



ST JAMES THE GREAT

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Friday again and we have been very busy !

Today saw a longer than usual assembly with our School Council being announced—I will be meeting them on the 31st of October to discuss my plans for the school and their role as School Council Representatives.

Our Year 6 positions of responsibility were also announced. There were some very eager children coming into Assembly today! I had some fabulous conversations with Year 6 pupils and was greatly impressed with their maturity and humble approach to the roles. All recognized the significance of the roles and that leading is a privilege, but it is also by its nature service to others. I will list all of the pupils and their jobs next week.

Year 5 had the Hobgoblin Theatre company in to support their learning about

We held our caretaker interviews and have appointed Mr Finnegan to the role. I am sure that he will prove to be an excellent appointment as he has already demonstrated a desire to make the school a clean and attractive place for the community.

Year 3 have been working hard preparing their Harvest Festival lunch and collecting for the charity Nightwatch. Thank you! I particularly enjoyed the apple crumble!

Year 6 are off to UKSA on their residential trip—keep an eye on twitter for their exploits!

I attended a briefing with the Deputy Director of Ofsted this week and it was heartening that the organisation are reviewing their approach to judging school's effectiveness. There is a much greater emphasis on the wider curriculum and those important skills that they learn, whilst still maintaining the importance of academic rigour.

Thank you to Mrs Mezzela for arranging for our new parking banners—Next week's assembly will feature some Junior Travel Ambassadors from St Joseph's and I would like Year 5's to apply for this role by writing a letter.

The Oratory is now open from 3:10-3:30 every Friday for parents for prayer and reflection. Please leave all furniture and displays as you find them and if candles are lit, ensure they are not left lit on exiting the Oratory

See below for Parent Evening arrangements.

Dates

October

12th Y5 Hobgoblin Theatre

Harvest Lunch

15-19th Y6 UKSA

Half Term 20th—28th

November

2nd Fireworks Display

5th –16th SEND reviews

6th &7th Parent Evenings

11th Remembrance Assembly

15th Curriculum Governors

16th Tag Rugby

19th Finance & Resources Governors

29th Umbrella Trust Board Meeting

30th Advent Assembly

December

4th Y2 Nativity 5pm

11th Reception Nativity 2.30pm

13th Nursery Concert

14th Y1 Christmas Carols 3pm

Junior Carol Concert TBC

21st Break up 2pm

Back to school 7th January

7th Multifaith week

As you will have seen in the letter home yesterday—we are using Google Docs to book appointments. Please click on the appropriate links below and enter your child's name—it will autosave. Please do not overwrite anyone else's name—I will be able to track changes!

Nursery

R1 R2 1.1 1.2 2.1 2.2

3.1 3.2 4.1 4.2

5.1 5.2 5.3 6.1 6.2

Please note that if your child will be having an SEN Review meeting, then there is no need to sign up for one of the appointments above.

Well done to our weekly certificate winners proudly standing behind our Harvest Festival pumpkin!

