



19th April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Summer Term Week 2 Headteacher Update

It was fantastic to welcome all students back to school last week following the Easter break. The students have settled back into the normal routine and rhythm of school life so quickly. I am pleased to report that the vast majority of students are meeting our high expectations and I would like to thank all parents for their continued support. As hairdressers and barbers reopen, I would ask that you ensure any hair cut for your child meets the minimum expectations set out within our behaviour policy which is available on the website.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents about the catch-up sessions that staff are running before and after school. These sessions will be extremely useful in bridging the gaps that some children may have from the extensive periods of lockdown that we have all been through. All information has been sent via email from Mrs Pickles which contains the topics for each session to allow you to decide if the topics are relevant for your child. If you require any additional information, please contact Mrs Pickles directly c.pickles@stjamesheadle.co.uk

I am pleased to say that we are planning on running our Curriculum Excellence Week (CEW) in the final week of the summer term. Although this will be run differently to previous years, due to Covid-19, we are hoping that it will be a lovely way to finish the school year with an enriching, enjoyable experience for all children. More information will follow when staff have had time to plan activities, experiences and trips but we are aiming for all members of the St James' family to finish the academic year with an exciting week deepening their knowledge through an inspiring curriculum and also rewarding their hard work.

Last week in the Gospel we heard about Thomas; a man whose own personal experience of Easter enabled him to move from doubt to faith. This week we hear about people who witnessed Jesus coming among them. Throughout reports of Jesus' appearances post-Resurrection, he greeted his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you". Peace is what they needed. Although they could not forget his suffering and death, peace started to take root in their hearts. We may all have known darkness and despair at some point in our lives, especially during the pandemic, but let us pray today that we too will encounter the living Christ and that our faith will be renewed and strengthened.

I hope you have a fantastic week, if you need us, you know where we are headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher