

# St Clement & St James CE Primary School



Newsletter - Friday 27 September 2019



Dear parents and carers,

We hope you have had a good week despite the rain! We have still enjoyed our week and the children have been having dance sessions and movement breaks in class when it has been too wet to go out to play. On Monday, our collective worship focus was 'Peace' and we acknowledged International Peace Day which was held on 21 September. We read the story 'Sweep' by Louise Greig. The main character in this story is called Ed and he is unable to keep the peace as he carries a 'bad mood' with him. We discussed how bad moods can ruin our days and impact on others - not very peaceful at all! The children were given time to think about the moral of the story; we had some great ideas:

**Rosie (Year 1)** "This story teaches us that we shouldn't let our bad moods control us"

**Omar (Year 5)** "Maybe if Ed had friends, he wouldn't be in a bad mood?"

**Nicole (Year 6)** "The moral of the story is that you should let go of your bad mood and see the beauty in the world around you."

The children have been thinking about peaceful interactions this week. Can you please talk to your child about the importance of PEACE and how it can make us all feel happy and calm.

We are very grateful for your continued support and hope you appreciate your child's education and well-being is our absolute priority. We are doing everything we can to create a purposeful and happy learning environment.

*With very best wishes from Ellie and Sarah*

**Attendance and punctuality.** We are always committed to improving attendance levels at SCSJ so each child can reach their full educational potential. Unless there is a very good reason e.g. a serious illness, children should be in school on time every day. Please be aware that holiday absence cannot be authorised and that the school gate opens at 8:45. Children should be in class and ready for learning by 8:55 at the very latest!

## CERTIFICATES THIS WEEK

### Top Table

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

Year 1	Jackson
Year 2	Matilda
Year 3	Meryam
Year 4	Issa
Year 5	Fatima
Year 6	Lina

### This week's Learning Leader

These children have consistently demonstrated Learning Leader attributes this

Year 1	Rosie
Year 2	Eden
Year 3	Meryam
Year 4	Alex
Year 5	Eden
Year 6	Chanel

## Reading

Don't forget to make time to read with your children at home! There will be regular updates about 'reading' on the newsletter this year but please try and set up good reading habits at home now.

Why Can't I Skip My  
20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"	Student "B"	Student "C"
reads 20 minutes each day	reads 5 minutes each day	reads 1 minute each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year

1,800,000 words



282,000 words



8,000 words



Attendance and Punctuality

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	95%	95.3%	96.9%	97.8%	96.7%	97.4%	98.1%
Punctuality	1	3	4	4	5	9	6

Year 6 had the highest attendance this week with 98.1%  
Well done to Reception who only had 1 child late this week!

**Wonderful Words**

Our word of the week is 'tranquil'.

**Child-friendly definition:** Something that is tranquil is calm.

**Child's context:**

"I feel tranquil when I draw and paint"

**Parent meetings – coffee mornings**

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended class coffee mornings this week. We hope that you found these meetings helpful and informative. Please refer to your child's class overview so that you are aware of what your child will be learning this term. Please encourage your child to read everyday as we know that competent readers succeed in many areas of learning.

For those of you who were unable to attend these meetings, there will be open classrooms on **Wednesday 9 October from 3:30pm – 4:30pm** where you can meet your child's class teacher.

**Thursday 3 October** is a special menu day where we are serving **A taste of Jamaica** menu.

If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like to try a school meal on this day, please pay £2.50 at the school office by Monday 30th September.

**Dates for your diary**

**Mon 30 Sep** - 9am Y1 coffee morning

**Thur 3 Oct** - Taste of Jamaica School Meal (£2.50)

**Wed 9 Oct** - 3:30-4:30pm 'Open afternoon'. All parents are welcome to pop into classes.

**Thur 10 Oct** - Harvest service 2.30, School Hall

**Mon 21 to Fri 25 Oct** - HALF TERM BREAK

**Wed 6 Nov** - 2:45 Y3 shared learning assembly

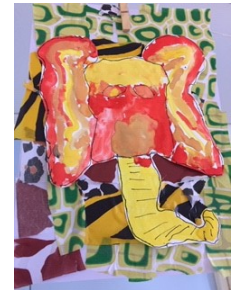
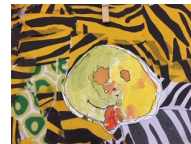
**Wed 13 Nov** - 2:45 Y4 shared learning assembly

**Wed 20 Nov** - 2:45 Y5 shared learning assembly

**Wed 27 Nov** - 2:45 Y6 shared learning assembly



Year 1 have produced some beautiful art work after reading the book, *The Ugly Five*



**Keeping Safe**

Following a 'stranger danger' incident locally, we have reminded the children who walk on their own to and from school, to be aware of their safety and not talk to or accept lifts from strangers.

**Angel of the week: Richard from Year 6**

Richard is a wonderful member of our school community who follows our Christian Values.

Richard is a new member of our school and is an absolute shining star!

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

