



ST JAMES

Preparatory School

Year 5 Newsletter: Autumn Term, Week 8

This week in Year 5

All of the children have returned to school with smiles on their faces and full of energy. The children who took part in the BBC 500 Word Writing Challenge over half term did a fantastic job. The class really enjoyed sharing their stories and giving constructive feedback to each other. Their writing was weird, wonderful and hilarious, but more than anything, it was creative!

In Maths this week, we have returned to fractions. In particular, we have been comparing and ordering fractions, as well as converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers. Our new science topic for the half term is 'Forces in Action'.

The children were excited to be back in the pool this afternoon for their first swimming lesson of the year. We will be swimming every Friday now until Christmas.



Children in 5E reading with their *Buddies* in Year 1.

Things to Remember

- We are pleased to be launching ClassDojo for parents as a way of enabling quick communication between home and school. Please do read Mrs Wyatt's newsletter which has specific guidance about when to use ClassDojo to communicate and when an email to the school office is more appropriate. To connect to your child's ClassDojo account, please follow the link below:

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=CHQL6R8>

ClassDojo is also used to award and tally house points, so you will now be able to see when your child receives a house point and what it is for!

- We are all excited for Feel Good Friday on **Friday 15th November**, which will be based on the theme of Buddies! We will spend some time together during the day, including lunch, playtime and a fun craft challenge. Additionally, **we would invite the children to come to school wearing odd socks on this day!** This will help us to celebrate difference - a theme we have been looking at in our PSHEE lessons. This will be a fabulous conclusion to our Anti-Bullying week.
- **Parent Teacher Interviews (PTIs):** You have the opportunity to book a 20-minute meeting with Mr Edwards to discuss your child's progress so far this term. Year 5's meetings are being held on Wednesday 20th November. Please book your appointment if you haven't already on SchoolCloud via this link: <https://stjamesjunior.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
- Later in November, children in Years 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to take part in the Primary Maths Challenge. For any children wanting to practise beforehand, past papers can be found here: <https://www.primarymathschallenge.org.uk/downloads>

Please remember that the challenge is voluntary, and it is a difficult paper. However, all children who participate will receive a certificate of participation. Children who are very successful will have the chance to progress to the bonus round!

- As we prepare for this year's national service of *Remembrance*, our Charity reps will begin selling *Royal British Legion* memorabilia until Tuesday 12th November. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

Items for sale include:

- Poppy stickers: 50p
- Paper poppies & pin: £1
- Poppy key-rings: £2
- Poppy snap-bracelets: £3
- Poppy ribbon bracelets: £3