

Thursday 30th April 2021

Newsletter



It has been another productive and enjoyable week in school as the children become immersed in their new learning for this term. In RE the focus has moved from Christianity to Islam (years 5 and 6), Sikhism (years 3 and 4) and Judaism (years 1 and 2); keep an eye on our social media pages if you would like to know more about what pupils are learning in these lessons! It has also been fantastic to hear children discussing their class novel for this half term. This will be the driver for lots of English lessons (reading, writing and speaking and listening) and also reinforces our Christian value for this half term, which is 'respect'. Ask your child about their class book; what is it about, what can they tell you about the characters and setting, what do they think is going to happen in the story? The class novels are listed below:



As we move into the warmer weather most pupils are now in their summer uniform. Please could I remind you that **all children are expected to be in full uniform every day**. This should be either the summer uniform (listed below) or PE kit on their allocated PE day. Details of the school PE kit are also listed below.

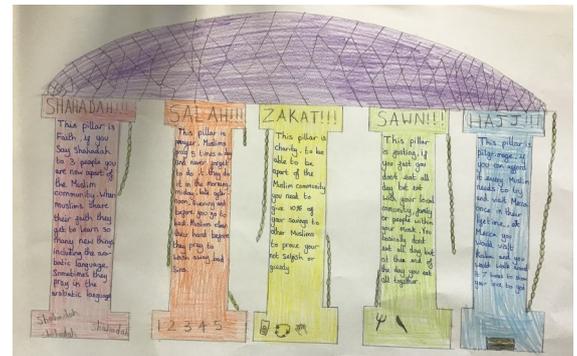
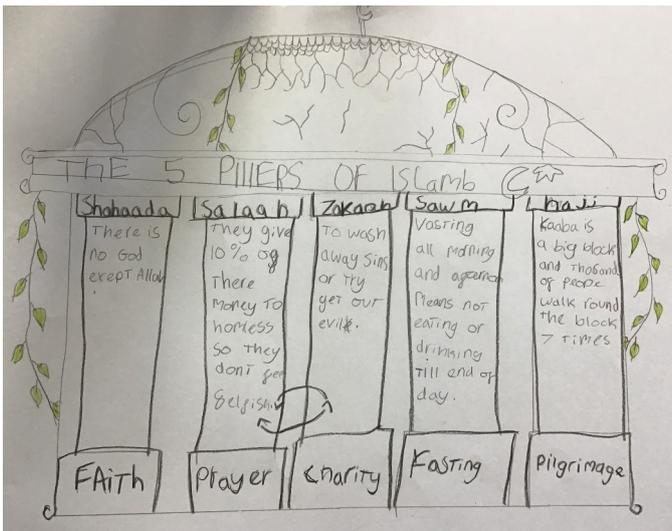
SUMMER UNIFORM	PE KIT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• White polo shirt• Grey shorts or• Blue & white checked summer dress• Navy blue, white or grey socks• Black school shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Navy shorts or joggers (NOT BLACK)• School hoodie or school sweatshirt plain (no logos please)• T-shirt in house colours• Trainers

I hope you enjoy a lovely long weekend and look forward to seeing all children back at school on Tuesday morning.

Ashleigh Dunn
Headteacher

Our Latest Work

Reverend Carolyn led Year 1 around the Church. She showed them the Bible, the many crosses, the lectern, the alter, pulpit and she even played the organ for them.



5GO have been learning about the Five Pillars of Islam and producing informative posters showcasing their understanding.

Attendance

Well done to the following 4 classes with the best attendance for week 26.04.21—30.04.21

3W—98.6%

RH—98%

2B—98%

3L—98%

Coronavirus Information

In response to the outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) we ask all staff, students, visitors and contractors to self-screen before entering the building to help lesson the spread of the virus.

DO NOT ENTER IF:

- 1) You have signs of a fever or high temperature (above 38C)
- 2) You have a persistent cough or respiratory problems
- 3) You have loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell
- 4) You have had contact with any possible source of the virus

If you have met any of the above criteria you should return home and contact 111 for advice.

IF YOU'RE SAFE TO ENTER PLEASE FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE BELOW:

- 1) Maintain social distancing whilst on site (2 metres)
- 2) Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water or alcohol based hand sanitiser
- 3) Avoid touching your face with your hands
- 4) If you need to cough or sneeze, do so into a tissue and bin it after using

All adults must wear a mask whilst on the school premises. Please do not wait in the playground; waiting in the playground is only for childminders who have special arrangements.

HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND KEEP EVERYONE SAFE

PTFA

Keep updated and follow us on Facebook - Manston St James PTFA



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ALLELUIA! We say a lot of that in Eastertide and this year's Easter brought us a special 'Alleluia', as we once again opened our doors for services and prayer. As well as welcoming our children from school into Church during Holy Week, and again this week to celebrate Easter, we held services for our wider congregation and community over Holy Week and Easter and are now back to having our Sunday Services of the Eucharist (8.45am and 10am) each week, and being Open for Prayer on a Wednesday afternoon where possible (2-3pm).

To attend a Sunday service (8.45am and 10am) please remember to ring or email the Parish Office and leave a message before 10am on a Friday, ready for the Sunday. This is important as numbers increase, and as we do not have a constantly staffed office. When you book please tell us clearly who you are, which Service/s you wish to attend, how many of you there are (in your bubble) and leave a contact number. **Parish Office - answerphone: 264 5530 - email: church983@btinternet.com** **You will only be contacted if there is a problem with your request.** Otherwise, simply come along to the service you have indicated. It is still necessary for people to sit socially distanced from those not in their 'bubbles', to sanitise hands and wear face masks – but all this will be made clear upon arrival if you are unsure.

We continue to communicate, share news and send out resources via email for weekly prayer and worship as has been our practice now for over a year (please email me if you wish to receive these) and we have also had a series of things to see and sometimes to 'take-away' in our churchyard. We hope some of you have enjoyed seeing our Easter gardens and our decorated cross – *flowers, eggs and pom-poms* - in recent weeks.

Unfortunately we have also had a spate of anti-social behaviour and some criminal damage in our churchyard and down the drive over the past month or so. If anyone can shed any light on this we would be grateful for any information which might help us put a stop to the behaviour of a few which is causing damage and upset for the many who appreciate and cherish the environs of the church – as well as, of course, unnecessary expense!

SUPPORTING OTHERS

In terms of our desire to support the vulnerable in our community we continue to collect and transport Food to the local Food Bank and there is a box outside my back door for that purpose. Anything left there, at any point in the week, is soon 'rescued' and then each Tuesday is taken onwards so as to get to the people who need it most.

MOVING FORWARD!

In our Church family we are now working towards our Annual Meeting which will be held on Sunday 23rd May – a time to say thank you to so many who sustain and enrich our church and community life, as well as to look to the future. **In School** I will be beginning Confirmation Classes next week with any Year 6 children who indicate that they would like to take this step of thinking a little more about the Christian faith and preparing for a service in Church at the end of the school year, when they make their own promises of faith and are blessed by the Bishop. If your child brings a letter home, do talk to them about it and return the letter if this is something they are interested in and which you support. If any parents / adults wish to explore Confirmation too do get in touch so we can have a chat about the possibilities.

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 Hoodies — Due to the popularity of the PE hoodies, we will be opening the online shop again. More information to follow.

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

Laptops—if you were loaned a laptop during the lockdown can you please return it the school office as soon as possible.

Dates for your Diary

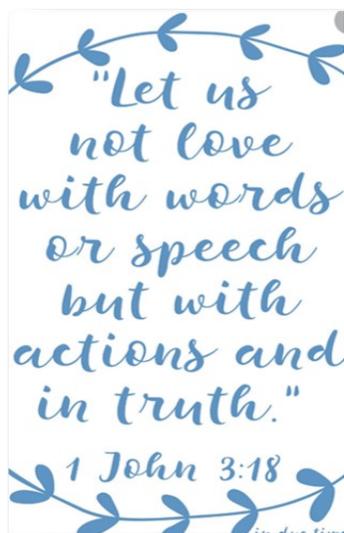
Monday 3rd April—school closed for May Day Bank Holiday

Friday 30th April—Y6 Confirmation classes start

Friday 28th May—school closes for half term (re-opens Monday 7th June)

Friday 2nd July—School closed (training day)

Christian Values—Respect



We show Respect at Manston St James Primary Academy by:

- Being sincere
- Showing gratitude
- Doing what we say we will do
- Being a good listener
- Learning about other peoples' perspectives
- Taking care of ourselves and treating ourselves well

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**