

# St James' Church of England Junior School



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## Newsletter

8 September 2023

Our Value for the year is **Respect** Our Value for this term is **Kindness**

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been such a pleasure to see all the children back at school this week. How typical that we have the best weeks weather of the year as we return to school! However, all the children are looking extremely happy and delighted to be back with their friends and already working hard in class. It has also been lovely to see you all as parents again; especially so many of you I'm used to seeing at Hatherley. I thoroughly enjoy meeting you all at the gate and being able to just exchange a quick 'good morning'.

This year will once again be a busy one here at St James and there are a few things we ask of you as parents.

A few reminders:

Please can you always ensure the school office has your most up-to-date contact details (phone numbers and email addresses and emergency contacts). A Data Sheet will be sent out shortly for you to check and return with any amendments.

School gates are open at 8.15 am to enable children to go to Breakfast Club. However, parents who arrive between 8.15 and 8.35 must stay with their children until a member of staff is on the playground at 8.35 am. From then, parents/carers do not need to stay and we hope that this helps allow many of you to get on with your busy day. All children should be in school by 8.50 am. Please remember that school now finishes at 3.20 pm. Please be prompt in picking up your child(ren).

Please can you ensure that you do try and read all the information that we send home to you.

Please let us know if you have a problem of any kind (if you don't let us know, we can't help you.)

Most importantly, unless your child is really poorly, please send them to school every day. This is important for all areas of their education.

Finally, from me, thank you again for your support. It is an absolute pleasure for me to be the Executive Headteacher of both St James' and Hatherley Infants and to see how the staff and governors of both schools are working so well together for all the children who attend this Federation of schools.

Regards

**Mr Millington**  
Executive Headteacher



# PARKING!

Dear Parents and Carers

It is extremely important that you do not park on either the double yellow lines, the school zigzags or in front of the school gates at any time of the day, but especially at the start or at the end of the day when you are dropping off and picking your children up. Parking on the zigzags when the children and their parents are entering or leaving school is extremely dangerous, as well as illegal. I fully appreciate that the road is quite narrow, however, this is even more of a reason for not parking illegally and dangerously.

There is always space available to park in the streets very close to the school if you do have to drive to drop off or collect your children. Please can I ask that you just give yourselves a few extra minutes to allow you to find a spot, rather than park dangerously. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Also, it is important that no parents or children enter the school via the main gate when staff are entering school in their vehicles. This is very dangerous. Please wait until the gates are opened for pedestrians at 8.15 am.

Please note that students/parents should not cycle or use motorised scooters in the playground.

**Mr Millington, Executive Headteacher**



## Important Dates & Holidays (Term dates always available on our website)

23-27 October	Year 5 Residential to Wick Court
Wednesday 25 October	Harvest Festival at St James' Church
Friday 27 October	Last day of Term 1 – school finishes at 3.20 pm Half-term
Monday 6 November	First Day of Term 2
Wednesday 15 November	School Photos
Wednesday 22 November	Flu Immunisation

**REMINDER: School meals are £2.54 and should be paid in advance, in cash or via Parentpay. Parentpay codes have been given to all non-free school meal Year 3 parents. Parentpay codes are available from the school office, all day Monday and mornings Tuesday-Friday.**

## School Hours

8.30 am	Pupils should arrive on playground
8.45 am	Pupils come into school
8.55 am*	School starts - Registration
9.00 am*	First session
3.20 pm	End of school day

**Pupils should be in school by 8.45 am.** All children who are late need to be brought into school by a parent to sign them in. If children arrive in school later than 10.30 am we may not be able to order them a hot lunch so they should bring in a packed lunch.

Breakfast Club is available from 8.15-8.45 am. **Children are expected to be punctual, but they should not arrive in school before 8.15 am unless they are going to Breakfast Club.**

**From September 2023 school will start at 8.50 am so children need to be in school at 8.45 am and school will finish at 3.20 pm.**



## Coughs & Colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly, at home and at school.

## Sickness & Diarrhoea

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they shouldn't come into school until 48 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

## Chicken Pox and other infectious diseases

If you think your child has Chicken pox or any other infectious disease please do not bring them into school and let us know asap. If you do not know what the rash is please see a pharmacist.

**Head lice and nits** are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Please look up the advice from the NHS or ask your pharmacist on how to treat head lice if you find them.

## Hayfever

Children who are suffering from hayfever should take tablets/liquid hayfever medicine at home before they come into school. We can give liquid medicine (provided by parent) if we are provided a note from parent giving us permission.

## Attendance Ladder



## Doctors, Opticians and Dentist Appointments

Routine doctors, opticians and dentist appointments **SHOULD NOT** be made during school time. Only emergency appointments and hospital appointments should be made during the school day. All other appointments should be made after school, at weekends or during the school holidays. If an appointment has already been made children should be in school before, if possible, and should be brought into school after the appointment, if time. A whole day is not required for a local appointment. Please email or text if your child is going to an appointment.

## Attendance Team

**Mrs Faulkner (Inclusion Lead) and Mrs Hayward (School Administrator)**



[attendance@st-james-jun.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@st-james-jun.gloucs.sch.uk)

Please either telephone the school on 01452 520714 or email to notify one of the team if your child is absent, giving the reasons. Please phone in every day in the morning (before 9.00 am) that your child is absent. Any absences where school are not contacted will be unauthorised.

### We're here to help

Mrs Faulkner is in school full-time to support children with their learning and pastoral needs. If you are concerned about your child's learning or are experiencing difficulties which may impact on your child's ability to focus and learning (bereavement, separation, anxiety, illness etc) please speak to the class teacher or make an appointment/pop into school to speak to me. Please look out as we will be starting coffee mornings in the coming weeks.

## Items for sale from the school office

**House PE t-shirts, rucksacks, book bags and school ties** are available to purchase from the school office from 8.30 am until 1.00 pm. If you can't pop into the office in the mornings please email the size/colour to Mrs Hayward on [admin@st-james-jun.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-james-jun.gloucs.sch.uk) and you can collect from the office in the afternoon up until 3.30 pm. Please bring correct change. We do not take payment with cards. T-shirt (£4). Book bag (£7.50), Rucksack (£11.60), School tie (£3.25).



# LEARN ENGLISH @ ST JAMES CHURCH THE ENGLISH CORNER WEDNESDAY'S 9:15AM - 10:45AM

Learn English conversation skills in a fun and relaxed way with our experienced and friendly tutors Alastair and Alice. For more information drop in to St. James Church, Upton Street or get in touch at 07458302459 or [office@stjamesandchristchurch.uk](mailto:office@stjamesandchristchurch.uk)

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Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on our website [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

Your child's school receives extra funding for each eligible child registered.

If you do not have internet access speak to your child's school.



You may also be able to get extra support for free milk, reduced contributions for school trips and uniform grants – check with your school.

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## Barnwood Park School Open Day & Evening Thursday 5th October 2023

**Open Day**  
9:00am & 11:30am  
\*Bookings only for open day tours, please complete the online form to book.

**Open Evening**  
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Scan me to book or visit our website for more information



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