**St James’ Pre-School Newsletter**

May 2018

Welcome to our May edition of the Newsletter.

![C:\Users\User\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\IX4Y9M8R\5-Free-Summer-Clipart-Illustration-Of-A-Happy-Smiling-Sun[1].png]()We are still waiting for the sun to arrive, but when it does we would like to ensure that the children can enjoy it safely! It is important for us to help the children to care for their skin and avoid damage in later life. Please ensure that your child is protected from the sun by applying sun cream before arriving at pre-school, or, if you prefer, please hand in your sun cream **labelled with your child’s name** which we will help them to apply if necessary. During the warmer weather, the children sometimes remove sweatshirts/cardigans. Please make sure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child’s name so that we can ensure that they are returned.

**Transition to School** - It’s an exciting time for many of you as our older children prepare for their **new schools** in September. There will be lots of transition events taking place in your child’s individual schools however a citywide transition event will be taking place on 22nd May. This gives nursery settings an opportunity to share valuable information about the children with teachers from the local primary schools to support a smooth transition. If you would prefer us not to discuss your child during this event, please let us know.

**General Data Protection Regulation** - We have recently given out **Privacy Notices** to parents of children currently at pre-school. These must be ticked, to indicate consent, signed and returned to pre-school as soon as possible so that we can comply with our legal obligations under GDPR. Thank you for your support in this important matter.

**FUNDRAISING NEWS AND EVENTS**

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Thank you for supporting our **Easter Hat Parade**. The children looked great in their hats and we raised an amazing £346.10. Our **Tesco Bag Pack** raised £268.92. Thank you to the parents and children who helped us to pack bags and collect money on the day. We have also recently received £431.92 from **Woolton Educational and Recreational Fund.** We were delighted to hear that we were runners up in the **Asda green token scheme**, and have just received £200. Thank you to the families and friends who collected green tokens on our behalf.

We have used the funds raised to buy role play props including play telephones, a cut and stick birthday cake and cutting pizza, multicultural food sets and a cash till. We have also bought dolls’ styling heads, two wooden garages, a mirror and new legs for our tuff spot table.

Future planned purchases include a tool bench, a new tent for our Book Area, a castle themed floor mat, a table top barbecue and other resources for our outdoor area.

Our **Summer Disco** will be taking place on **Friday 25th May**. Tickets will soon be on sale at a cost of £2.00 each. Raffle tickets are also available. We will be serving refreshments, so any donations of cakes would be most welcome and these can be brought to pre-school on the morning of the disco.

![C:\Users\User\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\EUM3DV1E\Zabivaka[1].png]() **Sponsored Colour** The theme for our sponsored colour this year is the World Cup. We will be sending home colouring sheets of the mascot, Zabivaka, after half term and we would like these to be returned by **Friday 29th June** when they will be displayed at pre-school for everyone to enjoy.

![C:\Users\User\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\73W61SZE\camera-icon[1].png]()**Photographer Visit** - Phil, our photographer, will visit pre-school on **Tuesday 19th June** to take photographs of children leaving to go to school only. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase group and individual photos. If your child does not attend pre-school on this day, you are welcome to come at the start of the session with your child to have their photograph taken.

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**Royal Wedding celebrations** Children are invited to come to pre-school dressed in red, white and blue on **Thursday 17th May** and **Friday 18th** **May** to join in with our celebrations of this special day.

**Parents Afternoon –** will be held on the afternoon of **Monday 2nd July** between 1.00pm and 3.00pm. Your childs’ keyperson will arrange an appointment with you after half term. Transition reports for children starting school will be available for parents to read and sign at Parents Afternoon before they are sent on to children’s new schools.

This year our **Leavers’ Service**, for children leaving pre-school to go to school, will be held on **Monday 23rd July** in St James’ Church at the end of the pre-school morning.

All children are invited to our end of term **Pre-School Party** on **Tuesday 24th July**.

More details about the Leavers’ Service and the party will follow after half term.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

* May Bank Holiday **Monday 7th May**
* Royal Wedding celebrations: **Thursday 17th May** and **Friday 18th May** (Children are invited to come to pre-school dressed in red, white and blue.)
* Summer disco **Friday 25th May**
* Pre-School closes for **HALF TERM** on **Friday 25th May**
* Staff training day **Monday 4th June** (Pre-school closed for children)
* **Children return to Pre-School Tuesday 5th June**
* School Leavers’ Photograph **Tuesday 19th June**
* Colouring sheets for our Sponsored Colour to be returned by **Friday 29th June**
* Parents Afternoon **Monday 2nd July**
* Leavers’ Service **Monday 23rd July**
* Pre-school party and end of term **Tuesday 24th July**

The team at St James’ would like to thank you for reading this newsletter!

We are grateful for your support as always.

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