

Dear All,

Another really busy week here at St. James' in the lead up to Advent. We've been focussing on this during our collective worship in school and are beginning to think about and reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas. We're excited at this time of year to be doing some things for charities, as requested by our JLT and JFC and outlined below. Thank you to everyone in our community for your usual support and kindness, especially at this time of the year. Many thanks in advance also for your help and support with today's Christmas Fair—it is hugely appreciated as ever.

Christmas Fair

As I write this, we're about to have the Christmas Fair which I'm sure will be a huge success and raise funds. A huge thank you to all staff and parents and carers who have helped make this a success—especially to Mrs Brenta and Christine Oettinger who have spent many hours planning and preparing for this. There are many lovely Christmas events and opportunities coming up which are detailed below.



Clubs

Please note ALL CLUBS will finish next Friday—8th December—for this term. Children will be given the opportunity as usual to sign up for new clubs in the new year and letters/application forms will come home for these. Private music classes/fencing will run until they give you notice of these. Please also note that on Wednesday 20th December we break up at 13:15 (OJR) and 13:30 (Alexis St) so there will be no after school club provision on this day. Many thanks for your co-operation.



Reception Primary Places—Apply Now!

Again, please be reminded to apply for Reception places for next September as soon as possible should this apply to you. We always advise doing this the sooner the better. Do pop in to Old Jamaica Road if you have any enquiries on this process. We've welcomed lots of prospective parents and carers over the last few weeks for our Open Mornings.



Blue Market Saturdays & Blue Market Plant Stall

In support of our local community, please note that 'Blue Market Saturdays' take place every Saturday from 10am-4pm in the Market Place, SE16 3UQ. Do pop down and support the weekly mixture of community traders and stalls. Mr Boundy, a parent at our school as well as our resident Bicycle fixing coach, also has a bike stall where he can advise and fix bicycles so please do pay him a visit too! Please also note that the Blue Market Plant Stall now have UK grown Christmas Trees and Wreaths to purchase. They are offering free local delivery on orders over £20.00. Pay them a visit or call 07478821935 for further details.



NSPCC carol singing at the Blue: Saturday 9th December 2pm-3pm

Another exciting opportunity at the Blue—Emma, Robyn's mum has invited you to join St. James' children, parents and community groups for carol singing at the Blue Market, SE16 3UQ on the above date and time. It's all in aid of the great work the NSPCC do to protect children.



Dates and Events for Christmas

Friday 8th December: 'Mad Hair Day' in aid of Royal Marsden Hospital and Cancer Charity – make your hair 'mad' in exchange for at least £1.00 for this charity.

Friday 8th December: ALL Clubs finish for the Autumn term.

Tuesday 12th December: Miss Jess's 'Christmas Cabaret' – 5:30 @ OJR (Years 1-6 children).

Thursday 14th December: Nursery Christmas open morning – 9:30 @ OJR. **NURSERY PARENTS WELCOME.**

Friday 15th December: Reception Christmas Production – 2pm @ OJR. **RECEPTION PARENTS WELCOME.**

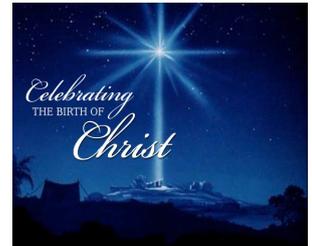
Friday 15th December: Christmas Jumper Day (as outlined below).

Monday 18th December: Years 1 & 2 Nativity – St. James' Church @ 2pm.

Tuesday 19th December: Years 3-6 'Carols by Candlelight' concert – St. James' Church @ 2pm.

Wednesday 20th December: End of term Christmas service – 9:30am @ St. James' Church – all welcome.

Wednesday 20th December: Break up for Christmas holidays – 1:15am OJR/1:30am Alexis St.



'Mad Hair Day' - Friday 8th December

Next Friday children are invited to do something 'mad' with their hair! Be as inventive, big and crazy as you wish! This is in aid of the Marsden Cancer Charity and the amazing work they do and we ask for at least a £1.00 donation for this. Children will be having a special assembly at OJR on Wednesday from staff at the Marsden outlining the amazing work they do.



Christmas Jumper Day—Friday 15th December

Our JFC and JLT have decided to have a Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 15th December to raise money for charity. This is optional and of course doesn't require anyone to buy a new Christmas Jumper—a festive colour such as green or red will do! We will be asking for donations of £1.00 for this festive non-uniform day. This should give plenty of warning as it didn't appear on the half term's 'Dates for your Diaries' letters.

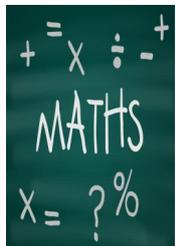


Maths Challenge—Please have a go at this week's maths challenge question at home...



My local shop will make photocopies either for 10p per photocopy if I make fewer than 50 copies or for 7p per photocopy if I make 50 copies or more. I want to make 45 copies. How much would I save by making 50 copies instead?

- A 70p B 90p C £1 D £1.20 E £1.30



Centre for Wildlife Gardening

A FREE family course is on offer from the Centre for Wildlife Gardening on Sunday 10th December, 11am-4pm, please book in advance: dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk The one day course will cover wreath making, decorations and cards with games and activities all day.



Parent Questionnaire Feedback

I hope the letter giving feedback on parents' questionnaires has found its way home and proves useful to answering some questions raised. If children's names were included people will be responded to directly. Many thanks for your valuable feedback as ever. Thanks also to those of you who have returned Mrs Brenta's questionnaire in response to parents' courses. She is now busily looking into what can be provided in the new year.



Class attendance for this week: (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 Finland	98%
6 Canada	98%	3 Norway	97%
6 Mexico	96%	3 Sweden	97%
6 Peru	97%	2 Austria	96%
5 China	98%	2 France	97%
5 India	93%	2 Greece	97%
5 Japan	<u>100%</u>	2 Spain	98%
4 Egypt	93%	1 Germany	97%
4 Ghana	98%	1 Italy	94%
4 Kenya	<u>100%</u>	WINNERS: 4 KENYA &	
3 Denmark	98%	5 JAPAN!!	



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 4th December

No trips.

Tuesday 5th December

All Year 5 to Imperial War Museum.

6 Canada visiting library.

ESOL Parents' Course—afternoon at Alexis St.



Wednesday 6th December

'Mad Science' Assembly—KS2.

Marsden Cancer Charity Assembly—KS1.

'I Can Be' Year 3 children to Pimlico Plumbers.



Thursday 7th December

4 Ghana to see 'Cinderella' at Peckham Theatre.

4 Kenya visiting library.



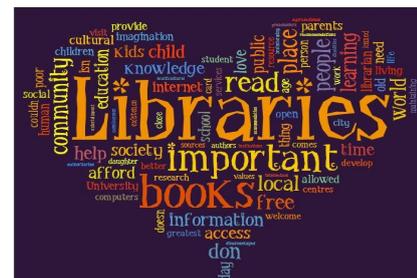
Friday 8th December

'Mad Hair Day' in exchange for a £1.00 donation to the Royal Marsden Cancer charity (details overleaf).

All Year 5 to see a matinee from Compass School students—see separate letter.

Nursery and Reception children seeing a production of 'Goldilocks & the Three Bears' at OJR.

ALL CLUBS FINISH TODAY FOR THE TERM.



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