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Friday 20th April

March



Message from the Headteacher

Hello and thank you for the lovely welcome I have received from the children, staff and parents. I have had a lovely first week, spending time with each class and having children come and knock my door to introduce themselves.

I am delighted and honoured to be appointed as the new head teacher for St James Church of England School, and I am very keen to get to know parents, as well as the pupils and staff. From my experience of being a deputy and acting head teacher for 4 years, I know that a successful and happy school depends on all of us working together.

Saint James School has a history of rapid improvement and the current staff, Governors, Mrs Cuskelly and the DMAT have done a fantastic job in a short space of time and I am looking forward to building on this. My next task is to find out more about the school so that the changes we make in this new chapter of the school's history are supported by the whole school community.

Having four boys myself I firmly believe that parents/ carers make an important contribution to children's achievements at school, and I want to develop the relationship between the school and parents for everyone's benefit.

I will be offering some events over the next term, which will provide an opportunity to meet you and discuss the building of a successful partnership. These meetings will take place at different times, which I hope will enable most families to attend. If you prefer, you are also welcome to contact me by email or phone.

Two pieces of information I would like to share with you.

Newsletters will be going out fortnightly after this one and you will receive the next one on Friday 4th May 2018.

On Monday 23rd April we are asking the children to dress in Red and White to celebrate St Georges Day. I will be doing an assembly to retell the story and some classes will complete some follow up work.

School Diary

Autumn Term	School Time	After School
Monday	23rd April dress in red and white	Y3 & 4 Tennis 3.15-4.30pm
Tuesday	Swimming—4J	Y5 & 6 Tennis 3.15-4.30pm
Wednesday		Y3 & 4 Athletics 3.15-4.30pm
Thursday		Y5 & 6 Rounders 3.15-4.30pm Art Club 3.15-4.15pm
Friday	Awards Assembly 2.30pm	

Key Events at a glance

2018

7.05.18 May Day

14-17 May SATs Tests

25.05.18 Teacher Training Day

28 May—1 June Summer Half Term

20.07.18—last day of Summer Term

Attendance—Target 97%

The whole school attendance for 26th to 29th March was **94.9%** which is just above target. The highest attendance was 98% which was achieved by 6S. The attendance for the Spring term was 95.5% .

School

Attendance

We are required to send out the Attendance Compliance Enforcement (ACE) newsletter each term – please read this carefully as we have to follow government guidelines until further notice.