



## St. James' Church of England Primary School



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# Friday 15th November 2019

### 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.

*'Serve one another in love' (Galatians 5.13)*



### 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)*

## All Saints Day

Children from EYC through to Year 6 focused their art work on St. James and the patron saints of the United Kingdom; St. George of England, St. Andrew of Scotland, St. David of Wales and St. Patrick of Northern Ireland.

Teachers provided the children with a wealth of information before assigning tasks of creating pieces of art inspired by these saints.

Year 3 put all of their art work together to make 3 stunning representations of church stained glass windows.

Year 1 combined artwork to make a mosaic of St. James' scallop shell whilst creating smaller versions using clay. And Year 4, who were the winners of the George Grunshaw Inspired Art Competition, painted saints using watercolours and sketched symbols to represent each saint.

A huge thank you to all parents, governors and friends who visited the George Grunshaw Inspired Art Exhibition. The children who were presenting thoroughly enjoyed speaking to all of the school's guests and were clearly proud of the work they had produced. Visitors commented on the high standard of work that was on display.

Thank you for your support.



## 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 charities who will receive food gift parcels are **Blackburn Food Bank** and **Night Safe (recently seen on BBC's DIY SOS)**, a service for Homeless people in Blackburn. These charities provide vital support to people who are particularly vulnerable at this time of year. 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 **Thursday 12th December 2019** in a carrier bag. All year groups will make their own food parcels to take to the Christmas Church Service on **Thursday 19th December 2019**. Volunteers from St James' Church have kindly offered to deliver the items to the charities on behalf of the school. Thank you for your continued support this term.



## Are you a good neighbour?

Residents, including the local churches, have been voicing their concerns about parking at drop off and pick up times.

Please can parents/ carers consider where parking vehicles as you may be parking on private land, blocking driveways and causing danger to children and adults in the area.

Please be aware that the Good Shepherd car park should not be used for parking on, unless using the premises, as it is private land. Driveways that are marked with a 'H bar' (see image below) along cannot be parked on by law, please keep these areas clear. Staff and parents have also shown their concern with parents that have been seen to be stopping their cars in the middle of the road and allowing children to walk into the road to enter cars. This is extremely dangerous for the children and other road users and could result in serious injuries.

Please allow plenty of time when dropping off and collecting children to prevent any of these problems from reoccurring.

Thank you.



## Polling Day— SCHOOL CLOSED

A reminder that Thursday 12th December is the date of the General Election and that St. James' Primary School and Early Years Centre will be closed as it is being used as a polling station. Please be aware that there will be no staff in school on this day. School will reopen as usual on the Friday at its normal times.



## Christmas Dates

02.12.19 - Advent Begins

06.12.19 - Y6 Trip

11.12.19 - EYFS & KS1 Production

12.12.19 - SCHOOL CLOSED - Polling Day

16.12.19 - KS2 Production

17.12.19 - Christmas Lunch/ Jumper Day

17.12.19 - KS1 Fun Day

18.12.19 - KS2 Fun Day

19.12.19 - Christmas Church Service

20.12.19 - School Closes for Half Term at 3.00pm

