ST JAMES
Preparatory School

Year 3 Newsletter: Summer Term, Week 10

What have we explored this week?

Today concludes the sportiest week of the year! It all began on Monday with our Swimming Gala, which was a fantastic exhibition of the progress that the children have made in the pool this year. We were so proud of all the children as they bravely competed for their houses using a range of strokes. Congratulations to Winchester on their victory!

The children competed for their houses this week in Games, rather than representing a brand of crisps. There was a lovely atmosphere of friendly competition on the field, and we were impressed with the teamwork and skill they showed. Well done to Winchester for clinching victory in cricket as well!

Thursday's Sanskrit Speech Competition was a wonderful event and showcased the very best of St James. We were spellbound by the precision and concentration the children showed in their Sanskrit chanting. We hope that you enjoyed the event as much as we did.

And then to crown the week, this morning's Sports Day was another demonstration of athleticism and camaraderie. The children all competed for their houses in a range of events that we have been practising on Tuesday afternoons. Well done, everyone!

Buddy-time is always such a treat! The Year 3s are excellent role-models at colouring and cutting.

Naturally, as we now have the end of term firmly within sight, our routine alters a little to fit in some exciting events. The details of forthcoming events are below:

Things to Remember

- Moving Up Morning is on **Monday 30th June**. Children will find out who their new teacher for September will be and will spend time with them in their new classrooms. Parents will receive details on the same day.

- The House Treat will be on the afternoon of Monday 30th June. The house winner for the term will be announced via Class Dojo over the weekend, after the points from Sports Day have been added. Children in the winning house will need to bring a change of clothes on Monday as they will be getting wet! They can also bring a water pistol if they have one.

- A huge thank you to all the parents that have purchased their child's iPad for the next academic year, iPads need to be ordered before **Monday 7 July** to arrive for September.

- Speech Day is on **Thursday 3rd July** at the Royal Geographical Society. Please bring your child straight to the venue for registration at 9:30am. The event will finish at approximately 11:30am and all children need to be collected from the venue.

- **Summer Sunflower Growing Competition**
  Every child in Nursery to Year 6 has received a sunflower seed. Please may you help your child plant their seed and remind them to water it during the summer holiday. When the sunflower is at its prime, please take a photo of it and upload this to ClassDojo. Judging of the photos (only) will take place the first week back in September. Happy growing!

  - ★ 1st Place Winners: Gold Green Thumb certificate & 200HPs
  - ★ 2nd Place Winners: Silver Green Thumb certificate & 100HPs
  - ★ 3rd Place Winners: Bronze Green Thumb certificate & 50HPs

- Year 3 are progressing well in **Sanskrit**. At present, for any homework set they are asked to continue systematically with the exercises in their text-books. These exercises allow them to practise what they have been learning in class. They should not spend more than 15 minutes on homework. Parents do not need to help at all. If pupils are finding it difficult, they should have a go and then put it away. The Sanskrit teacher will help the next day. The most important thing is for them to enjoy what they are doing, and to bring their book back to school!

- Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) forms part of their weekly homework schedule on a Tuesday and a Thursday. **TTRS should be played in Garage Mode only** for 2 x 5–10-minute sessions. If you have any questions about our online platforms,

please do get in touch via the school-office. Login details for this platform and others have been stuck in their spelling books.

- Please listen to your child **read aloud** as much as possible – ideally on a daily basis – and fill in the yellow reading record. *Oxford Reading Buddy* login details are stuck in their spelling books.