



# ST JAMES

## Preparatory School

### Year 6 Newsletter: Autumn, Week 11

#### What have we explored this week?

The past week has been full on for Year 6, with many of the 11+ exams beginning. It was great to see a few good luck charms starting to make an appearance. I am so proud of all of the children for their resilience and their ability to stay positive and have fun regardless!

On Friday, the class were visited by Mr Clarke, the head of the Senior Boys School. Mr Clarke had a wonderful time conducting mock interviews with the boys and then he had the pleasure of enjoying tea and toast with the most wonderful group of children!

In ICT this week, the class enjoyed investigating how to stay safe online - they then created games using their coding skills with the purpose of teaching others how to stay safe. In English, we have been looking at traditional and folk tales. Their challenge was to give a well-known tale a twist by changing the ending or by telling the story from a different perspective.

It was lovely to see the children practising their presentations in Drama this week and hearing the creative ways they are going to be introducing their chosen topics.



## Things to Remember

- The Christmas Market is on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 12pm to 4pm.
- The next Performance Tea is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. You can sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/KtR46pZ8ac>
- Book Look is on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 8am until 8:45am.
- If you have not yet connected to your child's ClassDojo account, please follow the link below:

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=CHBP987>

As well as being a way of enabling quick communication between home and school, ClassDojo is used to award and tally house points, so you will be able to see when your child receives a house point and what it is for!

**You do not need to sign up for the paid 'Plus' version of Class Dojo.**

- In a change to previous communication, **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Lunch**. Children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers on that day and bring in hats to wear for lunch.
- The Christmas Carol Service is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at St Mary's Kensington at 9:15am. There will be refreshments for parents in the Courtyard from 8:15am. Children to be in full school uniform, please.
- Term ends at 11:30am on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.
- Children and staff have been asked to make 500 Christmas cards for our Under One Sky homeless friends. It does not matter whether the cards are hand-made or store bought, as it will be the messages inside that count. The salutation should read, 'Dear Friend,' followed by a positive message of hope and peace - and close with a first name. Completed cards should please be returned to class teachers by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, please.
- Children must bring their blazers on Fridays.
- There will be no swimming for Year 6 (until the **Spring Term**).
- Please fill in the *Parent Reference* form as soon as possible and return it to the school office when completed.