people who are most important to us. The last few years have been difficult for everyone, and it looks like there may still be difficult times ahead, but I know that our families and children have the strength of character, the resilience to take on anything that gets thrown at them. I wish you all a very merry, healthy Christmas and a happy New Year and look forward to seeing you back at school on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January. Stay safe.

**REMINDER: School closes at 2pm on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December. There will be no after-school club on this day.**

### Attendance and Punctuality

From now on, the school gates will close at 9:00am. If you arrive once the gates have closed, you must take your child through the main entrance.

The gates open at 8:45 with classroom doors opening at 8:50. Registers are taken promptly and children arriving after 9:00 are marked late. If your child arrives after 9:30 it will be marked as an unauthorised absence. Please ensure you arrive at school in plenty of time – every minute late is a minute of lost learning time.

Overall school attendance stands at 92.4% which is higher than the national average of 88.9%.

Year 5 still have the best Year group attendance with 5T setting the standard for the whole school with an attendance of 96.7%.

Year Group	Overall Year Group Attendance	Individual Class Attendance	
1	93.7%	1M 93.3%	1R 94.1%
2	93.3%	2O 95.4%	2P 91.1%
3	92.5%	3H 92.4%	3R 92.5%
4	92.3%	4N 93.5%	4S 91.1%
5	95.1%	5T 96.7%	5G 93.7%
6	93.9%	6D 94.2%	6L 93.5%



### Christmas Performances

EYFS, KS1 and KS2 have all finished their performance recordings and these will be made available through ClassDojo for parents and carers to enjoy. All our children performed brilliantly and showed what a talented bunch of young people they are.



### Uniform

At St James C.E Primary School we have high expectations of our pupils and their uniform. Outsiders often judge a school by the appearance of its pupils in public. Wearing a uniform encourages a feeling of security and gives a sense of belonging to a community.

Can we remind you that school shoes must be black. Black trainers are acceptable, but these must be predominantly black without any bright colours.

PE Kit is a plain white t-shirt and black shorts – girls can wear black leggings. In winter, children can wear a tracksuit, but this needs to be as plain as possible. Children wearing the correct PE kit will receive dojos as a reward.

Watches may be worn as can stud earrings, but other types of earrings, necklaces and bracelets are not allowed.

Nail polish and false nails are also prohibited.

### Robinwood

The final payment for the Y5 and Y6 trip to Robinwood is due on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> January. If you need support making the payment, please contact Mrs. Harvey at school to discuss the matter further.

### Clubs and After-School Activities

New clubs and activities will be starting after the Christmas break and letters will be sent out informing parents, carers and children of what will be on offer.