

Dear All,

We've had another great, productive week here at St. James' and children are really immersed in their topics—thank you for your efforts in sending children in wearing full school uniform. A few children need still to be wearing plain black shoes so please do get these ready to wear over the weekend. Children have been on some super trips including the Museum of London and the Francis Crick Foundation. Children are getting ready for their clubs which start next week and many lovely opportunities are coming up—watch this space!

**Clubs**

Children will by now have their club letters. We try really hard to give all children who apply one of their choices. These will start on Monday (15th January) and run until near the end of the Spring Term (before Easter). We hope they enjoy their clubs!



**ESOL Parents' Course**

We're pleased to be running this course again! Apologies for the tutor not turning up last week, this will be every Tuesday from 13:00 at Alexis St and will start again next week (16th Jan). We're pleased to announce we will also have a crèche for child care on these course days too! Please contact Mrs Brenta for any details.



**Dates for Your Diaries**

This is a really short half term—we break up for a week on Friday 9th February—and is also a fairly quiet one regarding events. Nevertheless, trips and clubs will continue and I'll send home a 'Dates for your diaries' letter as usual next week outlining events with plenty of notice (a few dates are awaiting confirmation so this is a week later than planned). Please see overleaf for events and trips next week. Our library visits will continue and we'll inform you of these once the Blue Anchor Library have been in contact. Mr. Griffin has some sporting competitions approaching and there will be lots of production dates/parents' evening dates etc leading up to Easter and beyond.



**'Big Half' - Half Marathon, Sunday 4th March**

As a school we have a number of tickets for the 'Big Half' half marathon on Sunday 4th March. We have some places left! If you would like to reserve a space for this please do pop to the school office with £10.00 to secure your space as soon as possible. Lots of members of staff are taking part and it would be great to have some parents, carers or members of our school community join too.



**Year 1 'Build a Bear' afternoon**

Year 1 children should have brought a letter home inviting parents/carers to their 'Build a Bear' afternoon on Tuesday 16th January at OJR from 13:30 onwards. Please do join us and bring any fabric you may have to build bears with. The early years classes had such fun with their parents/carers—we're looking forward to seeing as many of you there as possible on Tuesday!



**Parent/Carer Spelling Workshops**

Please do come along to Miss Moore and Mrs Hicks' Spelling workshops which they will be running at Alexis St soon. The first will take place at Alexis St on Wednesday 24th January (09:30) and the second will be on Thursday 25th January (14:45). All parents and carers welcome for tips on how to help with learning spellings at home!



**Attendance**

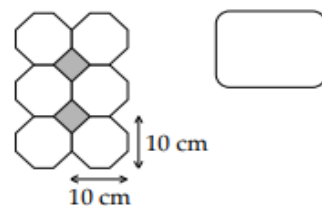
Please find a letter coming home from Mrs Brenta highlighting our attendance policy and reminding parents and carers of our start times etc as requested by a few parents. We hope this finds you well and is clear on bringing children in to school and regarding lateness etc.



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

Each of the identical octagons in the diagram is 10 cm high and 10 cm wide, and has an area of 64 cm<sup>2</sup>.  
What is the area of one of the shaded squares?

- A 4 cm<sup>2</sup>    B 9 cm<sup>2</sup>    C 16 cm<sup>2</sup>  
D 25 cm<sup>2</sup>    E 36 cm<sup>2</sup>

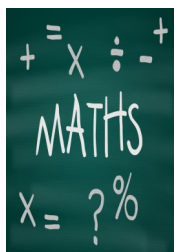




There are 18 chocolates in Sweet Tuth's box, 2 each of 9 flavours. She likes only 6 of the flavours. If she picks a chocolate at random, what is the probability of her getting one she doesn't like?

- A  $\frac{2}{9}$     B  $\frac{1}{3}$     C  $\frac{4}{9}$     D  $\frac{1}{2}$     E  $\frac{2}{3}$





**Attendance for Last Half Term**

Very well done to children in 4 Kenya, Miss Brooks’s class, for having the best attendance for last half term—99.2%! To be over 99% for a whole half term is a great achievement. Thank you to parents and carers for ensuring children are here every day. As a reward for this, they will be going on an attendance trip on Monday 15th January to the Odeon in Greenwich to see a special preview screening of the film ‘Early Man’.



**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	99%	3 Finland	94%
6 Canada	92%	3 Norway	98%
6 Mexico	98%	3 Sweden	97%
6 Peru	92%	2 Austria	99%
5 China	95%	2 France	88%
5 India	97%	2 Greece	94%
5 Japan	98%	2 Spain	93%
4 Egypt	97%	1 Germany	96%
4 Ghana	<b>100%</b>	1 Italy	88%
4 Kenya	97%	<b>WINNERS: 4 GHANA!!</b>	
3 Denmark	88%		



**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 15th January**

4 Kenya to their Attendance Trip to the Odeon, Greenwich (details above and on separate letter).  
Athletics Final at The Castle Centre (selected children, see separate letter).

**Tuesday 16th January**

Year 1 Build a Bear workshop at OJR—parents to join from 1:30pm (see separate letter).  
ESOL Parents’ Course at Alexis St—Alexis St from 1pm.  
Literacy Lab Parents’ Coffee afternoon—Alexis St at 2:45pm (invitation only).



**Wednesday 17th January**

No trips.

**Thursday 18th January**

All year 4 children to the Old Vic Theatre for a workshop (change of date).



**Friday 19th January**

No trips.



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