



Dear All,

Another really busy and very productive week here at St. James'! Most classes have by now come to the end of their topics and books for this half term and are in the process of choosing from selections on offer so teachers can plan even more amazing learning opportunities for Autumn term 2! Next week children will be studying their Religious Education topics for the half term and also learning about Black History Month. Some exciting workshops and activities have been booked for children to participate in to celebrate this. We are also really looking forward to our 'World Food Day' event after school next Thursday (details below) where families like to bring in cuisines from their own cultures to sample. Please do pop along to this and/or bring some food for our school community to try. Our Harvest service in church on Monday was super – many thanks to Gary and Penny for really making us think about what we're thankful for and also to those of you for sending in such kind donations for the Manna Centre and the work they do to help the homeless. Children composed and read some wonderful thanksgiving Harvest prayers. Next week our theme for Collective Worship will be looking at the Miracles of Jesus including the stories of Bartimaeus, Feeding of the 5,000 and the Raising of Lazarus.

World Food Event – Thursday 18th October, 15:30 at Alexis St

Our annual World Food Event will take place next Thursday, straight after school at Alexis St. This is always a great event where families bring in different dishes from their cultures for our children, parents and carers to try. Please do pop along to this and bring some food to sample. Last year we had a super turn out with dishes to sample from 4 continents! Looking forward to seeing you there.



Years 3 & 4 'Book Tasting' Event – Friday 19th October at Alexis St

Next Friday afternoon, Years 3 & 4 will be participating in a Book Tasting Event. A variety of books will be served 'hot and cold' from our set menu. Parents are warmly invited to join in! Small prizes will be awarded for any children who can finish a book (appropriate to their reading ability) and write a review over half term. Book review forms will be sent home with the children on Friday 19th October. Please note the following times and see the separate letter coming home for further details. 3 Norway & 3 Denmark: 13:10 – 13:40; 3 Finland & 4 Tanzania: 13:45 – 14:15; 4 Egypt & 4 Ghana: 14:20 - 14:50; 4 Kenya: 14:55 - 15:25. Let's get reading over half term!



Green Trips – Next Week

Apart from one early Green Trip (1 Germany this week), most children will be going on their Green Trips as a reward and incentive for excellent behaviour in school next week – days overleaf. Letters will come home for these. If your child is not attending, this is because they have been on 'red' in the past two weeks. Please do encourage them to make the right choices next half term and attend Autumn 2 Green Trips – it'd be great if we had everyone attend! Many thanks for your continued support in ensuring children make the right choices in school.



NEW Reception Children's Open Mornings (for September 2019)

We're holding a series of Open Mornings for parents of those children due to start Reception next academic year – September 2019. These will all be held at our KS1 (Old Jamaica Road) site. Please do pop along for a look around at 10:00 on the following mornings: Tuesday 16th October at 10:00, Wednesday 7th November at 10:00, Wednesday 21st November at 10:00, Tuesday 27th November 1t 10:00 and Thursday 6th December at 10:00. We're looking forward to welcoming any prospective parents to these mornings!



Sir Simon Hughes' Inauguration as Chancellor, London South Bank University - 1st November 2018

As you are now aware, Sir Simon has now retired from his role with us as Chair of Governors – he will be missed! Our Head Girls and Boys have been invited to his inauguration for his new role on the above date. Parents and carers will be notified about this nearer the time.



Bicycle Requests

Mr. Boundy (our local 'Bicycle Ninja') is continuing with his 'Build-a-bike' workshops at KS2 and children are still 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. Information of Bicycle courses and opportunities over Half Term can be found on Southwark Council's website:

<https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/southwark/>



Half Term events in the local area for our families

There are lots of ideas locally for Half Term events should you be looking for them! Two in particular seem lovely - 'Leaves, Seeds and Prints' on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd October, 11am till 4pm at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening, 28 Marsden Road, SE15 4EE. Places are limited so booking essential. Contact Diana dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk or phone 0203 897 6151 for more information or visit www.wildlondon.org.uk/whats-on . Preference given to Southwark residents but others are welcome if there are spare places. It is a requirement that the same adult attends both days. There is also a 'Wonderful Woodlands' day on Sunday 4th November at Sydenham Hill Wood. Time: 11am – 4pm. Booking details for this are as above.



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	100 %	3 Denmark	95 %
6 Mexico	100 %	3 Finland	91 %
6 Peru	98 %	3 Norway	98 %
5 China	97 %	3 Sweden	97 %
5 India	99 %	2 France	96 %
5 Japan	100 %	2 Spain	98 %
4 Egypt	100 %	1 Germany	98 %
4 Ghana	99 %	1 Italy	96 %
4 Kenya	97 %	Weekly Attendance Winners:	
4 Tanzania	98 %	6 Canada, 6 Mexico, 5 Japan & 4	
Belgium class	97 %	Egypt!	



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 October

Year 1 Italy & Year 5 Green Trips today.

Tuesday 16th October

3 Sweden visiting library.

Year Reception and Year 4 Green Trips today.

Wednesday 17th October

Re-scheduled London Fire Brigade visiting Year 2 at OJR and Year 5 at Alexis St. for a 'Fire Safety' talk.

Year 3 Green Trips today.

Year 4 'Night of the Seawigs' party after school at Alexis St (see invitation).

Thursday 18th October

1 Italy visiting library.

Year 2 Green Trips today.

3 Norway – Road Safety training during afternoon.

'World Food Day' event – celebrations and food tasting at Alexis St after school.

09:00 – Reception 'tea & Toast' session with Mrs Brenta – 09:30 at OJR.

Friday 19th October

Year 6 Green Trips today.

Years 3&4 'Book tasting' sessions at Alexis St.

Break up for Autumn Half Term – normal times at both sites.

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