

**Learn, Discover, Achieve****Friday Flyer - 10th July 2020**

Dear Parents

I hope you are all well at this time.

Class Structure 2020/21

There are a number of changes to staffing and class structures at St James' from September:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Year groups</u>	<u>Pupil numbers</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Teaching Assistant</u>
Ash	Reception/1	15 +14 = 29	Mrs Holt + TBC	Mrs North + TBC
Elm	Years 2/3	12+10= 22	Mrs Watt	Mrs Skirrow
Yew	Years 4/5/6	10+8+6= 24	Mrs Martin	Mrs Rigby

- Mrs Hall will be not be allocated a class, instead she will cover teacher release time in Elm and Yew Classes as well as delivering intervention programmes; she will be taking her maternity leave at some point during the term.
- Mrs Edwards continues to be the SENDCo, working at the school on Tuesday mornings.
- Mrs Holt will be teaching Ash Class on Mondays to Wednesdays supported by two teaching assistants. Mrs Holt is a specialist Early Years teacher and is looking forward to returning to the Early Years; a teacher for Thursdays and Fridays is being recruited.
- Mrs Watt will be taking Years 2/3 for the first term before taking her maternity leave; a replacement teacher will be recruited in the autumn term to take the class from January.

There are a number of new children joining the school over the summer holidays and predicted starting numbers for September are 75 pupils.

Building works

Work begins on Thursday 16th July to replace the boilers; this work will continue for the first three weeks of the holidays. The flooring in Ash Class is being replaced with a larger area laid to lino and the rest carpet. Once completed, new resources for the Early Years classroom are to be purchased.

Return to School in September

At time of writing, it is expected that all the children will return to school in September. The senior leadership team at the school are working on a robust risk assessment to ensure that all children and staff can safely return to school. Parents will be fully informed of the plan nearer the return date.



School reports

Children's annual reports have been emailed to parents this morning because of the significant number of children currently not at school. Parents requiring a paper copy can request one via the school office. Parents are asked to kindly return the feedback form before the end of term.

Hot lunches in September

All the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free hot lunch supplied by Chartwells. In September hot food will be automatically ordered for all these children. If your child has allergies or requires a special diet, please let Chartwells know. There is information regarding who to contact on the Chartwells website <https://westsussex.mealselector.co.uk/>.

Hot lunches for children in years 2-6 should be ordered from the Chartwells website in the usual way.

PLP appointments

Mrs Edwards is available on the morning of Tuesday 14th July to speak to parents of SEND children about their Personal Learning Plan (PLP). Please email the office if you would like a 15 minute telephone appointment with Mrs Edwards.

Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge, usually run at local libraries, has moved on-line this year, full details are at the end of the flyer. Children can register on-line and read any books to complete the challenge over the holidays. If your child completes the challenge, please send their certificate to school in September so we can celebrate their achievement.



Home working achievements



This term we have been greatly missing all the children who have not been able to return to school. We have been thinking of you and your teachers have loved seeing all your achievements and hard work. Well done to you all, and to your parents, for coping so magnificently.



Last week we asked for any photos of the children at home to share on the Friday Flyer. Here is a selection of what was sent to the office. It is amazing to see that Florrie had a Beano comic strip written about her, Margot and Harriet have been baking, doing lots of crafts and sending letters to their friends in the post. Grace sent us this fantastic picture that she has drawn. Alfie L has been baking too and has created a bug hotel for the wildlife in his garden. Ben and Henry have been enjoying the summer weather.



Yours sincerely,

Mr J Gilbert
Headteacher

Important Dates for your diary:

17 th July	Summer term ends
Thursday 3 rd , Friday 4 th and Monday 7 th September	INset Days
Tuesday 8 th September	First Day of Autumn Term – Children return to school
Mon 26 th to Fri 30 th October 2020	Half Term
Friday 18 th December 2020	Last Day of Autumn Term
Monday 4 th January	INset Day
Tuesday 5 th January	First Day of Spring Term – Children return to School



Reaching Families ...presents

AN EVENING WITH DEAN BEADLE

Dean is a public speaker, journalist and a performer. He has toured the UK for ten years sharing his experiences of being autistic. In recent years he has also spoken across Europe, Australia and New Zealand. Through his humorous and insightful speeches Dean outlines his positive outlook on being autistic.

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE THAT DEAN IS COMING LIVE TO OUR FACEBOOK GROUP!

THURSDAY 16TH JULY 8PM – 9.30PM



Dean will be joining us by Live Video on the Reaching Families Facebook group talking about his experiences of the pandemic and lockdown - challenges, highs, lows, and coping in these changeable times. You will also have a fantastic opportunity to interact with Dean and ask him your questions during the session.

To take part in this Live Session with Dean please join our Facebook Group by searching for Reaching Families and send a request to join.



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Have you joined the Summer Reading Challenge yet?

Each year thousands of children across West Sussex take part in the Summer Reading Challenge at their library.

This year the challenge is happening online and it's FREE to take part – register at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Children can read any books of their choice during the summer holiday and this year anything goes; books from home, books from school or choose from West Sussex Libraries fantastic collection of eBooks, eAudio or eComics! Try something new or reread an old favourite.

Record your reading online, unlocking rewards as you reach your target. There is no minimum number of books that children have to read to complete the challenge – it could be one or it could be 99!

Joining the library is free and easy to do [online](#) and you can find out more about what [West Sussex Libraries](#) offers for all the family.



www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries