



# Newsletter

## Autumn 2021

Hello Everyone,

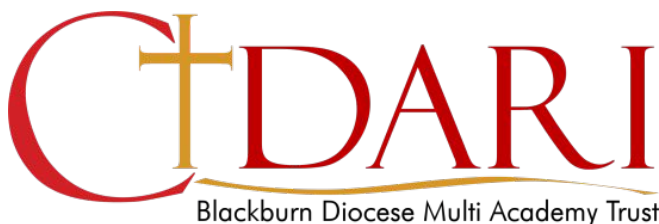
Well, we have had another fun packed term here at St James'. We have managed to have lots of events run alongside our learning. We had a wonderful Harvest Service in church. We then sadly but fondly said goodbye to Mrs Tootell and Mrs Gettins, who have retired, we miss them dearly but are happy that we get to keep in touch with them both. We welcomed Miss Greenwood to school, who I know you have all been getting to know when you have visited the school office or over the phone. We have led a number of charity events this term all organised by the wonderful Mrs Ainsworth. Thank you to her and you all for raising so much money, food and awareness. We ran Parliament day again, where the children learnt all about Westminster, parliament, Government and law. The children had a great time. We held our Open week for Reception new starters, and enjoyed showing new parents around our wonderful school. Thank you to everyone for coming to parents evening, I hope that you all enjoyed hearing about the progress that your children are making. The Christmas fayre had an amazing turn out, thank you to everyone that came along to support our school. The PTFA organised lots of games and prizes for the Christmas fayre so a huge thank you to them for all of their time and effort. This year we managed to raise well over £600 to get new furniture for our library, which is absolutely amazing. KS1, Rec and Nursery have all been working hard on their nativity performance and I'm sure that you will all agree that they did an amazing job of learning their lines, dance moves and songs. The staff have worked very hard with the children to ensure it was a wonderful event, so a massive thank you to them. This week we have a lot of festive fun happening to end the term, our KS2 Carol service, which will be recorded for you all to enjoy, is on Wednesday. Staff and children have been working extremely hard to make this a fabulous event which I know we will all enjoy. We also have Christmas jumper day and school Christmas Dinner that day too! We have our Christmas parties, which Father Christmas may join us for and finally singing around the tree. It will be a wonderful way to end the term.

### Church

At the start of the term we welcomed a new vicar to our parish, Rev. Rebecca, who has become a part of our school by leading weekly worships and visiting classes during RE discussions. We said goodbye to Rob as our Urban Evangelist, but he is still a part of the school through being a governor and also coaching our school football team. The role of the Urban Evangelist will hopefully be filled very soon. We held our Harvest service in church this year and we took part in the Christingle service which was wonderful.

### Dates for your Diary-

School finishes - 17/12/21 (1.30pm)  
School starts – 4/1/22  
Reception admissions date – 15/1/22  
Parents Evening - 26/1/22  
Pupil's Worship Conference - 2/2/22  
Valentines disco – 11/2/22  
Break up for half term – 11/2/22



### Final Note –

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We will see you all in 2022!