

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

*with Chuckleberries Pre School*

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**Enabling every child to thrive and succeed**

Dear Parents & Carers,

## Friday Flyer – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

It hardly seems possible that we have reached the halfway point in the academic year. This half term has seen a range of learning opportunities; re-wilding of wolves, the study of birds and the illustrations of Quentin Blake, the Great Fire of London and superheroes have been just some of the themes that have spilled out of the classrooms. In the wider community, there has been the chance for our older children to participate and excel at sporting events held at MRC. It's certainly been a busy and productive start to 2024. As our attention begins to turn to Easter preparations, we share news from the past couple of weeks and information about up-coming events in school.

### **MRC Cross Country and Athletics Competitions**

Congratulations to Team St James on their recent success at the Rother Valley Cross Country event, held at MRC. Special mention to Zac from Jaguars who came first in the Year 6 Boys' event with Reuben also coming 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Miss Sheikh and Mrs Skirrow for all your hard work and to all the parents who provided rousing support and transported the team on the day.



## Silver Coin Challenge

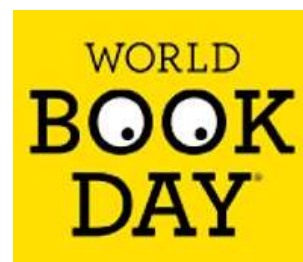


FOSJ are running their Silver Coin Challenge over half term to raise funds, all of which support exciting events and fund amazing resources for the school. We hope that all the children can earn a few coins over the holiday which they can donate to the Friends for this challenge. Please send all coins collected into school when we return after half term. The children will lay out the coins and see which house has the longest chain of silver.

Your generosity has recently provided the children with a greatly subsidised whole school trip to Marwell Zoo as well as purchasing a new set of laptops. Thank you for any coins you can spare.

## World Book Day & Mother's Day Shop – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

As is tradition at St James, we will be inviting the school community to come to school dressed as their favourite book character to celebrate World Book Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March. We remind all parents that there are many regular children in books so there is no expectation to purchase or make costumes; children can simply wear their own comfortable clothes. Please be mindful that if your child has PE on a Friday, these lessons will still take place.



During the day, Jaguar Class will start the celebrations with a book themed Class Worship (families of Jaguar Class are welcome to join us). We will then engage in book themed activities to celebrate and promote a love of reading. During the afternoon, the FOSJ will be running a Mother's Day Shop for all children to select a gift to take home for Mothering Sunday. Then, at 2.30pm, we invite any parents or grandparents who can join us to share books and stories with the children. You will be welcomed into the classrooms to find a cosy spot with your child (and their friends) to share a story together. It's going to be a very special day in school – we hope you can join us!



## Class Worships

Class worships will take place this term on the dates shown below. Parents, grandparents, carers and younger siblings are welcome to come and help the children celebrate what they have been learning. Please come into school after dropping your child, sign in and take a seat in the hall. Worship will start at 9.00am and will usually finish by 9.30am.

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 – Rhinos

1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 - Penguins

8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - Jaguars

15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - Elephants

## Easter Services and Egg Roll, FOSJ Raffle

St James' traditional Egg Roll will happen on the last day of term, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, on the school field. The children will have decorated their hard-boiled eggs in school time, and we will start the day with collective worship at 9am to judge the best decorated eggs in the school hall. At this point, the FOSJ Easter Raffle will also be drawn. Following the judging, the children will go out to the field where there will be a competition to see who can roll their egg the furthest. Parents and carers are welcome to join us for these festivities, starting at 9am in the hall.



Following the Egg Roll, our Easter Service will take place on at 11.00am at St Giles Church and will be led by Canon John Bundock. Parents and carers are welcome to join us for either or both of these end of term events.

## Purple Day – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – The International Day for Epilepsy Awareness

St James' will be celebrating Purple Day on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. This is the international day for Epilepsy Awareness and we would like to use this day to raise awareness among the school community of what epilepsy is and how it affects 1 in 100 people in the UK. On this day, we would like the children to wear something purple. It could be anything from purple socks, a hair accessory, purple on a t-shirt to a whole outfit!



### Chartwells Lunches

Please see the recent letter from Mrs Martin regarding lunch orders. We very much want all children to enjoy a healthy lunch which will sustain their learning and emotional well-being throughout the day.

The holiday return menu of jacket potatoes with fillings will be served on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February. If you have already ordered for these dates, please check your child is happy with the menu. If your child is not willing to eat a jacket potato, please send a packed lunch to ensure they do not have an empty tummy for the afternoon.



The deadlines for upcoming food orders are shown below:

Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Orders should be made on Parentpay by this date for all children who require a hot meal during the week starting Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024	Orders should be made on Parentpay by this date for all children who require a hot meal during the week starting Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March

### Collecting Used Printer Cartridges for FOSJ

We are collecting used printer ink cartridges to be recycled. Every time a box is filled, approximately £15 is earned for FOSJ. If you use these cartridges at home, please recycle them using the box in the foyer. This scheme is for small ink cartridges similar to those in the picture on the right, the following webpage has a list of all cartridges that are accepted;

<https://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/InkjetCartridges>.

We wish all our families a very happy half term break and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'N Douse'.


Natalie Douse  
Senior Teacher



## Dates for the Diary

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Half Term
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2024	FOSJ Silver Coin Challenge (during school time)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2024	Year 5 Forest Schools – 1 <sup>st</sup> session
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2024	Rhinos Class Worship 9.00am – Parents and carers of Rhinos are invited to attend
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	Penguins Class Worship – Parents and carers of Penguins are invited to attend
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Jaguars Class Worship – Parents and carers of Jaguars are invited to attend
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	World Book Day celebrations & Mother's Day Shop
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Elephants Class Worship – Parents and carers of Elephants are invited to attend
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	International Epilepsy Awareness Day – wear something purple
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	9am Egg Roll Celebrations 11am Easter Service at St Giles Last day of the Spring Term
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	First day of the Summer Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	Inset Day – School closed to pupils
Week of 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	School production week
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	Last day of the Summer Term

**SILVER COIN CHALLENGE**




**FEBRUARY HALF TERM ACTIVITY**

**EARN COINS**  
*Can you help with jobs at home?*

**COLLECT COINS**  
*Ask family & friends for any spare change they can donate?*

**THE CHALLENGE !!**

Bring your silver coins (UK currency) to school by WED 21st FEB - they will be added to your 'House Collection' You will line them all up in the hall !



**PRIZE!**  
Special treat for the House with the **LONGEST LINE**

**Chartwells**  
Schools

# HAPPY EASTER

**Easter Treat**  
**Wednesday 27th March**

Order now on  
[www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

## MAINS

Roast Ham, Gravy and Roast Potatoes  
Quorn Sausage, Gravy and Roast Potatoes  
Jacket Potato with Cheese & Salad  
Spring Vegetable Mix

## DESSERT

**Lemon Easter Cupcake**

Scan QR code to order

**No later than Thursday 14th March**

\*Special diets will remain in place.



## **DIARY DATES**

### February Half Term

Collect your Silver Coins for  
Wed 21 Feb in school!

### Mother's Day Gift Shop

Handmade gifts kindly made by  
Mrs North's Mum - Fri 8 March

### Easter Village Event

Mon 1 April - Details TBC

### Summer Fair

Saturday 22 June

# Friends of St James Newsletter



## CAN YOU HELP?

We have been asked to help with the Egg decorating & rolling this year as Father Peter has retired - we need EGGS and parents to help boil them - can you help?

**COLLECT  
SILVER  
COINS**

**HELP  
BOIL  
75  
EGGS!**

## NEW FOSJ EQUIPMENT

*Have you spotted our new storage container in the playground?*

**We are looking for NEW GAZEBOS!**  
*If you know a supplier or a sponsor who could help - let us know!*

# FUNDRAISING

*CHRISTMAS FAIR, RAFFLE,  
GIFTS & CARDS, DISCO  
TOTAL RAISED £1688*

*BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PARENT & STAFF  
VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUR HELP ON EVENT DAYS!*

## WHAT WE HAVE FUNDED...

**MARWELL  
ZOO TRIP  
£1356**

**SANDHAM  
HALL  
PARKING**

**DISCO  
GIFTS &  
SNACKS**



## SPONSORSHIP STARS!

**Raife & Elliott are climbing Mount  
Snowdon in May AND raising  
money for our school!**

**If you have an idea and want to  
be a SPONSORSHIP STAR  
then let us know!**

**Good Luck & Thank you Boys!**



# THANK YOU TO....

## *TESCO IN PULBOROUGH*

*For donating the Crackers & Lemonade  
for the Christmas Lunch!*

## *RAFFLE DONATIONS:*

*Fontenay massage therapy, RSPB, Comyn  
& James, Weald & Downland, Bloomsbury  
Clinic, Everyman Cinema, Fishers Farm,  
Tesco, Labouring Man, Boathouse,  
Chefs Farm, Charlie's Farm Shop,  
Parents hamper donations!*



*MICK - For the Sheep!*

*MARTIN LUNDY LESTER - for sponsoring  
the Christmas Fair and all of you who had  
advertising boards!*



## FOSJ TEAM

Chair ~ Sophie Brady  
Secretary ~ Cara Flood  
Treasurer ~ Sarah Palmer  
Olivia Eastwood  
Mike Gradden



Join us for an unforgettable safari-themed half-term, where every penny you spend goes directly towards helping the work of Aldingbourne Trust, supporting adults with learning disabilities and / or autism to live independent lives.



# GO WILD

## at Aldingbourne

10th - 18th February, 10am - 4pm  
Aldingbourne Country Centre, PO18 0JP



Individual Price £9.35 | Family Day Pass (up to 4) £35.20  
Under 2's & Carers FREE. This is our Gift Aid price & includes entrance to our Go Wild events\*. Visit our website for full details - [aldingbournecountrycentre.org/events](http://aldingbournecountrycentre.org/events)



More information  
on our website



Midhurst Rother College

# Community Day

Saturday 27 April 2024



Inviting businesses, agencies and groups to join our event to demonstrate what our local community offers

If you are: locally produced - locally grown  
eco-friendly - sustainable - renewable  
recycled or recyclable

Why not come and join us?

We want you!!



**ALL STAND &  
EXHIBITION SPACE**

**FREE OF CHARGE**

**10am - 2pm**

For more information email: [madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org](mailto:madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org)  
or contact the College Office on: **01730 812451**

**BE A PART OF THIS WELL-ESTABLISHED AND MUCH ANTICIPATED EVENT**