



Dear All,

We've come to the end of another busy and exciting week here at St. James'. Children have started and have been fully immersed in their new topics and books. Year 6 children have been on their residential trip to Arethusa, an activity camp near Rochester, and have had a super time! We hope you've enjoyed all the photos and videos which have been dutifully added to our school Twitter feed by the Year 6 staff. Many thanks to the staff for joining the children on their trip – it really shows great commitment to go away for 5 days with the children – they've had a wonderful time getting to know their new Year 6 classes too. Mrs Brenta went to Borough Market on Tuesday with her new 'Young Marketeers' who are busy planning on growing and preparing produce to sell in the future. We're really enjoying our Collective Worship theme of the Parables Jesus Told and will continue to do so next week – the children have joined in and contributed superbly to assemblies at both sites. If you're looking for something to do with the family this weekend, do pop to Galleywall Nature Reserve as they will be holding an open day on Sunday 23rd September from 2pm - 4pm. This is on the corner of Lynton Rd. & Galleywall Rd. - SE16 3PB. Buses 1 & 381 stop there. Come and have a cup of tea in the garden, find a frog or maybe roast a marshmallow over the campfire!

School Uniform

We are pleased to offer school uniform from stock at both sites and can sell from our stock. As you'll have noticed, the office areas at both sites do get particularly busy at the beginning and end of the school day. Because of this we do ask you to be patient and wait until someone has time to see to your request, or alternatively, we'd advise you come to the office at either site between 2pm – 3pm where it is generally a quiet time. This would help relieve some congestion when lots of people want to purchase uniform at the same time. Our blazers, priced at £18.00, are proving very popular and lots of children already have these or have ordered them and look very smart. A few children are wearing black trainers with coloured or white soles or details. Please do note that our policy is to wear **plain black footwear**. Plimsolls are fine, and can now be purchased from school, as long as these are also plain black.

Clubs

Children will by now have a letter allocating their choice of club. Please note all clubs will start on **Monday 24th September** and will run for the whole term, until **Thursday 6th December**. Our children are so lucky to have so many exciting opportunities being offered by our staff! Fit for Sport continues to run Breakfast and After School Clubs at Alexis St as well as Pat O'Connor's Breakfast and After School clubs at Old Jamaica Road. We always endeavour for children to have at least one of their choices of club. It may not always be possible to have a first choice due to popular demand. Homework club runs on a Friday at OJR (to 4pm) and Alexis St (to 4:15pm) and anyone can attend this without applying. We are also thrilled to be carrying on with our keyboard lessons (Soundsteps – see details below), Violin lessons (see flier attached for details) and Ukulele lessons.

Attendance/Legoland Attendance Trips

We have had a great start to the year, thank you. Whole school attendance is 98% - keep it up!

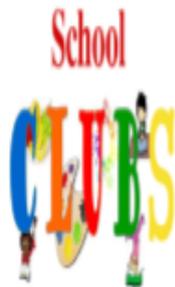
Qualifying children from: 2 Spain, 2 France, 3 Denmark, 3 Sweden, 3 Finland, 3 Norway, 4 Ghana, 4 Egypt and some of Belgium will be receiving their letters for Legoland (on 28th September) today. **Qualifying** children from Years 5, 6 and the remainder of Year 4 and Belgium class will be going on 12th October. If you have a query please see the letter on the website outlining the criteria. The main qualification is that your child's attendance for last academic year had to be 98% or above to qualify. Any questions, please see Mrs Brenta.

Royal Marsden Cancer Charity Fundraising Events

One of the charities we're delighted to support as a school is the Royal Marsden cancer charity. We will be holding a 'Mini Marsden March' during the afternoon of Thursday 27th September which will be a sponsored walk around Southwark Park for children in Years 1-6. Sponsorship forms will by now have arrived home. Please do return them with any money on Tuesday 25th September. We can of course wait for money after the event if it hasn't all been collected. We will also be repeating our 'Mad Hair Day' event in December and holding special assemblies!

'Soundsteps' Music School

Children in Years 1-6 were treated to special keyboard assemblies this week to promote keyboard lessons from the company 'Soundsteps' held at Alexis St, after school, each Tuesday. Parents are invited to a demonstration held at Alexis St – 2nd Floor Hall on Tuesday 25th September at 15:45. Do pop along if you are interested in your child learning how to play the keyboard. I hope that leaflets inviting you to this found their way home this week.



Secondary School Open Days

Parents and carers of Year 6 children – it was so nice to see so many of you last week at our information evening. We hope the list of Southwark open days made its way home. You can always look for this and find dates of open days on Southwark Council's website or on individual schools' websites. Please do remember to look at different borough's websites should you wish to apply for a school place outside of Southwark.



Family Learning Courses

We can offer the following courses here at St James' School for families:

Helping your child with Homework; Helping your child with English; Helping your child with Maths; Family learning ESOL; Sewing and Craft & Helping your child with computers (ICT). Please do let Mrs Brenta know if any of the above are of interest.



Bicycle Requests

Mr. Boundy (our local 'Bicycle Ninja!') has started his 'Build-a-bike' workshops at KS2 again and children are really enjoying their groups. He asks if anyone has any old/spare/broken bicycles which people would like to donate for children to fix up. If you could donate an old/unused bike for our groups we'd be really grateful and they'd be lovingly restored and used by children in our bike groups.



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 Canada	94 %	3 Denmark	95 %
6 Mexico	100 %	3 Finland	95 %
6 Peru	100 %	3 Norway	99 %
5 China	100 %	3 Sweden	96 %
5 India	99 %	2 France	99 %
5 Japan	100 %	2 Spain	94 %
4 Egypt	100 %	1 Germany	99 %
4 Ghana	100 %	1 Italy	100 %
4 Kenya	96 %	Weekly Attendance Winners:	
4 Tanzania	100 %	6M, 6P, 5C, 5J, 4E, 4G, 4T, & 1I!	



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 24th September

All clubs to start for the Autumn Term.

Schools' Week in Church (KS2) – various timetabled visits and workshops to St. James' Church.



Tuesday 25th September

6 Peru visiting library.

4 Ghana & 4 Tanzania swimming sessions.



Wednesday 26th September

Belgium Breakfast Parents' Morning – 9am at Alexis St (by invitation).

Thursday 27th September

Reception England visiting library.

Mini Marsden March in Southwark Park during afternoon.



Friday 28th September

Year 2, 3 and some Year 4 & Belgium Legoland trip for attendance.

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter—@St_JamesSchool

