

Dear All,

We've had a super second week of term celebrating the centenary of Roald Dahl's birth and I'm sure children have been coming home telling you all about what they have been doing in school. On Monday we had our first 'mile a week' challenge where we encourage everyone—children and staff—to be active and walk/run a mile. This was great fun and we'll continue to develop our fitness and stamina in this way. Please remember to send PE kits and trainers in on a Monday and they can be kept in school for the children's PE lessons.

School Uniform

As I said last week, the children have arrived back to school really smartly; thank you for your efforts and continued support in making sure children are appropriately dressed for school. This not only promotes a positive image of our school, but also has a positive effect on children's behaviour and conduct. Thank you for your support with this and thanks in advance for ensuring children have full school uniform throughout the academic year.

We no longer have uniform in stock at school, embroidered uniform must be purchased from our preferred suppliers, <http://www.uniformeasy.com/100829> or <http://www.yourschooluniform.com>

Grey skirts, trousers, shirts, black shoes and plimsolls are all available from high street stores. We have water bottles and ties available from either site.

Parent Courses

We ran a number of very successful courses for parents over the last academic year including ESOL, Parent Gym, Help your child with literacy, Help your child with maths amongst others. We are already booking courses for this year, if there are any courses you would like to see or if you can help run a course please get in touch with Mrs Brenta - you may have a skill you can share with others, such as cooking or computing, sport, music, languages or art etc. We hope to start an ESOL course later in the term, please call Carolyn Brenta to register your interest.

Roald Dahl Celebrations

This week all children have completed their work on Roald Dahl books to celebrate the centenary of his birth. They have had great dance workshops delivered by 'West End in Schools' which incorporated some great music choices. Miss Jess has also delivered some lovely performing arts workshops and year 4 became chocolatiers on Wednesday and made their own sweets! The children's work from the first two weeks is lovely and is being displayed in corridors at either site to celebrate all their amazing achievements. Their costumes on Tuesday were lovely and everyone enjoyed dressing up as their favourite Roald Dahl characters—thank you to parents for your efforts with great homemade costumes.

'Help your child with Reading and Spelling' Course

Many thanks to the parents who joined Miss Evans at Key Stage One on Tuesday for her course—I'm sure this was useful in providing suggestions for how to make reading and spelling fun and engaging when helping children at home. Please do see Mrs. Brenta for any other suggestions of parent courses you'd like us to try to offer.

School Website and App

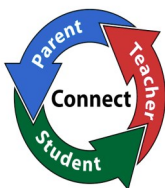
We hope you have been enjoying the new, fresh layout of our website: www.stjameschoolbermondsey.com. We are adding new content all the time so do please check back on a regular basis for latest news, galleries, class pages and on the Announcements and Events Calendar sections. We have a new school app that works in tandem with the website, so that you can keep up-to-date on your devices. The app will allow you to get the latest news stories and calendar events added to the school website straight to your iPhone, Android or Windows phone. To add the app go to the iTunes app store or google play, depending on your device, you can use the links below to find the app, search School News to find it or wait until you are in the school playground and click on the QR codes that we have put up for you to be taken directly to the app.

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Google Play: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.e4education.schoolnews&hl=en_GB

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Macmillan Cancer Support is one of our chosen charities and we will be holding a coffee morning on Thursday 29th September. Mrs Brenta will be baking cakes on Wednesday 28th September and any parent/carer that would like to come along and help will be most welcome.



Clubs

You should have received a letter telling you which clubs your child is in. Thank you to Mr. Griffin and Miss Jess for ensuring all children got one of their club choices. Please note all clubs will start next week—week commencing Monday 19th September—and will run for the whole term until further notice.

Church Service—Harvest Festival

For the school harvest service on Monday 26th September, we are once again collecting items for the MANNA DAY CENTRE at London Bridge for their work among homeless people. They particularly ask for the following: Sugar, powdered milk, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, pasta sauce, rice, breakfast cereals, tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned soup, curry sauces, pasta, jelly, cooking oil, biscuits or TOILETRIES (soap, deodorants, shaving foam, shampoo, toilet rolls or kitchen rolls, disposable razors etc). You are welcome to join this service at 09:30 on this day.



Fundraising

We have just heard from the BBC and they were delighted to tell us St James' were in the top 200 schools in the UK for fundraising for the Children In Need appeal! We will get a 'Loyal supporters logo' to use for further fundraising events. This is brilliant news so a huge thank you for your support. We will of course be supporting Children In Need again this year as they are one of our chosen charities.

Attendance and Lates

Although our attendance this week has been brilliant some children have had a number of late arrivals. Please encourage your child to be on time for school, 8.55 at KS2 and 9.15 at KS1. Children who are late for school miss out on early work and any announcements during assembly. Mrs Brenta will be monitoring lates this year, if you have any problem or reason for late arrival please do speak to her and we will see how we can help. A number of classes have over 99% attendance and most weeks they would be Star of the Week but as the whole school has done so well this week we are going to award the whole school the attendance award. Well done!

Year 6 Parents/Carers—Secondary School

The independent schools of London provide some of the very best educational opportunities that are available to children. They are noted not just for their high academic standards, but also for the real breadth of education that they offer. Access to these schools is not restricted to those families who can afford to pay termly fees. All the schools listed on this site have extensive arrangements in place to provide fee assistance for children who would not otherwise be able to attend. Each school is proudly different. Opportunities for assistance with fees are variously described as bursaries, scholarships, assisted places or sponsored awards. The impact is always the same: families whose children show that they can benefit from an independent education are helped to make that possible. For further information visit <http://www.feassistancelondonschools.org.uk/>

Dates and Trips:

Any parents who could come on trips to help would be greatly appreciated; please let your child's teacher know if you can help. Please refer to full half term trip letters (**please find attached**). Any last minute trips that may occur, we will try our best to let you know as well in advance as we can.



Monday 19th September

Year 6 swimming—please bring swimming and PE kits for the week.

Tuesday 20th September

Reception Ireland library visit—no packed lunches.

Wednesday 21st September

No trips.

Thursday 22nd September

3 Finland library visit—no packed lunches.

Year 6—Fossils and Evolution workshop—no packed lunches.

Friday 23rd September

Attendance trip to Legoland—see separate letter to find out if your child is eligible.

