

Dear All,

I cannot believe we're so close to the end of this academic year—time really has flown! It's been an amazing year and I'm so pleased to say our children have excelled in all they have done. Our KS1 & KS2 SATs results were very pleasing as well as our Year 1 Phonics tests—you'll see children's results in their reports which are coming home with children today. Children have performed and been on some amazing trips this week including a variety of Green Trips to celebrate their excellent conduct in school and some lovely Joss Bay and activity trips. Children have had an author visit from Kate Scott at KS2 today and some children have been to the National Theatre to see the CLPE Poetry Awards. Please note this will be the final newsletter of this academic year as we only have one and a half days next week. I'll take this as an opportunity to wish you all a happy, sunny and safe summer holiday! Thank you to all parents and carers for your support and kindness.

### Staff

We are really sorry to announce the following staff will be leaving us next week : Miss Walsh, Miss Evans and Miss Patterson from our Year 2 team; Miss Alice from Year 1; Miss Cutteridge from Reception; Miss Honey and Miss Nicol from Nursery and Miss Noble, a Teaching assistant in Year 6. We're sure you'll join us in wishing them all our very best wishes for their future endeavours which range from going to work in Ireland, Dubai, the Independent Sector and going on to do Teacher Training. We have a number of new staff joining us in September who we are really looking forward to working with. We are also sad to be saying farewell to Linda, our kitchen assistant who is retiring after years of service. Thanks to all of you.



### End of Year Reports

Children's end of year reports have come home with them today—we hope you enjoy seeing their pleasing results and reading all about their achievements for the year. Attendance figures and letters explaining these are also included for your information.



### Sponsored Walk for Cancer Research

I'm very pleased to say that initial predictions for the amount raised for Cancer Research last Friday were rather conservative—the children raised an incredible £1,150 from their sponsorship forms! Very well done to them and thank you to all who donated to this deserving cause.



### Summer Productions

Years 5&6 and Reception children have now performed in their summer productions of 'School of Rock, Pop & Soul' and 'Jack & the Beanstalk'. They were amazing! Well done to all involved and to our staff—particularly to Miss Jess for her usual enthusiasm! We have such talented children and are so lucky to have someone to nurture these skills.



### Arethusa - Year 5

You will have by now have received personal letters with outstanding balances, these must be paid before the children go on September 18th. If you have any problem please see Mrs Willis or Mrs Brenta as soon as possible. There will be kit lists sent home the first week of term - however they do not need anything special except for a sleeping bag or duvet. Old clothes are recommended for all the activities.

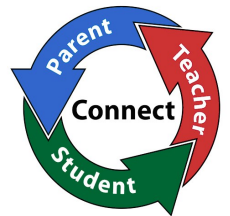


### Parent Information Evenings

In the first full week back we'll be holding parent information evenings for all year groups. This will be a great opportunity to meet children's teachers and year group leads and ask any questions you may have about the new academic year.

These will take place as follows:

- Monday 11th September—5pm Year 6 (Alexis Street)
  - Tuesday 12th September—5pm Year 1 (Old Jamaica Road) & Year 5 (Alexis Street)
  - Wednesday 13th September—5pm Year 2 (Old Jamaica Road) & Year 3 (Alexis Street)
  - Thursday 14th September—5pm Year 4 (Alexis Street)
- We're looking forward to seeing you there!



Maths Challenge—Please have a go at this week's maths challenge questions at home...

Penny Lane School collected 5300 pennies for charity.  
How much is this worth?

- A 53p    B £5.30    C £53    D £530    E £5300

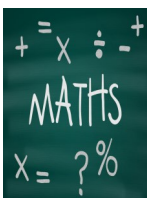




Patti has started making a patio using square slabs (see the diagram), but she wants it to be twice as long and twice as wide. How many slabs will she need altogether?

- A 6    B 8    C 10    D 16    E 32





## School Uniform

A number of children have started to wear trainers or non-uniform items. Whilst we are really understanding that you may wish to buy new shoes or clothes ready for the new school term, please be reminded that we have to ensure 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. Thank you for your support with this and thanks in advance for ensuring children have full school uniform in September ready for the new academic year. Please place your orders with: <http://www.uniformeasy.com> if you order uniform over the summer please ensure you choose **HOME DELIVERY**. Please see the attached letter for details.



## Secondary Schools

Southwark secondary schools open day list has been sent home with your Y5 child. For schools in other boroughs you will need to check the local authority websites for dates. There will be a meeting in September regarding secondary schools and Mrs Brenta will have dates available to help you with the application process.



## The Big Knit

Our knitting club has produced lots of lovely Innocent Smoothie hats for the tops of Innocent smoothie bottles, which will help raise funds for Age UK. Look out for the bottles next winter - you may see one of our hats! Every bottle sold with a hat raises 25p for Age UK.



**Class attendance for this year:** (Please see the website for a full breakdown our policy and criteria for attendance trips).

**Please be advised of our start times—08:55 at KS2 and 09:15 at KS1.**

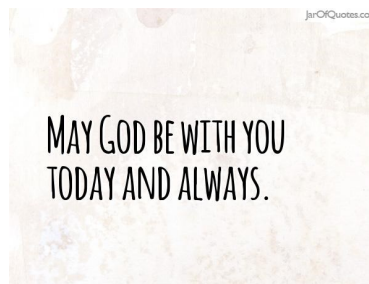
| Class:    | Attendance: | Class:          | Attendance:                          |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 6 Brazil  | 98%         | 3 Sweden        | 97%                                  |
| 6 Canada  | 97%         | 2 Austria       | 97%                                  |
| 6 Mexico  | 97%         | 2 Greece        | 97%                                  |
| 5 India   | 95%         | 2 Spain         | 97%                                  |
| 5 Japan   | 96%         | 2 Switzerland   | 97%                                  |
| 5 Russia  | 97%         | 1 France        | 96%                                  |
| 4 Ghana   | 97%         | 1 Germany       | 96%                                  |
| 4 Kenya   | 96%         | 1 Italy         | 97%                                  |
| 3 Finland | 99%         | 1 Portugal      | 95%                                  |
| 3 Norway  | 99%         | <b>WINNERS:</b> | <b>3 Finland &amp;<br/>3 Norway!</b> |



**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. Any last minute trips that may occur, we will try our best to let you know as well in advance as we can.

## Monday 17th July

- 4 Kenya to Greenwich Park.
- Year 5 Green Trips.
- Year 6 Swimming Trip.
- Year 6 End of Year party—Alexis St 4pm-5:30pm.



## Tuesday 18th July

- End of Year & Year 6 Leavers' Service—11:00 at St. James' Church.
- Break up for Summer holidays—13:15 OJR/13:30 Alexis Street.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone back to school on Wednesday 6th September at normal school times. A Church service will be at 09:30 on the first day back—all welcome.

**Don't forget to follow us on Twitter—@StJamesSchool**



**School uniform**—please be reminded of our school uniform policy ready for the new academic year.

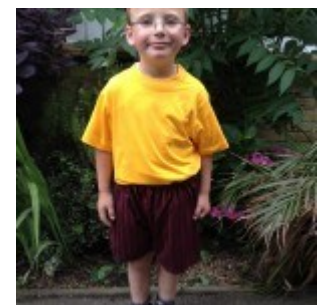
**Girls**

- Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan,
- Tie from school,
- Polo shirt or White cotton blouse,
- Grey trousers (not tracksuit trousers), grey skirt or pinafore,
- Dark coloured tights/socks,
- Black shoes (**not trainers**),
- Waterproof jacket,
- Yellow and white check summer dresses.



**Boys**

- Burgundy sweatshirt,
- Tie from school,
- White shirt or polo shirt,
- Grey trousers (not tracksuit),
- Black shoes (**not trainers**),
- Waterproof jacket.



**PE Kit**

- Burgundy shorts from school,
- Yellow T-shirt,
- Burgundy joggers,
- Black plimsolls.

Thank you to all of our parents/carers who are very supportive and ensure that their children wear uniform.

