



We've come to the end of another very busy and highly productive half term! Children have learnt lots of wonderful things and been on many wonderful trips as usual. Green trips have been great fun for all involved this week—many thanks to all parents and carers for encouraging children to make the right choices. We're pleased to say that more children than ever have been on Green Trips this week. This is due to you and your support, our amazing teaching staff, and of course the children themselves who are really eager to make the right choices. Let's all work together to ensure we have fewer children missing Green Trips next half term! As it's the holidays, it would be a great opportunity to get hold of uniform items you may be missing, along with plain black shoes for the new term. Please see our website for the uniform policy. From all of us at St. James', we wish you all a really happy, healthy and safe Easter holiday. Don't forget to keep reading at home and do the creative homework projects which are set by children's class teachers on the website!

## Easter Service

We had a lovely Maundy Thursday Easter service today—the children sang and read beautifully! Many thanks to Miss Jess and Mrs Gordon for rehearsing the songs with the children and also to the Junior Faith Committee for helping me put together the order of the service! Our 'Welcome Back' service will be at 09:30 on Monday 16th April (first day back). All are welcome to this too.



## Parents' Evenings

It was super to see so many parents and carers at our recent Parents' Evenings—many thanks for filling in our questionnaire and giving valuable feedback. A response to these and any issues raised will be sent home after half term.



## Attendance

A HUGE 'Well done' to 5 Japan who have won the attendance award this half term with an amazingly consistent 99%, just beating 4 Kenya who are on 98.4%. They will be having a special attendance award/treat next half term.



## TA Course

Please note there is no crèche facility for this course and we would kindly ask you do not bring in small children or babies. If you cannot get child care please let Mrs Brenta know and we will add you to a list for the next course. If you have left your name with Mrs Brenta please come to Alexis Street at 9.30am on Thursday 19th April for the assessment. As the course has proved so popular it may be the case that we run two courses.



## Year 6 SATs Week

As per the 'dates for your diaries' letter (please see overleaf), year 6 will take their SATs tests from Monday 14th May-Thursday 17th May. They're doing so well and we're so proud of all of them. Please note there must be no absences for year 6 this week. Many thanks. Information and times for parents' meetings are printed overleaf for after Easter.



## Years 3&4 Production

The next production will be a chance for children in Years 3&4 to shine! This will be a production of 'The Lion King' and will be performed in the Old Jamaica Road hall at 2pm & 6pm on Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th May.



## Gardening Parents' Course

Please do join us for a weekly after school course for you and your children after school from Tuesday 24th April finishing on 12th June (excluding half term). This will be held at Alexis St (KS2) from 15:30-17:00 every Tuesday. Please contact Diana Wallace on [dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk](mailto:dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk) or call 07740717930 for further details on how to get involved.



## Sport Relief

We're thrilled to announce that, as a whole school, we raised over £1500.00 for Sport Relief last Friday! A huge thank you and well done to everyone for Sponsorship money and kind donations.



## Southwark Council Cycle Training during the Easter Holidays

Southwark council are offering free cycle training for children over the holidays. For more information please refer to the website. Places are limited so for more info or to book, visit [www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/southwark](http://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/southwark) or call 020 303 16730.



## Lots of free activities over Easter, please see free copy of Primary Times for lots more activities to keep you busy over the break. A few activities we recommend (ALL FREE!):

**Easter Egg Hunt—The Blue Market** on Saturday 31st March 11am-4pm.

**Good Friday at Trafalgar Square**—A live re-enactment of Jesus's final days in central London. Performances at 12noon and 3.15pm. [www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/event/41421239-passion-of-jesus-at-traffic-square](http://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/event/41421239-passion-of-jesus-at-traffic-square)

**Thurs 5 April-Fri 6 April**—A two day course 'Beautiful Birds and Extraordinary Eggs' at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening SE15 4EE, call to book 020 3897 6151, learn how to identify birds, build nests and decorate a book.

**Fri 6 April**—Horniman Museum—'Hands on' explore and get to touch such things as African masks and sharks jaws!

**Sat 7 April**—Trafalgar Square Games Festival - a one day only games festival with workshops, reality games and hands-on games.

**Mon 9 April**—Minibeast Magic at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening, book on 020 3897 6151.



# Dates for your Diaries

Please see below for updated production, parents' evening/meeting/term dates etc in advance:



## April

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April:** Back to school for Summer Term 1 – normal times OJR 09:15/Alexis St 08:55.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April:** 1<sup>st</sup> Year 5 Parent/carer meeting re Secondary Schools – Alexis St 16:45.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April:** Year 2 Parent/carer 'Pamper' SATs morning – 09:15 at OJR.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April:** Year 6 Parent/carer meeting regarding SATs – 16:45 at Alexis St.

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 5 Parent/carer meeting re Secondary Schools – Alexis St 14:45.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April:** Year 2 SATs parent/carer meeting – 17:00 at OJR.

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April:** Fire Brigade visit – Year 2.



## May

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May:** Fire Brigade visit – Year 5.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May:** **May Day Bank Holiday – school closed on Monday.**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May:** Year 1 Parent/carer meeting regarding Phonics screening test 16:45 at OJR.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May:** Year 6 SATs Week.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May:** Year 3 & 4 Production – OJR, 14:00 & 18:00 both days.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May:** Break up for Summer Half Term – normal times OJR 15:15/Alexis St 15:30.



## June

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June:** Back to school for Summer Term 2 – normal times OJR 09:15/Alexis St 08:55.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June:** Cycle confident for Year 6 all week and 'Healthy Schools' week.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June:** 1<sup>st</sup> Year 2 Parent/carer transition meeting at Alexis St – 10:00.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June:** New Nursery Parent/carer (2018-2019) Open Morning 09:30 – OJR.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June:** New Nursery Parent/carer (2018-2019) Open Morning 09:30 – OJR.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June:** Nursery trip to Joss Bay.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 6 to Southwark Cathedral for Leavers' Service.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 2 Parent/carer transition meeting at Alexis St – 14:00.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June:** Reception trip to Joss Bay.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June:** KS1 Parents' Evening – after school at OJR.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June:** KS2 Parents' Evening – after school at Alexis St.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June:** Sports Day for both Key Stages (location TBC).

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 1 trip to Joss Bay.



## July

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 2 trip to Joss Bay.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 5 & 6 Production – OJR, 14:00 & 18:00 both days.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 6 trip to Joss Bay.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July:** Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Performance of 'Peter Pan' in school during afternoon.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July:** All children meet their new teacher during afternoon for next academic year. New Reception children (2018-2019) invited to OJR between 13:00-15:00.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July:** Break up for Summer holidays – HALF DAY OJR 13:15/Alexis St 13:30.

**ALL TRIPS WILL APPEAR AS USUAL ON YOUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS – PLEASE DO LOOK OUT FOR THESE WHICH WILL COME HOME EVERY FRIDAY.**



*All best wishes for a lovely  
Easter Holiday!*

