

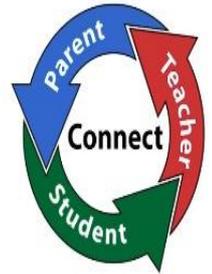


Dear All,

We've had another very busy week at St. James! Children are continuing to produce some amazing work around their topics and class books and they are enjoying the range of clubs, trips and extra-curricular opportunities we offer. We had a church service this morning to mark Armistice Day and children have been joining for Collective Worship all week focusing on the theme of 'Remembrance'. Next week we'll be focusing on 'Heroes of the Faith' where we'll be learning about Joshua, Noah and Moses from the Old Testament and thinking about how their lives can inspire us in our daily lives. Next week we'll also be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week workshops across both sites and Key Stages to promote Social Intelligence, Self-Control and kindness/empathy for others. We're sure these workshops will be really worthwhile for everyone and encourage everyone to think of others' thoughts and feelings. Next week is a busy one on the calendar, do keep up to date with all the events that are happening!

Parents' Evenings

As our dates letter stated, our next Parents' Evenings will be held next week 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 have been available since Monday 1. 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 or another convenient time.



Sir Simon Hughes's Retirement

To mark Sir Simon Hughes's retirement after 24 years as our Chair of Governors, we are welcoming people to Old Jamaica Road at 17:00 on Tuesday 13th November. Parents and carers are welcome to pop in to the main hall at OJR (Parents' Evenings will take place in classrooms this time to accommodate this). Looking forward to seeing you there.



ESOL Parents' Course

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 next week - Tuesday 13th November. Please call Mrs Brenta for further details or to register your interest. We're also pleased to announce we'll run a crèche to accommodate younger children while this runs too. All welcome!



Children in Need Non-uniform day & Talent Show – Friday 16th November

Next week we will raise money for 'Children in Need'. On Friday we'll have a **non-uniform day** in exchange for at least £1.00 (suggested donation). Children will have special assemblies during this day and from Years 1-6 will watch and take part in a talent show during the afternoon – this is always a lovely opportunity for everyone to show some skills from outside of school! We will encourage children to rehearse during break times and lunchtimes in the playground next week and the finalists will audition and perform on Friday afternoon for each other. We're really looking forward to this and hope to raise a lot of money for such a deserving cause. Your support is always hugely appreciated.



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 21st November at 10:00, Tuesday 27th November 10:00 and Thursday 6th December at 10:00.



Christmas Fair

We are still 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 – thank you for those received so far. We will be having non-uniform days on Friday 23rd November and Friday 30th November in exchange 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!



Help Needed for the Christmas Fair!

If you can help at all, please come along for a coffee and chat on Friday 23rd November at 09:15 at OJR with Mrs Brenta.

Christmas Card Competition

Once again we are delighted to have two brand new bikes for our Christmas Raffle, thanks to Macai Construction on Jamaica Road. It is very generous of them; they have donated the prizes for the last few years. There will be one girls' bike and one boys' bike as first prizes in our raffle at the Christmas Fair. All they ask of us is to design their electronic Christmas card. There are templates being sent home tonight, please get your child to design, decorate and return to either site for Mrs Brenta to collect. They will be judged by Macai and the winners will receive books and games, one from KS1 and one from KS2. Get creating!



Mandarin Club – Spring Term 2019

We are liaising with a company who can provide a Mandarin language club for children, as requested by some parents and carers in the recent past. All we would like at the moment is for you to tell us whether or not you would like this club and, if so, could contribute a small cost towards it (less than £5.00 per week). This would be for 45 mins once a week. If we have plenty of interest, we will go ahead and book some more language clubs if this is successful.



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	97 %	3 Denmark	90 %
6 Mexico	99 %	3 Finland	97 %
6 Peru	95 %	3 Norway	99 %
5 China	98 %	3 Sweden	100 %
5 India	100 %	2 France	93 %
5 Japan	98 %	2 Spain	96 %
4 Egypt	97 %	1 Germany	96 %
4 Ghana	92 %	1 Italy	95 %
4 Kenya	99 %	Weekly Attendance Winners:	
4 Tanzania	96 %	5 India and 3 Sweden – well	
Belgium class	97 %	done!	



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 12th November

Year 1 visiting London Zoo.

Tuesday 13th November – KS1 Parents' Evening (details overleaf)

4 Egypt and 4 Kenya Swimming.

Sir Simon Hughes's retirement at OJR from 17:00.

Wednesday 14th November – KS2 Parents' Evening (details overleaf)

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

Year 6 to Westminster Abbey.

Thursday 15th November

5 China visiting library.

3 Finland & 3 Norway to Surrey Docks Farm.

Year 5 & 6 Football Team at a competition.

Friday 16th November

Children in Need day – non-uniform day and talent show!

Reception 'Build a Bear' afternoon with parents and carers at OJR.

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**One Day Creative' Anti-Bullying
Week workshops all week for children
across both sites and key stages.**

