

Friday 26th February 2021

Newsletter



Welcome to the second part of the Spring Term. I hope you had a restful half term break and managed to enjoy some local walks and time with your family. On the very first day of the holiday, a solitary snowdrop appeared in my front garden. Have you spotted any signs of spring?



We are looking forward to 8th March when we will be welcoming all children back to school. Upon full reopening, our day to day routines and procedures will be broadly in line with those adopted in the Autumn Term. Staggered start and finish times to the school day will be in operation and children will continue to be taught in class or year group bubbles. Please be assured that we are extremely mindful that each child's experience of lockdown will be different. Most children have been learning from home for the past seven weeks, some have been in school part time and some have been in full time; additionally, children's wider experience of lockdown will all be different. We are here to support, and will do all we can to ensure **all pupils** have a successful welcome back to school. If you have any concerns or feel there is any important information we need to aid a successful transition, please get in contact.

Further information, about return to school, will follow early next week.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Take care and stay safe.
Mrs Dunn

PE Hoodies

Our PE hoody online shop will be closing on Sunday 28th February. Please follow the link if you would like to order.

<https://www.leavershoodies.com/shop/manston-st-james-2021>



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PTFA

Last week we confirmed the Lloyds Banking Group had matched some of our fundraising and awarded us with £500. **What is match funding?** Match giving, or match funding, is a **simple way to maximise the fundraising efforts of your individual PTA volunteers**. It is an informal arrangement between a company and an employee. Usually, a company pledges to match a sum of money relating to the amount the employee has either raised or donated to a charity.

Do you work for any of the following?

- Bank
- Supermarket
- Insurance company
- Utility Providers
- Phone company
- Car Manufacturer
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If so, **please** let us know and we can work together to raise some money easily.

E-mail us: fomsjames@gmail.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/199267443474410

Church News

[St James the Great, Manston – The Parish Church for Manston & Cross Gates](#)

Following the most recent national lockdown and over-riding message that people should wherever possible **'Stay at Home' & 'Stay Safe'** our Parochial Church Council met ('virtually') to decide what course of action we should take at this time. Our discussions took into account:-

- the heightened risks associated with the new and more contagious strain of the virus
- the safety of those who regularly worship with us (many of whom are within one of the more vulnerable categories),
- the wellbeing of those who generously volunteer to assist with our opening and the welcoming of others (a number of whom have indicated their own heightened concern and cautiousness).

As a result - it is with a heavy, but we believe also a pastoral, heart that we have made the decision to cease to open the church for public or private prayer at this time. In order to protect worshippers, volunteers and the wider community we consider this to be the responsible and caring course of action for the time being. We will, of course, keep our decision under review.

Funerals will still be held within the church building, as requested, following all necessary restrictions and guidelines.

In addition, we continue to communicate, share news, and send out resources for weekly prayer and worship as has been our practice now for the last 10 months. Please email if you would like to receive these weekly communications. We have also begun to offer a Sunday morning on-line 'Zoom' worship experience – using the Sunday resources we send out by email, but allowing people to feel 'connected / engaged' in a different, and more physical way. If you think this is something you would like to engage with please let me know and I can send out the appropriate 'Zoom invitation / links' as needed.

I am aware that the decisions we have felt it right to make, may cause some to feel once again more isolated or anxious. If you, or someone you know is in need of some further support, a friendly chat, or some assistance, please do get in touch.

With Love & Prayers

Rev'd Carolyn

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Notices

Covid-19 —if anyone in your household is symptomatic and goes for a Covid-19 test then the whole household must isolate. School MUST be notified once the test results are known. If the result is negative then your child can return to school.

PE Kit—We are excited to announce that 'The Uniform shop' will be stocking our PE kit with the new school logo embroidered on from January. They will be stocking navy blue joggers priced at £9.99 and coloured t-shirts at £4.99. They have shops in Meanwood and Harehills.

Emergency Contact Details & Parentpay — Please remember to notify the office if your emergency contact details change. It is very important that we always have your most up to date mobile and email address. We use Parentpay as our main way of communicating with you. If you have not yet activated your account or need help with Parentpay then please contact the school office on info@manstonstjames.co.uk

Date for your Diary

Friday 12th March — Inset (training) day.
School will be closed to all pupils on this day.

Christian Values

Christian Values for this Term: Peace and Justice

We show peace and justice at Manston St James Primary School by:

- *co-operating and working together*
- *showing respect for each other*
- *showing respect of each other's property*
- *supporting and caring for each other*
- *standing up for those who need help*
- *listening to both sides*
- *thinking about our actions and decisions*
- *treating each other fairly*



Safety

We take safety very seriously at our school. If you have any concerns or observations regarding health and safety please contact: **Mrs Dunn or Mrs Cockerham.**

If you have any concerns or questions regarding Child Protection issues contact: **Mrs Spofforth or Mr O'Dwyer**