



ST JAMES THE GREAT

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Welcome back and Happy New Year! Christmas seems a long time ago now, but I hope that all of our families had a peaceful and joyous Christmas! I would like to thank all of the parents for your kind words of support, festive wishes and for some very generous gifts for myself and the staff. Whilst gifts are not expected, nor sought, we do very much appreciate the thought and kindness behind them. So, on behalf of the staff, thank you very much.

Some schools like to ease themselves back in to term, but not St James the Great! Before term had even started Miss Eaton and Mrs Parfitt took 26 children to Old Trafford to watch Manchester United play Reading in the FA Cup. I had managed to acquire some cheap tickets so we were able to send the girl's football team and Sports Ambassadors. They had a great, if long, day. Thank you to the staff and parents who supported on this trip.

Year 3 headed off to the Ragged School to support their learning in History—I think that they are glad that they didn't attend school in Victorian times!

Our House Captains have launched the first of their latest initiatives, an art competition. Please encourage your children to take part.

This week has been the first of our Multi Faith weeks, where each year group learn about another faith. There has been some fabulous work completed and a greater understanding of some of our common values and beliefs. A selection of the work was made available for parents to see after school today. I have attached the powerpoint from assembly [here](#) for those who were unable to make it—more pictures are on twitter.

There is a short workshop meeting on Monday morning for Year 5 parents where the teachers will talk about how best to support your children in their learning. 8.45am –9.15am Main Hall. Other Year groups will have sessions at later dates.

Staff had an INSET training session on Wednesday evening on the use of Iris Connect, which is a way of coaching teachers and self reflection on teaching and learning through filming. You will receive a letter next week regarding this and the fact that children will be being filmed during a small proportion of their lessons. The film will only be available to the teacher involved and the member of senior leadership for teacher training purposes only. Often the camera will be on the teacher, sometimes only microphones will be used. This footage will not be used for any other purpose.

Dates

January

7th Multifaith week

11th Display of work in Hall 3.30pm

14th Meeting for Year 5 parents—supporting your child workshop 8.45am

February

4th Careers Week

5th Coffee morning with Governors for parents.

INSED 15th February

Half Term 15th—24th

March

12th and 13th Parent Evenings

18th Values Week

29th Mothers' Day

Afternoon Tea.

April

5th Break up 2pm

If you wish us to administer medicine to your child at any point, please call into the office and complete one of the forms.

Thank you.



Well done to our weekly certificate winners!



View in Old Trafford