



St. James' C.E.P School

Vision Statement

Guided by our Christian Values, we endeavour to inspire, cherish and serve our school community. We strive to be exceptional in all we do. We will nurture a love of all God's children. We seek to build respect for all faiths and beliefs.



Friday 20th November 2020

Mission Statement

Together we value, inspire and develop each other within a happy, safe community based on Christian values and respect for other faiths.



'Show respect to everyone' (Peter 1 2.17)

Dear Parents and Children,

The school are currently preparing for Christmas and are celebrating 'Advent'. This is the period leading up to Christmas. It starts on the Sunday 29th November and ends on the fourth Sunday—Sunday 20th December. The word 'Advent' means 'coming'. It is a time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

This year, classes will receive the 'Posada' in their classrooms, representing the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, and will complete an 'inside out' advent calendar, each day collecting an item that can be given to somebody in need. Advent is a busy time and children will be exploring 'sacred spaces.' They will look at how to create stillness and space in their everyday lives which can support their well-being and happiness.



Important Changes in Reception and Early Years

As you know the Early Years Centre building is still closed. We do not think we will be able to open again until **at least December 8th**. There are still places available at St. Michael with St. John for afternoon sessions.

We would also like to inform you that Miss Hesford will be the class teacher for class RK from Monday. Miss Hesford taught many of the children last year and will be replacing Miss Kantharia who has now left. Please speak to Miss Hesford or Miss Dakin if you require any further information.



Miss Dakin
Early Years Lead



Miss Hesford
RK Class Teacher

Christmas Charity

St James' pupils and staff donate gifts of food to those who are less fortunate each year at Christmas time. This year the food gift parcels will be donated to Blackburn Food Bank and residents of Magdalene House, Florence House and Maryvale House through St James' Church. The school would be very grateful if your child could bring dried food items e.g. pasta, rice and tinned items including tuna, tinned tomatoes, to contribute to the school's donation. Please could all items of food be sent with your child by Friday 11th December 2020.

COVID-19 Discretionary Leave

COVID-19 travel guidance from the government states that from 5th November to 2nd December 2020, travelling away from home, including internationally, is restricted from England except in limited circumstances such as for work or for education.

You must follow all the rules that apply to you.

The Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) currently advises against all but essential travel to many countries and territories on the basis of COVID risks.

Reception Class Admissions 2021



Welcome to Blackburn with Darwen's Parent Portal

Free Early Education Applications for 2 year olds

Apply Now to check if your 2 year old child can access free early education.

If your child is eligible, they can access up to a maximum of 570 hours per year of free early education from the term after their second birthday.

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Primary School Applications

Parents/carers can apply for a primary school place for September 2021 from **Thursday 3 September 2020**.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 15 January 2021**.

Applications must be submitted to the local authority by the closing date of 15 January 2021 to be considered as 'on time' along with all supporting evidence.

If you have a child who will be age 4 years old before 31st August 2021, you will need to ensure you apply for a school place before Friday 15th January 2021.

Click the image above to be taken to the website and begin the application.

If you know anyone who has a child and will be applying for a school place, please make them aware as places are still available at St. James'.

If you require any help at all, please contact the school office.

Worship and reflection

Dear God,
Help us to find strength in this difficult time.
Help us to look out for each other and be kind.
Give your powers of healing to those in need.
Amen

