

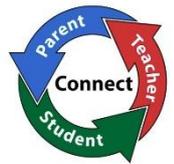


Dear All,

What a busy week it's been! It was lovely to come back to school after Half Term and hear all about what the children had been doing with their week off. Topics have started with gusto and children have started their new books for Autumn 2. All Year Group pages on our website have been updated giving information of learning this half term – please do take a look at these. Information of PE days and important dates can also be found on Year Group pages. Lots of children came back to school with amazing homework projects – many thanks for your engagement with your child's home learning over Half Term! Our theme for Collective Worship this week was 'Kindness', linking in with our Character Trait of 'Social Intelligence' and this was promoted using readings from the Bible where Jesus healed the sick and we've also discussed forgiveness and 'Loving our Enemies'. Next week our theme will be 'Remembrance' and a special church service will be held to mark Armistice Day. This will be held on Friday 9th November at 09:30 in St. James' Church – all are welcome to this service. Hopefully the 'Dates for your Diaries' letter came home to you last week giving information on all important dates for this half term. This can also be found on the school website and app for your information.

Parents' Evenings

As our dates letter stated, our next Parents' Evenings will be held on Tuesday 13th November (Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2) at Old Jamaica Road and Wednesday 14th November (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) at Alexis St. Sign-up sheets will be available from Monday (5th November) outside classrooms at OJR and by the door to the playground at Alexis St as usual. For Nursery and Reception parents/carers there is no need to sign up for this – just pop in to your child's learning environment between 16:00 and 17:00 to see some of the learning that has taken place and teachers will be available to have an informal chat. This is due to the Parents' Evenings that have already taken place for Nursery and Reception children. Looking forward to seeing you at these! If you have a child with an EHCP you will be invited to separate meetings during the day of Tuesday 13th November.



Courses for Parents/Carers

We're pleased to be able to offer so many parent courses, run in-house or with Southwark Council. Here are details of a few happening in the near future:

ESOL - We are very pleased to be offering another ESOL (English as a Second or Other Language) course. A five week ESOL with arts and craft/cooking with Patricia (Tutor) will run on Tuesdays 13:00 – 15:00 at Old Jamaica Road (KS1) starting Tuesday 13th November. Please call Mrs Brenta for further details or to register your interest. All welcome!

Tea and Toast (Reception) - It was lovely to see a couple of parents this morning for tea and toast with Mrs Brenta. The next session for parents of Reception children is the Build a Bear afternoon on Friday 16th November, at OJR from 13:00.

Fathers' Group - Mrs Brenta is hoping to run a Father's Group in the near future with Southwark Council, if you are a Dad or other male carer and would like to know more please pop in and see her, hopefully we will have lots of interest!

Adult Learning (Southwark Council) - There are booklets available at both sites outlining courses offered by Southwark Council. If any course seems of interest please contact them at Thomas Carlton Centre on 020 7358 2100. Sometimes we can offer the same courses here in school if there is enough interest; let Mrs Brenta know if any of them appeal to you.

Secondary School Application

If you did not complete your application before closing date of 31st October, please can you let Mrs Brenta know and she will help with the next steps.

Alive 'n' Kicking

In partnership with Southwark Council if you are worried about your child's weight, there is a programme to help you run by Southwark and the NHS. Contact 0333 005 0159 for further information, or talk to Mrs Brenta for further details.



Alexis Street

Please be aware the council have reinstated the yellow zig zags at Alexis St (KS2), please respect the lines, they are there for your children's safety. Our Junior Travel Ambassador's worked very hard last year to have the safety lines painted, please do respect the lines and find another place to park. We would always encourage everyone to walk or bike to school if at all possible.



Head Lice

Unfortunately, there have been a couple of Head Lice outbreaks recently so do be vigilant about this. This is of course common in any primary school so we all have to work together and be understanding about it. Medica Chemists, Southwark Park Road, offer free treatment with 'Pharmacy First'. Other chemists have stopped offering this service but we have spoken to Medica Chemist and they are still offering a free service so do contact them if you are in need of any treatment.



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

Open Mornings continue 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: 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.



Christmas Fair

As mentioned before Half Term, we will be looking for good quality toys, games and books. Please do let Mrs Brenta know if you have anything and drop into school if you do. We can arrange to collect from you ready for the fair. We will be having non-uniform days in November for nice toiletries (bubble bath, shower gel, perfumes etc.) and bottles for the tombola. The fair is on Friday 7th December at OJR. Mrs Brenta will have some baking /preparation days which are always great fun!



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	99 %	3 Denmark	95 %
6 Mexico	97 %	3 Finland	98 %
6 Peru	93 %	3 Norway	98 %
5 China	99 %	3 Sweden	98 %
5 India	96 %	2 France	98 %
5 Japan	96 %	2 Spain	95 %
4 Egypt	100 %	1 Germany	97 %
4 Ghana	94 %	1 Italy	98 %
4 Kenya	95 %	Weekly Attendance Winners:	
4 Tanzania	99 %	4 Egypt – well done!	
Belgium class	98 %		



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 5th November

Year 5 visiting 'Story World Discovery Centre' in Stratford.



Tuesday 6th November

Reception Ireland visiting library.

4 Egypt and 4 Kenya Swimming.

Year 5 & 6 Book Fair event in the Ground Floor Hub – 13:30 – 15:00.

Wednesday 7th November

Year 5 'Move and Learn' programme with Millwall in school.

Thursday 8th November

3 Finland visiting library.

3 Sweden to the Everyman Cinema to see 'Mary & the Witch's Flower'.

Dental inspection – Reception and Year 1 children.



Friday 9th November

Armistice Service in St. James' Church at 09:30. All welcome.

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