



18th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Autumn Term Week 3 Headteacher Update

Last week was a great week at St James', we had our Open Evening on 14th September with so many children helping out in one way or another. Our children were fantastic ambassadors and extremely proud to show off their school and Faculty areas. A sincere thanks from me to all parents/carers for arranging to collect their child at 8pm.

Following the letter from Mrs Pickles, which is available [here](#), a reminder that on Wednesday this week, 20th September, we have an afternoon and evening session for any parents/carers with children in Year 7 where there will be two opportunities to collect your child's Chromebook at either 3.30pm or 6.00pm. Each session will begin with a short presentation about the Chromebooks and outline some key principles. You will need to sign the user agreement and Chromebooks will then be issued to each child providing payment has been made on ParentPay. A reminder that cash at any time, including on the evening, will not be accepted. You should attend one of these sessions with your child. The payment of £50 must therefore be made by 3pm on Tuesday 19th September. Should you have an issue with making the payment on time, please contact our School Business Manager at sbm@stjamesheadle.co.uk or any other questions about the Chromebooks Mrs Pickles, c.pickles@stjamesheadle.co.uk.

In a similar way, a reminder that on Thursday this week, 21st September, we have our Work Experience evening for our Year 10 children, again all information has previously been sent by Mrs Rarity and is available [here](#). It is crucial that you and your child attend the evening to gather as much information as possible before Work Experience in the Summer Term.

In the readings yesterday we were reminded of our responsibility to those we hurt and those who hurt us and of the fact that we should spare no effort in finding reconciliation and forgiveness. All three readings this week, in particular the Gospel, continue this message and make this point very clear. In the Gospel, Peter is the one who asked Jesus, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my neighbour if they wrong me? As often as seven times? Jesus replied without any hesitation, 'Not seven times I tell you, but seventy-seven times'. In his answer, Jesus was not giving us the number of times that we are to forgive others. At the time of Jesus, the phrase 'seventy-seven times' meant 'without end'. So, in fact Jesus was telling Peter that there was to be no end to the forgiveness of others. We live out this message as we begin our week afresh.

Thank you for your continued support and do not hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions or queries headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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