# St James' CE Junior School

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## Dates for your diary

**October**

**7th** – Harvest Service
**8th** – Girls Rugby Festival
**9th** – Chip Shop Day
**12th** – Andy Tooze Poet (visit to School)
**16th –** School Photograph
**21st** – Autumn Disco
**22nd** – Brockhole Trip - Year 3
**23rd** – Collective Worship Assembly – Class 6M

**Half Term**

Monday 26th October –
Friday 30th October

**November**

**6th – 12th** – Book Fair (in School)
**9th** – Parents Evening – (*more information on booking will be sent home nearer the time).*
**11th** – Nasal Flu Vaccination
**13th** – Children in Need – Fancy dress, anything Pudsey, spots, bright colours

## Emergency Contacts

Please ensure that we have up to date telephone numbers and email addresses. This can be changed on Arbor.

## Upcoming Events

### Harvest Service – 7th Oct

Our Harvest Service will take place in Church this Wednesday 7th October at 2:30pm. We will be collecting items for Barrow Foodbank, last year we managed enough for 138 meals, which was amazing! Let's see if we can beat it this year. Please bring any donations to the school office, their preferred items are: Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Soup, Tinned Tomatoes, Cooking Sauces, Cereal, Jam, Biscuits, Tea or Coffee, Fruit Juice or Cordial, UHT Milk.

### Girls Rugby Festival – 8th Oct

On Thursday 8th October all girls are to come to school in their PE kit as they will be taking part in fun rugby activities with the wonderful staff from Barrow Raiders.

### Chip Shop Day – 9th Oct

This Friday the children are having a special chip shop meal for lunch. There will be battered fish, battered sausage, sausage and vegetarian sausage to chose from which they will have with chips, curry sauce, gravy and mushy peas. A new menu is now on Arbor ready for you to book which has Friday's meal and the remaining 2 weeks up to the half term holiday.

All orders for Friday's chip shop meal must be done by this **Wednesday** so the kitchen can order the right amount needed. If you are struggling booking meals on Arbor please contact school or pop to the office to make sure your child doesn't miss out.

This meal is at the usual price of £2.70 unless your child receives free school meals.

### School Photographs – 16th Oct

If you would like sibling photos from other schools please come to school from 8:30am. All individual and class photos will take place during the school day. Please can children come to school in their full school uniform and bring their PE kit and trainers with them.

### Autumn Disco – 21st Oct

Years 3 & 4 – 4:00pm – 5:00pm
Years 5 & 6 – 5:15pm – 6:15pm

These discos will take place in the school hall, please use Blake Street entrance, £2 entry. Children can come in fun, scary fancy dress, there will be games and snacks for them to enjoy. **All children must be collected unless parent/carers contact school to tell us otherwise.**

### Year 3 Brockhole Trip – 22nd Oct

Children in year 3 will be going on a school trip to Brockhole. A letter will be sent home this week with more information.

### Collective Worship Assembly – 23rd Oct

Class 6M will be leading this assembly starting at 2:30pm, followed by our Achievement Assembly. All families from this class are welcome to join us in the school hall, please use Blake Street entrance.

## School Staff

Miss Brough has now started her maternity leave; the children said a lovely goodbye to her on Friday and we are all looking forward to meeting the new baby. Mrs Almond will sadly be leaving us at the half term holiday. Many of you will know she has worked closely with children throughout school mainly on a 1:1 basis. We wish her well in her future endeavors.

## Weather

I'm sure you have noticed the weather has started to take a turn for the worse, please can you make sure children bring a coat to school with them every day. Even if it is a little showery, we would like to take the children outside at lunch & break so they can get some fresh air. They can also bring hat, gloves and a scarf if you wish.

## HALF TERM HOLIDAY

**Monday 26th – Friday 30th October**

Children will return to school at the normal time on Monday 2nd November where they will hopefully see an exciting new structure in the playground.