



3rd May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Summer Term Week 3 Headteacher Update

Firstly, I hope you have had a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and managed to enjoy the sunshine with your families.

Our Ofsted report was published on Friday last week. A copy has been emailed to you and is also now available on our website and the Ofsted website. As I said last week a huge thank you to all those parents and carers who supported us during the process. Whilst the nature of the report is somewhat different to previous reports in both content and length, it does capture what a typical experience is like for our children at St James'; it being a happy and safe school where children are keen to learn and do well and that staff and leaders have high expectations of pupils' behaviour. The school continues to be a good school under the new inspection framework. The report is testament to the considerable amount of hard work that goes on every single day from all staff, and I am sure you will join me in congratulating them. We are now able to set our course for the next four years where we will make every effort as staff to move our school to the next level where we would hope to receive an outstanding judgement.

A reminder that our Parent Governor nomination form needs to be returned to Miss Bowers no later than **Thursday 5th May February at 12:00pm**. The nomination form can be found at this [link](#). Full details can be seen in my letter from 25th April which, as always, is available on the website.

In the Gospel yesterday, we heard that after Jesus' death and resurrection, his followers returned to their old way of life as fishermen. The reading has two important aspects. Firstly, even though the followers of Jesus recognise him, they are still a bit unsure that it is truly the Lord. Secondly, Jesus invites Peter to repent of his three denials by confessing his love for the Lord three times. What begins as a very ordinary invitation to eat becomes a deep experience of forgiveness and renewal for Peter. Jesus now offers him the opportunity to renew his commitment as a faithful and loyal disciple. Jesus is not angry with Peter for his denial and neither does he judge or criticise him. The risen Jesus not only changes the way his followers' fish, he also changes their hearts, especially Peter's. As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow him. Let us go forward therefore with faith and confidence following the Lord.

Have a fantastic week and if you need us, you know where we are headteacherpa@stjamescheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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