

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.



