

EXTRA CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES

The school offers a variety of extra curriculum activities that take place outside the teaching day, either at lunchtime, after school or before school starts in the morning. Some activities are open to all the children and some are restricted to a particular year group. Some activities run throughout the year and for others the duration may be over a term or half term.

In recent years the following activities have been offered:

Art Attack	Ball skills	Board games	Chess	Choir
Computers	Dance	Football	Gardening	Handicrafts
Keep fit	Library	Mathematics	Netball	Paper games
Playground games	Pottery	Skipping	Urdu	Science

Most after school activities take place on our Activity night, which is on a Monday, and end at 3.45pm. For safety and due to the number of children involved please collect your children from the school playground. The teacher will inform you if the arrangements are different.

Each term a letter is sent home for parent's information, outlining the arrangements for various activities, the teacher in charge and the dates on which the activities will take place.

If children are chosen to participate in representative school fixtures, similar notification is provided together with a consent slip for parents to sign and return to school.

Parental Consent for class visits

It is the school policy to notify and seek written consent from parents in advance for visits which are planned to take place off site, usually involving car/bus/rail/coach travel or a considerable walk to the local destination. Children will not be able to participate if the consent slip is not returned giving permission.

There are times, however, when the teaching staff would welcome the flexibility to take their classes beyond the grounds, usually into the immediate vicinity of the school, when weather or other circumstances permit. Examples of this might include a 'listening walk', a 'shapes trail' or a look at the external house design, building materials, gardens etc. It is often difficult to inform parents of such arrangements and receive written consent at short notice, therefore, we ask for your co-operation in giving permission for your child to participate in such supervised visits, at the discretion of class teachers in consultation with the Headteacher. A consent form for this purpose is provided for all pupils on entry to the school, which will remain on file throughout their time at St. James. We anticipate that such visits will not be a frequent occurrence, but welcome the flexibility this arrangement provides to enhance the quality of the children's learning experience.