

ST. JAMES' C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL, COLDWALTHAM

with Chuckleberries Pre School



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Enabling every child to thrive and succeed

Friday Flyer – Friday 3rd March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term break. The children have quickly immersed themselves back into their learning and the classrooms are once again bubbling with engaging conversations. It is lovely to be able to share learning and achievements with you and I'm sure you will enjoy reading all about the activities that have been taking place recently.

World Book Day



This week has been rounded off with our World Book Day celebrations. As you can see in the pictures, children and staff came to school dressed as book characters in order to share a love of books and promote the importance of being a regular reader. Did you know that by the time your child starts school they will have been exposed to more than a million words if they hear a bedtime story each day? Carrying on this daily tradition of 1:1





quality time with your child will ensure that they develop a broad and rich vocabulary and also helps them to foster a love of reading.

In school, we took the opportunity to spend the day sharing books together, learning maths through stories, making bookmarks, choosing a free World Book Day book to take home and printing each person's handprint to create a 'Rainbow of Reading' display.



Record of Success & Dojo Awards

Congratulations to Alfie & Benji who both received medals during last Friday's Celebration Worship. Children in EYFS & Key Stage 1 collect Dojo points and are awarded a certificate for 50 and 100 points; a medal is presented for 150 points. In Key Stage 2, children collect stickers in their Record of Success and are given certificates for each 10 stickers received; a medal is awarded when they gain 50 stickers. At St James', we celebrate a range of favourable behaviours and attitudes including when children display our values, are helpful around school or engage in fantastic learning.



Bikeability



Year 6 have completed their Bikeability training this week. On Monday they rode their bicycles on the playground and progressed to riding on the roads of Coldwaltham on Tuesday and Wednesday. All who took part were awarded their Level 2 badge and certificate.

Goodbye to the School Minibus

We have really enjoyed having the school minibus over the last few years but its lease is ending at the end of this term. Unfortunately, there are no longer sufficient funds to support continued use of our own minibus. We hope that all the children, including those in Chuckleberries have lovely memories of the trips and sports events that we have been lucky enough to run using the minibus.

Fire Brigade Visit

Penguins and Elephants were visited by the Fire Brigade last week. They learned about what it is like to be a fire fighter and about fire safety. Miss Sheikh even got to try on the uniform.



School Lunch Ordering Using ParentPay

The new ordering system is now in place and working successfully. Please remember that orders for hot lunches should now be placed on this new system and parents can also indicate if their child will be bringing a packed lunch on a particular day. The first deadline for orders was 2nd March. Deadlines for subsequent weeks are shown below.

Thursday 9 th March 2023	Orders should be made on ParentPay by this date for all children who require a hot lunch during the week of 20 th March.
Thursday 16 th March 2023	Orders should be made on ParentPay by this date for all children who require a hot lunch during the week of 27 th March.
Thursday 6 th April 2023	Orders should be made on ParentPay by this date for all children who require a hot lunch during the week of 17 th April.

Further Strike Days

The NEU are continuing to ask its members to participate in strike action, due to the government's failing to make available additional and sufficient funds to allow employers to pay a fully funded increase in teachers' pay at a rate greater than inflation. We appreciate the inconvenience school closure (or partial closure) has on parents and the impact this has on children's education; please be assured that any decisions made independently by teachers to strike are not taken lightly. The next dates planned for strike action are **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March**. Although teachers are not obliged to share their intentions, information regarding any closure of classes will be shared with parents and carers as soon as possible to enable alternative childcare arrangements to be made, if needed.

HELP NEEDED PLEASE - St Giles Church Outside Maintenance

This request is made by Rosemarie, the warden of St Giles' Church.
"Please can you spare a few hours on Saturday 18th March 10.00. We would like to clear the shed, dig a small trench around the south wall of the church, lay shingle, clear gravestones of ivy, repair a gutter, repair cracked cement and generally tidy up the grounds of foliage. Also Brass cleaning. EVERY ONE is welcome. Please let me know if you can come or just turn up."

Rosemarie Glithero 07519511451 roglithero@yahoo.co.uk



Thank you for all your effort with costumes for World Book Day Celebrations and we hope the children enjoy reading the books they were able to choose today. Have a very pleasant weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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Natalie Douse
Senior Teacher

FOSJ Update

We were so thrilled to see so many children had entered our half term matchbox challenge and to see all the creative things they had found to put in! Who knew there were so many tiny things around the house and garden to squeeze in?!

WELL DONE to our winning children, who fitted the following impressive amounts in:

Penguins: Luna 55 items
Elephants: Grace 89 items

Rhinos: Ava 93 items
Jaguars: Edward 72 items

Enjoy your prizes of big boxes of craft!

We were amazed with all of your generous sponsorship donations! The totals from each class were:

1st: Jaguars £232.15
3rd: Penguins £190.65

2nd: Rhinos £225.70
4th: Elephants £142.13

The class who raised the most sponsorship was Jaguars with a fantastic £232.15. Jaguars will get to choose from a range of class treats as their prize.

Thank you SO much to everyone who so kindly sponsored the children. We raised a fantastic £790!!

Mothers Day is fast approaching! Please see below for information about our plans for a craft activity for all the children taking place next week and let one of the Friends know if you would like to help out.

Don't forget to follow our new FOSJ Facebook page to keep up to date on future plans. Search Friends of St James Coldwaltham to find us.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 7 th March 2023	Mother's Day Crafts all day – organised by FOSJ. Please see the poster at the end of the Friday Flyer for full details.
Friday 10 th March 2023	Jaguar Class Worship 9.00am. Family of Jaguar Class are invited to attend.
Weds 15 th & Thurs 16 th March 2023	Proposed NEU Strike Action
Thursday 16 th March 2023	Mother's Day Service at St Giles' Church at 9.00am. This may be affected by strike action.
Friday 17 th March 2023	Comic Relief
Friday 24 th March 2023	Elephant Class Worship 9.00am. Family of Elephant Class are invited to attend.
Thursday 30 th March 2023	Easter Service at St Giles' Church at 9.00am. Please advise the office in advance if you will attend as seating in the church is limited.
Friday 31 st March 2023	Spring term ends
Monday 17 th April 2023	Summer term starts. There will be no school clubs in the first week of term.
Monday 24 th April 2023	School clubs start this week.

We are making Mothers Day gifts



WE ARE EXCITED TO BE RUNNING A
CRAFT ACTIVITY IN SCHOOL ON
TUESDAY 7TH MARCH

Please make a voluntary donation towards costs
Suggestion of £1-£5

Cash to office or on our JustGiving page,
QR code below for direct link!

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stjamescoldwaltham?utm_term=eqjrNJDWD

HELP WELCOME ANYTIME
FROM 9AM - SPEAK TO FOSJ OR
LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU
CAN SPARE SOME TIME TO
HELP THE CHILDREN
FOSJPRIMARY@OUTLOOK.COM



Cost of Living Drop-in Sessions

Swan Walk Shopping Centre
Horsham

Wednesday 15 March
10am - 4pm

**NO
APPOINTMENT
NEEDED**

**FREE
REFRESHMENTS**

Pop in to talk to a friendly advisor about help with:

- Money/Debt
- Food
- Heating
- Mental health
- Employment
- Family support



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