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St James' CE Junior School



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### Dates for your diary

#### September

- 9<sup>th</sup> – Swimming Lessons Start
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Westmorland Show – Year 4 trip
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Meet the Teacher

#### October

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - STEM workshop at Furness Academy – Year 6
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – Eskdale Residential Year 6

#### Half Term

- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October –
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

More dates will be added to the diary over the next few weeks. These will be updated on our website calendar. Email's and App messages will be sent with any information needed.

### Emergency Contacts

Please ensure that we have up to date telephone numbers and email addresses. Please contact the school office if these have changed.

### WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back everyone, I hope you all had a lovely Summer Break. I have enjoyed seeing all the children in school and I am amazed at how quickly they have settled in to their new classes.

### Year 4 trip to the Westmorland Show

Children in 4B will be going on a school trip to the Westmorland Show on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September. A letter has been sent home with your child today with all the information.

### Meet the Teacher

This will take place after school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 3:30pm. Children will be dismissed as normal, once they have all gone you can then come in to school through the playground doors, all meetings will take place in your child's classroom with the exception of year 3, your meeting will be in the hall. This meeting has been arranged to enable you to meet your child's teacher and to learn about the expectations and routines for the year ahead.

### Holidays in term time

Schools are not able to grant any leave for holidays taken in term time. However, if you are planning to take your child out of school it is essential that you let us know. Please collect an absence request form from the school office.

### PE Days

**Class 3B** – Thursday  
**Class 4B** – Wednesday  
**Class 5S** – Monday & Wednesday  
**Class 5ST** – Monday & Thursday  
**Class 6M** – Tuesday & Friday  
**Class 6H** – Tuesday & Friday  
Children are to come to school in their official PE kit on their PE days.

### Swimming Lessons

Swimming starts next week for pupils in Class 3B & 4B and will take place every Tuesday afternoon. Children are to come to school in their uniform (socks are easier than tights), please also make sure they bring shorts/swimming costume (no

bikinis) and a towel in a named bag. A voluntary contribution of £1.50 per lesson is much appreciated and is paid via Arbor.

### After School Activity Club

These will start from the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> September, details of clubs will be sent out over the next couple of weeks.

### Absences

If your child is absent for any reason please contact school before 9:00am. You can do this by either calling school and leaving a message or alternatively you can message school on your Arbor App. Attendance and punctuality will be a priority for our school this year. If children are not in school they cannot make progress. If your child's attendance falls we will be in touch to arrange a meeting with the school attendance panel, where investigation and support will be arranged.

### School Uniform

No jewellery is allowed to be worn in school at any time apart from a watch (no smart watches) and plain stud earrings (no hoops), both of which need removing for PE and swimming. Please can you make sure all uniform is **labelled with your child's name**. Uniform can be expensive, we always like to be able to return lost items, this can be impossible unless named.

### Mobile Phones

New Government guidelines state that mobile phones should not be brought into school unless absolutely necessary. If your child must have their phone in school parent/carers must complete a form which is available from the office.

### Arbor

Almost all of you have now logged in to the Arbor Parent Portal (website) and the App. Thank you for your support, we are all learning the new system together. Hopefully by having everything in one place it will make it much easier. Swimming lessons and the Year 4 trip will soon be added.