

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

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Friday Flyer – Friday 17th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach Mothering Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent, we hope that you will have received the Mother's Day gift that your child/ren made in school with FOSJ. We would like to thank the volunteers for the thought and effort put into arranging and creating these activities. We are very lucky to have such an active and supportive team on the FOSJ and I hope you will take a note of the forthcoming Easter Raffle and Summer Fayre that are publicised later in this edition.

It is lovely to be able to share the many varied learning opportunities that take place in school! This Friday Flyer is jam-packed with events and activities that have been going on over the past fortnight, as well as those that we have to look forward to in the last fortnight of the Spring Term. I hope you will enjoy reading all about them!

Easter Service and Celebration Worship for Father Peter

Father Peter is due to retire after Easter and we will miss him greatly at St James'. There are two opportunities for parents and carers to attend events with Father Peter in the last days of term.



The Easter Service will now take place in school at 9.00am on Thursday 30th March 2023 (not at St Giles' Church as previously advised). After the service, Father Peter will lead the "Egg Rolling" competition on the school field. This is a great St James' tradition, with prizes being presented to the children who roll their decorated eggs the furthest.

On Friday 31st March, at 9.00am, there will be a celebration worship in school to thank Father Peter for the care and support he has shown our school community and wish him well in his retirement. Again, parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Red Nose Day and Disasters Emergency Committee Collection

Thank you for supporting the fundraising today. We will advise the amount that was collected in the next Friday Flyer.



School Council – Fundraising Cake sale

The St James' School Council had their latest meeting with Mrs Brownbill on Monday. Councillor Henry from Year 5 had this to report:

'This week's meeting was all about the B.F.F. Stars – these are children who are going to be on duty at playtimes to help anyone who is lonely or needs someone to play with. We just need to work out how the B.F.F. Stars will be chosen.

We also decided that the school would like to have a pet but we need to think how we will look after it. Mrs Brownbill is going to help us to raise money by having a bake sale in the last week of term. Everyone will get the chance to bake during school on Monday 27th March and decoration will be done on Tuesday.'



Watch this space for details of when the delicious treats will be on sale!!

Inset Day – Friday 21st April 2023

The final InSet day of this academic year will take place on Friday 21st April 2023. School will be closed to children on this day.

Toys in School

Please remember that toys should not be brought to school unless permission has first been obtained from your child's class teacher or Mrs Brownbill.

Rhinos Salsa Making

Rhino class have been making carnival masks and salsa this week as part of their learning in Geography. There were some great teamwork skills on display and all the children enjoyed trying their salsa with the tortilla chips!





Book Look for Parents and Carers – Wednesday 22nd March 2023 from 2.30pm

Parents and Carers are invited into school next Wednesday afternoon to visit the classroom and look through your child’s school books.

Record of Success & Dojo Awards

Congratulations to Alfie W who received a medal last week for earning 50 stickers in his record of success. Keep up the good work!

Year 3 – All Sing at MRC – Tuesday 14th March

On Tuesday, all the children in Year 3 travelled by minibus to MRC to participate in a group singing festival with other Year 3 children from Rother Valley Schools.

Here is a report from the children who attended:

‘We had to learn some songs and actions, including some unusual ones. We learnt how to warm up our vocal chords by singing sounds. We also used Makaton sign language in one of the songs.’

What a great event with 5 star feedback from the children:

“It was really fun” - Amelie & Bella; “ I enjoyed it” – Sophie; “It was very, very nice” - Lucas.



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. Deadlines are shown below.

Jacket potatoes are the only menu option on 17th and 18th April as it is not possible to deliver the full menu to school during the Easter holidays.

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 (first week back after the holidays).
Thursday 13 th April 2023	Orders should be made on ParentPay by this date for all children who require a hot lunch during the week of 24 th April.
Thursday 20 th April 2023	Orders should be made on ParentPay by this date for all children who require a hot lunch during the week of 1 st May.

Finally, a huge congratulations to Jess in the kitchen who has been awarded a 5* rating for kitchen hygiene, food preparation and service.



I wish you all a restful weekend, especially all the mothers!

Yours sincerely,

Natalie Douse
Senior Teacher

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 22 nd March 2023	Book look for parents and carers. 2.30pm
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 school at 9.00am followed by the "Egg Roll". Please advise the office in advance if you will attend as seating is limited.
Friday 31 st March 2023	Celebration Worship for Father Peter in school at 9.00am. Please advise the office in advance if you will attend as seating 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.
Friday 21 st April 2023	InSet Day. School is closed to children on this day.
Monday 24 th April 2023	School clubs start this week.
Tuesday 9 th to Friday 12 th May 2023	Year 6 SATS week

FOSJ Update

The Friends of St James' are running an Easter raffle to win an Easter themed hamper. The Friends will sell the tickets after school on both **Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 30th March**, however, tickets will also be available between these times from the committee member. The winner will be drawn on the last day of term, Friday 31st March.

Save the Date! - This year's summer fair will take place on Saturday 17th June.