Dear Parents

It was lovely to meet the new Nursery parents at our Meet and Greet this week, and to hear such positive feedback about the Reception Phonics workshop. It is always a pleasure to have parents in school and we are looking forward to training up those who signed up to help with reading.

There will be an opportunity for parents of children who play an instrument, either at St James or with an outside tutor, to come into school for our Music Tea mini concerts that will run throughout the year. If you would like your child to perform, please fill in this form. https://forms.office.com/e/JX93LraBak

Dates for your diary can be found on the calendar.

On Fridays, I have the pleasure of meeting Year 5 for Tea and Toast in the staff refectory (next term it will be Year 6's turn!). We talk about any worries they may have and we practise our table manners. Last week we were learning how to hold our cutlery properly and we had to eat our toast with a knife and fork - Katherine and Arthur were the table manners super stars as they were able to tell everyone about keeping elbows off the table and their cutlery control was exceptional. Well done to them both.

Afterwards, the children clear the table and there is a trolley stacking competition. The most creative team wins. The reason that we have toast is that apparently the smell releases endorphins and so we all feel calm and relaxed after our weekly gatherings.

On Thursday next week we will have our Harvest Festival. We will be taking in donations for our Under One Sky friends from Monday next week. Here is the list

ST JAMES PREP - HARVEST 2024 - UNDER ONE SKY	
Winter hats	Soup
Gloves	Travel-size tooth-paste
Scarves	Travel-size shampoo & conditioner
Sleeping bags	Soap
Blankets	Socks
Pillows	Shoes
Tracksuit tops and bottoms	Non-perishable food items
Coats	
Jackets	

Several children are coming into school without coats each day. Please can you send in a labelled coat next week as activities continue even when the weather is inclement.

We understand that occasionally, owing to transport issues, your child may be late for school but we have a number of children who are regularly coming in after lessons have started. This is disruptive for the class but also for your child so we would ask that you try to be on time each day.

I do hope that you have a restful and happy weekend.

Best wishes
Mrs Wyatt