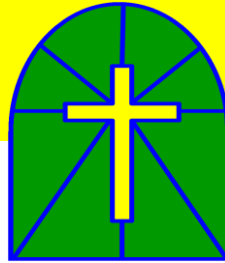




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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Spring Celebration Assembly

What an assembly to end spring, with so many children to celebrate for all the great things that have happened this term. **Perseverance award** celebrating our Christian value, and prizes for the stained glass windows made celebrating our home/school value. **Always award** celebrating those children who consistently show the Hurst Knoll St James way and **most improved award** celebrating those who have made great strides in their learning. **Bronze award** for those with 100% attendance for spring term and **silver award** for those with 100% attendance for autumn and spring term. Not forgetting the **holiday homework winners**. Thanks to the many parents and family members who turned up to celebrate with us, and a thank you to the staff for contributing to the occasion.



Welcome Back

I hope you all had a lovely spring break and are excited about the final term of the school year. There are many things planned for the term across the school and we will be sharing this with you as soon as all the dates are finalised. Some of the confirmed dates are below.

Service

Our Christian value this half term is service. We will be sending out on Monday the home/school value sheet with lots of activities you and your child can engage in together. Have a specific look at the home school challenge about 'service with a smile'. There will be rewards for the best ones at the end of the half term.

We need your Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers!

If you shop at Sainsbury's, could you please bring in any active kids vouchers you have as soon as possible. We can use the vouchers to buy sports equipment for the school and the more we get the more we can buy. We only have a few so please send them in if you have any.

School Dinners

A reminder that dinner money must be paid in advance (Monday morning in an envelope with child's name on and amount enclosed). It is £10.65 per week.

Times Tables Rock Stars

I hope you and your child have found the opportunity to log on to Times Table Rock Stars over the Easter break. This is a new resource which we have purchased in school to support and engage children with learning their times tables. Children will create their own rockstar avatar and be able to practise their timetables. Children can compete against other children in the school and other schools nationally.

Your child can access the resource through a laptop or you can download the app for a phone or tablet device. <https://ttrockstars.com>

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 2 nd May	Parents Consultation Evening
Wednesday 3 rd May	Parents Consultation Evening
Thursday 4 th May	Polling Day for Greater Manchester Mayor (school is open)
Monday 8 th - Thursday 11 th May	Yr6 SATs (free breakfast club for Yr6 this week)
Friday 12 th May	Yr6 End of SATs reward - Hollywood Bowl inc lunch
Friday 26 th May	End of summer 1 Celebration Assembly
Friday 26 th May	Half term - end of summer 1
Monday 12 th June	Back to school - start of summer 2
Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th June	Yr1 Phonics Screening
Tuesday 13 th June	Yr6 Formal Meal at Reflections Restaurant 12pm
Thursday 15 th June	Yr6 Manchester Diocese Leavers Service, Manchester Cathedral 10.30am
Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th May	National Sports Week
Thursday 29 th June	Sports Day - R-Yr2 am / Yr3-6 pm
Monday 3 rd - Friday 7 th July	Yr/3/4/5 Assessment Week
Monday 17 th - Wednesday 19 th July	Yr6 Residential to Buxton
Friday 21 st July	End of year reports out to parents/carers
Thursday 27 th July	End of Year Celebration Assembly 9am
Friday 28 th July	Yr6 Leavers Graduation 9am
TBC	Yr6 Industry Day at school led by Tameside College
TBC	Yr6 Tameside College - Experience Day 9.30-11.30
TBC	Yr6 Leavers Service at St James Church
TBC	Yr6 Leavers Production 6pm

And Finally ... Parent Consultation

It is Parent Consultation Evening on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd May for Reception to Year 6 and you should have received the appointment letters this week. These meetings are extremely important so you can discuss your child's progress so far this year and what you can do to help at home with reading and homework. You will also be given information about your child's targets. We will ask you to complete a parent questionnaire about 'FAMILY TIME' as we value your opinions and they are essential to ensure we continue to improve the school and make it the best it can possibly be for your child.

Enjoy the weekend.

Paul Anderson
Headteacher