

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

with Chuckleberries Pre School

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Friday Flyer – 16th September 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

May I extend a warm welcome to our whole school community as we begin the Autumn Term. For those of you who do not know me, I am Mrs Douse, Senior Teacher at St James' with responsibility for Jaguar Class. I am delighted to take the reins of the Friday Flyer and look forward to sharing news and information as the year progresses.



Although we have only been back to school for a fortnight, already so much has changed. I was terribly saddened to hear the news of the Queen's passing and am sure that you have all digested and reacted to this historical event, whatever your personal views of the Monarchy may be. Along with all schools and many businesses, we will be closed to all pupils on Monday 19th September to allow our community to pay their respects to H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

Once again, I welcome everyone at the start of this academic year. It is always such an exciting time to meet our classes, especially our brand new Reception Penguins, and begin another year's learning journey.

Friday Flyers

You will see a slight change to the format of Friday Flyers this year. In order to 'slim down' the Friday Flyer, we will now share the children's learning and class news via individual class pages on the school website. You can access these updates by going to the home page of the school website <https://www.st-james-coldwaltham.w-sussex.sch.uk/>, hovering over the 'Classes' tab and clicking on your child's class name.

This will enable the Friday Flyer to be focused around whole school news, dates for your diary, important updates and pertinent notices. For the Autumn Term, we are trialling returning to bi-weekly Friday Flyers to see whether this reduces the number of communications we need to send out to parents/carers between Flyers; there is a very delicate balance between parents/carers feeling they receive too much or too little communication! This arrangement will be reviewed at the end of Autumn Term to evaluate its effectiveness and we will seek the views of parents/carers about this.



Meet the Teacher

Parents are invited into school to meet class teachers on the following dates and times;

- Tuesday 20th September 2.30pm Penguins, Rhinos and Elephants
- Wednesday 21st September 3.15pm Jaguars

If you have children in different classes, please manage your visit so that both classes can be visited on Tuesday 20th September by 3.15pm.

Chartwells Updates

We are advised that Chartwells will be replacing the fish on their menu with Quorn nuggets due to difficulties obtaining fish.

We have been notified that the menu on Tuesday has been amended due to the bank holiday on the preceding day. Tuesday's meal will be:

- Sausages, mash and gravy;
- Butternut squash & chickpea curry and rice; or
- Jacket potato with salmon mayo.

Oak Tree on the Playground

The oak tree on the playground has been surveyed after a branch fell from it on Wednesday; we are now awaiting a visit from the tree surgeons. Please do not cross the hazard tape in the playground until this work is complete.

Uniform

It has been fantastic to see the children dressed so smartly for school. With the unpredictable weather, it is very important that all children wear a coat every day; may I also remind parents/carers that children must wear black school shoes which can be fastened independently. Trainers are only allowed during PE lessons and must be changed into on PE days. If your child does not have the correct footwear, in the first instance, please email the class teacher, alternatively, phone the School Office or speak to a member of staff on the gate at drop-off so that teachers can be made aware of the situation. If you have difficulties regarding the purchase of correct uniform, please speak to Mrs Kirby (Operations Director) in confidence.

Reminders



Personal Belongings in School

A gentle reminder that children are not allowed to bring toys or personal belongings to school; there are a few exceptions where it has been agreed with the class teacher or Inclusion Manager that specific pupils require a supportive item. If toys are brought into school where there has not been an agreement put in place, the class teacher will look after the item and return it to parents at pick up. Penguins (Reception Class) may bring a pocket-sized comfort item, if required, but the school takes no responsibility for its safe keeping.

Book Bags

All children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are asked to use a book bag each day. These can be purchased from our uniform supplier [The Brothers Anyhow](#) for £6.50 or from any other supplier; [this](#) one is available from Amazon for £4.94. Book bags should be plain red or burgundy and there is no requirement for them to be branded with the school badge.

A Few Reminders

- Please refrain from smoking or vaping on school premises or near to the school gate – this is a West Sussex County Council requirement.
- Dogs are not allowed on school property, irrespective of size or age – again, this is a West Sussex County Council requirement. Please ensure any dogs remain outside the school gates at drop-off and pick-up times.



- The Parish Council has requested parents/carers park in Sandham Hall if possible; however, if this is not possible, when parking in Arun Vale, please park legally, do not block driveways or pavements and do not park on the grass.
- Children should enter school in the mornings by the gate at the top of the car park. In the morning, parents/carers are welcome to share any important messages or queries regarding their child with staff on the gate or visit the School Office. **No parents/carers should enter the school building through any other entrance except the main school door either at drop-off or pick-up times – this is an important safeguarding and child protection issue as we must know who is on the school site at all times; we appreciate parent/carers respecting this for the safety and protection of our children.** Children who arrive after 8.45am should enter school through the main doors.

Harvest Festival

Our annual service will take place on Thursday 29th October at 9.15am at St Giles Church. Parents are welcome to attend but seating is limited due to the size of the church. The children are invited to bring a donation which will be taken to

[Stonepillow](#), a charity in Chichester. Thank you, in advance, for any donations made.

Kind regards,
Natalie Douse
Senior Teacher

We are in urgent need of replenishing our food stocks which have reached an all time low

High need

Instant coffee
Sugar
Cooking oil
Gravy granules
Spices
Tinned meat (no spam please)
Tinned vegetables
Pre-made custard

Medium need

Pot noodles
Super noodles
Pasta lunch pots
Cereals (no cornflakes or porridge please)
Breakfast/brunch bars
Biscuits
Chocolates & treats
Crisps

Low need

Tinned soup
Tinned beans
Pasta
Rice

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 20 th September 2022	Meet the Teacher – Penguins, Rhinos and Elephants 2.30pm
Wednesday 21 st September 2022	Meet the Teacher – Jaguars 3.15pm
Thursday 29 th October 2022	Harvest Festival at St Giles' Church 9.15am
Wednesday 5 th October 2022	Flu Vaccinations – morning
Tuesday 18 th October 2022	Open Morning 9.30 – 11.30 – Please encourage your friends with pre -school children to visit our school
Monday 24 th October to Friday 28 th October 2022	Half term
Tuesday 1 st November 2022	Parent Consultation Afternoon – Penguins, Rhinos and Elephants. Further details to follow.
Thursday 3 rd November 2022	Parent Consultation Afternoon – Rhinos, Elephants and Jaguars. Further details to follow.
Thursday 1 st December 2022 and Friday 2 nd December	Nativity Performances – Penguins and Rhinos. 2.00pm
Thursday 8 th December 2022	Christingle Service at St Giles' Church.
Thursday 15 th December 2022	Christmas Service at St Giles' Church.
Friday 16 th December 2022	Last Day of Term
Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	InSet day
Wednesday 4 th January 2023	Children return to school

**JOIN US FOR
CENSUS DAY!
6TH OCTOBER
2022**



Chartwells
So much more than Fantastic Food

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

For every child that eats a school lunch on census day, the school receives government funding, every child counts!

MENU

Cheese & Tomato Pizza,
Butternut Squash & Chickpea Curry with Rice

Rainbow Vegetables,
Salad

Chocolate Brownie



**Special diets will receive their signed off menu.*

**Free school meals and Universal Free Meals do not need to take action.
Paid meals can order online, no later than Sunday 25th September
at www.mealselector.co.uk**



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Rake Primary Team Leader 16.5hrs per week £9.80 per hour

Stedham Primary Team Leader 16.5hrs per week £9.80 per hour

Area support 16.5hrs per week **£9.80 per hour**

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