

# St Clement & St James CE Primary School



Newsletter - Friday 3 May 2019

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you have had a lovely week.

We started our week thinking about 'friendship' and what this really means. Children were able to think carefully about how friends treat each other and how they can show others how to be a good friend. We've been looking out for fabulous friends this week as they play together in our side playground.

You may have noticed that we are setting up our side playground again so that children have opportunities to play with construction toys, play skittles, build together and engage more in imaginary play using small world toys. These activities have been very popular with the children from all year groups and it is so lovely to see them playing calmly in this way. We have also purchased some new playground equipment for the main playground and the children now have new skipping ropes, new hoops, chalk, beanbags and new table tennis racquets. We are hoping to purchase some new balls soon.

*With warmest wishes from Ellie and Sarah*

This week, we have been thinking carefully about what it means to be a good learner. We held a professional development session about 'what makes a good learner?' and worked collaboratively together to come up with the best 'learning attributes' that we see in our children. On Wednesday, we held an assembly to ask the children what they thought a good learner was and we had some great responses. Our word of the week was suggested by Oliver in year 2 as he brought this word up in our assembly.

## Wonderful Words

Our word of the week is **Perseverance**

**Child-friendly definition:**

**Perseverance** is the quality of continuing with something even though it is difficult.

**Child's context:**

I persevered when I was creating my block building. It collapsed but I persevered and built it again!

## CERTIFICATES THIS WEEK

Congratulations to the following children who demonstrated excellent behaviour or learning this week:

Early Years	Jack
Unit	Rudy
Year 1	Callum Honey
Year 2	Leann Lucia
Year 3	Henos Demmesha
Year 4	Jessica Mila
Year 5	Joey Amelia
Year 6	Andre Mariam

## Top Table

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

Year 1	Callum
Year 2	Leann
Year 3	Lania
Year 4	Jessica
Year 5	Luca
Year 6	Maya

## Thank you from Father Alan

Fr Alan thanks everyone for the wonderful cards, presents and best wishes he has been given, as he leaves the parish. The school community has a special place in his heart and he will miss everyone. Having said that, he won't actually be leaving the area until the end of June, so you may see him around. If you bump into him, do say hello! In the meantime, he sends you his all his best wishes and prayers for the future.

Attendance and Punctuality

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	92.4%	95.6%	96.5%	95.9%	95.1%	97%	95.6%
Punctuality	5	2	3	5	10	3	6

Year 5 had the highest attendance this week with 97%  
There were late arrivals in EVERY class this week. We need to do better!



**Fabulous Learning!**

Developing gross motor skills using the apparatus. Children who engage in physically challenging activities build resilience and strength in many ways.

Research has shown that children who develop the ability to focus, have spatial awareness, and upper arm strength, are more likely to achieve well in all areas of learning!

**Dates for your diary**

**Mon 6 May** - Bank holiday - school is closed

**Tues 7 May** - 9am Meeting about new building work

**Tues 7 May** - 3.30pm SATS meeting for Year 6 parents

**Wed 15 May** - Y4 visiting the Natural History Museum

**Wed 15 May** - 2.50pm Year 1 assembly

**Fri 17 May** - Meeting for parents to plan 4 July International afternoon

**Mon 27 - Fri 31 May** - Half Term  
First day of school **Mon 3rd June**

**Mon 10 Jun** - 9am - 1pm KS2 Sports Day at Kensington Memorial Park, St Mark's Road W10

**Wed 12 Jun** - 2.50pm Year 3 assembly

**Thur 13 Jun** - 9.30am -12.30pm EYFS/KS1 Sports Day in St James Norland Church gardens

**Wed 19 Jun** - 2.50pm Year 2 assembly

**Wed 3 Jul** - 2.50pm Year 5 assembly

Are any of our lovely parents green fingered? We would love some help with the flower beds around the school. If you are willing please come in to the school office and speak to Lisa or Susie.



**Angel of the week: Alwynne from Year 3**

Alwynne is a wonderful member of our school community who follows our Christian Values. Alwynne has a mature attitude. She shows respect and kindness to others and pride in her work.

Well done Alwynne!  
We are all so proud of you.

