

St Clement & St James CE Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 17 January 2020



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Every Tuesday until 31st March—Y4 swimming lessons.

Wed 22 Jan—2.50pm Y3 poetry assembly

Tues 28 Jan—Y3 trip to the British Museum

Wed 29 Jan—2.50pm Y2 poetry assembly

Tues 4 Feb—Y4 trip to the British Museum

Tues 4 Feb—3pm meeting for Y5 parents with Mr MacDonald (Head of St Thomas') to discuss school journey

Wed 12 Feb—2.50pm Y4 poetry assembly

Mon 17—Fri 21 Feb—Half term

Wed 26 Feb—2.50pm Y5 poetry assembly

Wed 11 Mar—2.50pm Y6 poetry assembly

Wed 25 Mar—2.50pm Rec poetry assembly

Let's get reading

Our first 'Book Club' has been running all this week. The children have been busy in classes, finding books, researching certain authors, exploring their class libraries etc but most importantly, they've been talking about, and reading, great books that we can share.

Here are some more facts about reading that we have found from doing some research recently. Research shows that children who own their own books are:

- six times more likely to read above the national expectation for their age.
- nearly three times as likely to enjoy reading as they get older.
- Reading broadens the imagination. It literally opens up our minds to new possibilities and new ideas. For example, reading a science fiction novel allows your imagination to take flight and transport you in to new worlds.
- Reading helps us to see the world through others' eyes and apparently, being engrossed in a good book enhances connectivity in the brain and can even improve brain function!

This term's learning

This week you should be receiving **Knowledge Organisers** and a letter explaining the overview of the term's learning. Please read them carefully; stick them up on the wall or fridge; perhaps carry out some research together; go to the library etc and encourage your child to talk about what they have learned. All this talk about their learning will really help embed new vocabulary and ensure the children retain the information in their long-term memories. We hope you'll find them really helpful.

Top Table

These children have shown good manners at lunchtime and will be a guest on Top Table next week

Year 1	Gaby
Year 2	Gold
Year 3	Franklin
Year 4	Glorianne
Year 5	Sam
Year 6	Eliana

This week's Learning Leaders

These children have consistently demonstrated Learning Leader attributes this week

Year 1	Shalom
Year 2	Sebastian
Year 3	Meron
Year 4	Mimi
Year 5	Lola-Jean
Year 6	Ayah

Angel of the week: Elijah from Y6

Elijah is a wonderful member of our school community who follows our Christian Values.

Senior members of staff have commented on how polite Elijah is. He was very welcoming when we had visitors this week too.

Well done Elijah we are all so proud of you!



Attendance and Punctuality (on time/late)

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	90.7%	97.7%	98.6%	97.4%	97.4%	90.3%	98.2%
Lates	2	0	10	6	1	15	5

Year 2 had the highest attendance this week with 98.6%. Well done Y2!

Well done to Year 1, everybody was on time this week.

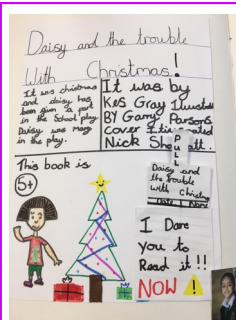
Bagel Breakfasts

We have managed to secure funding for our free breakfast bagels until July 2020, but the DfE have informed us this week that the money will not be made available next academic year.

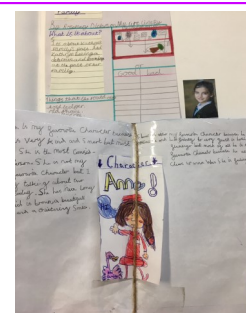
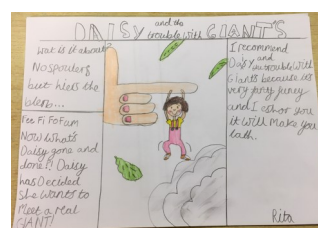
All the statistics show that breakfast is vital for providing adequate energy for the brain during the school morning and dramatically helps children to focus, concentrate and memorise new learning. Eating a healthy breakfast each day also has a positive effect on behaviour in class and on the children's long-term achievement in schools.

It is for these reasons that we are keen to continue providing free bagels for everyone in the mornings, but we need to find £2,000 a year to do so.

We are therefore reaching out to our community to see if anyone can help us. Do you have links to local businesses who might be able to help? Do you know about grants available that we could access? Please contact the school if you have any ideas. We would be really interested to hear your thoughts.



Beautiful work and displays around school



Bushcraft

Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 enjoyed an amazing session with Bushcraft this week.

They were taught survival skills, how to build a fire and cook bread.



Pottery Lane Arts Centre

On Tuesday, teachers had some professional development in the Pottery Lane Arts Centre. We'll be working with the children on ceramics this term. How exciting!

