



## Newsletter Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Happy New Year and I hope you all had a very happy, restful and peaceful Christmas break. I must admit, Christmas already feels like the distant past and 2021 is a fading memory. It was wonderful to see all our children and families returning to school last week and so many happy, smiling faces. I hope that 2022 will bring some much-needed normality back to everyone's lives.



### **Breakfast Bagels**

St. James has this year signed up with the National School Breakfast Programme as we believe it is important for pupils to start the day with a nutritious breakfast. Evidence shows that providing a healthy school breakfast at the start of the school day can contribute to improved readiness to learn, increased concentration, and improved wellbeing and behaviour.

As a result of this, from Monday morning, freshly toasted and buttered bagels (no smoked salmon or cream cheese unfortunately!) will be available on the playground near the entrance gates. These are free of charge and parents, carers, children and their siblings are welcome to enjoy these as they start a new day off.





### After School Clubs

This term, the following clubs will be running after school. All clubs finish at 4pm and children should be picked up at the designated pick-up spot.  
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Term	Club	Year Groups	Run By	Day	Time	Pick up spot
Spring 1	Sign Language	KS2	Miss Sampson	Monday	3:15 - 4:00	Main Gate
Spring 1	Multi-sports	Y1	Mr. Smith	Monday	3:15 - 4:00	Main Gate
Spring 1	Cooking	RP	Mrs Warner	Monday	3:15 - 4:00	RP Classroom
Spring 1 and 2	Cheerleading	Y4, 5 and 6	Miss Drake	Tuesday	3:15 - 4:00	Main Gate
Spring 1	Football	Y3	Mr. Smith	Tuesday	3:15 - 4:00	Main Gate
Spring 1	Ball Games	Y4	Mr. Smith	Wednesday	3:15 - 4:00	Main Gate
Spring 1	Team Building	Year 6	Mr. Smith	Thursday	3:15 - 4:00	Main Gate
Spring 1	Dodgeball	Year 5	Mr. Grant	Thursday	3:15 - 4:00	Main Gate
Spring 2	Japanese and Origami	TBA	Mr. Connolly	TBA	3:15 - 4:00	Main Gate
Spring 2	Board Games	UKS2	Mr. Gurney	Tuesday	3:15 - 4:00	Main Gate

**Choir is currently on hold due to COVID but will resume soon.**



### Punctuality



Being punctual and on time is a key life skill and it is important for children to learn this.

- 5 minutes late every day is the same as missing 3 days of school.
- 15 minutes late every day is the same as missing 9 days of school.
- 30 minutes late every day is the same as missing 18 days of school.

Lates this week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30	26	33	20	24

We appreciate that mornings can be hectic and stressful at times but please try to ensure you are at school before the gates close at 9:00am.

### Future Olympians

On Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> January, Mr. Smith and Miss Deegan accompanied a group of Year 5 and 6 children to the Citywide Athletics finals.

Not only did our children represent our school brilliantly, they managed to come 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 150 other schools.

The children competed in a range of track and field events and demonstrated superlative skills and impeccable sportsmanship.

A **HUGE CONGRATULATIONS** to all the children who took part and a thank you from me for being such incredible ambassadors for St. James. We are all very proud of you!





**Attendance Update**



Today, the overall school attendance for the year is 92% which is currently in line with national average but we still have a long way to go to reach our target of 96%.

Year Group	Attendance Today	Overall Year Group Attendance	Individual Class Attendance Average	
1	91.5%	93.5%	1M 93%	1R 93.9%
2	82.8%	93%	2O 95.1%	2W 90.7%
3	91.7%	92.1%	3H 92.7%	3R 91.5%
4	75.4%	91.8%	4N 93.1%	4S 90.5%
5	94.9%	95.1%	5G 93.7%	5T 96.5%
6	86.4%	93.1%	6D 93.2%	6L 92.9%

Year 5 still have the best overall attendance and 5T have an excellent average attendance of 96.5% but watch out 5T because 2O aren't far behind you!

**Dates**



**17/02/21** Year 4 Trip to the Sealife Centre