



Dear All,

What a busy week it's been! Thank you for attending our first parents' evenings of the year – it was lovely to see so many of you and hopefully it was useful to know all about your children's learning and progress. We were sad to say farewell to Sir Simon Hughes on Tuesday at his retirement party from our Governing Body, but we had a lovely evening where thanks were given and presentations made. Two of our Head Boys and Girls – Arabella and Levi – presented gifts and helped host this event beautifully. Our other Head Boys and Girls – Hannah and Nathaniel – attended Sir Simon's inauguration as chancellor at LSBU and represented the school wonderfully. Thank you for all your kind donations today for Children in Need, the children had a great talent show this afternoon to mark this. Our Reception children had their 'Build a Bear' workshops this afternoon which were great fun! Thanks to those parents and carers who attended this event. Our Collective Worship theme this week has been 'Heroes of the Faith' and children have been really engaged with this. Children have also all taken part in workshops to promote kindness and social intelligence with our Anti-Bullying Week workshops which have been both enjoyable and thought-provoking. Please see the Twitter feed for details of these. Next week we will continue to look at more 'Heroes of the Faith' in the form of David, Peter and Simeon. Another busy week next week – please do refer to the dates and events below to ensure we all know what's happening.

Individual Photos – Tuesday 20th November

As per the dates letter and in children's learning diaries, all children will have their individual photos taken next Tuesday – 20th November – at both sites. If you would like family photos or siblings to have photos taken together, please bring children in early – from 08:00 – to either site where you will be let in to have photos taken. It is your responsibility to do this as we can't have children swapping sites during the school day – it takes time away from their learning. Many thanks.



Children in Need Non-uniform day & Talent Show

Years 1-6 took part in a talent show this afternoon – this is always a lovely opportunity for everyone to show some skills from outside of school! Class teachers and Miss Jess decided the finalists who performed well for the whole school. Thank you again for your kind donations for non-uniform day – we'll let you know how much money we raise in due course. 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

As promised, a message from Christine, our parent governor, about the Christmas Fair:

From Monday 19th November - Please continue to bring in NEW or NEARLY NEW unwanted toys, books & games together with clean, good quality clothing. Please also let us know if you work for an organisation that would like to donate a prize for our school raffle. Mrs Brenta has a request letter from our school that you can take into work. Ask at the reception desk. Many thanks!!

Friday 23rd November - OWN CLOTHES day! In exchange for: BOTTLES (juice, fizzy drinks, wine & spirits), TOILETRIES (nice bubble bath, shower gel, soap, shampoo, creams & lotions). ALSO we will be holding a Coffee Morning today at 09:15 at OJR (KS1) for Christmas Fair helpers - please join us!

Friday 30th November - OWN CLOTHES day! In exchange for: BOTTLES (juice, fizzy drinks, wine & spirits), TOILETRIES (nice bubble bath, shower gel, soap, shampoo, creams & lotions).

Monday 3rd December – Parents' Help Day - 09:30 – 15:30 at Alexis St. (Lunch Provided !!)

Tuesday 4th December – Parents' Help Day - 12:30 – 16:15 at Alexis St.

Wednesday 5th December – Parents' Help Day - 09:30 – 15:30 at Alexis St. (Lunch Provided !!)

Thursday 6th December - BAKING DAY from 09:30 at Alexis St. Please join us for a hot drink & mince pies get ready to do some baking. NB: If you are baking at home, please deliver (either location) any homemade cakes, cookies, brownies, savoury baked goods or breads no later than Friday morning (7th December). Thank You!!

Friday 7th December - Set up help - from 12:00 at OJR. 3:15pm – the Christmas Fair will then start at 15:30!!!

If you can help or have any questions about the School Christmas Fair, please come to our coffee morning on Friday 23rd November. You can also ask Mrs Brenta or contact Christine (School Parent Governor) on her mobile: 07767 477 958.



Galleywall Nature Reserve

Galleywall Nature Reserve (corner of Lynton Rd. & Galleywall Rd, SE16 3PB) will be hosting their last OPEN DAY of the season this Sunday, 18 Nov. from 2pm -4pm. Join them at the reserve for a hot drink and to roast a marshmallow around the campfire!



Rotherhithe Festival

Year 5 China have made the most fantastic lanterns ready for the Rotherhithe Festival. They worked with London Bubble Theatre and Yalding Day Centre on Wednesday making the frame from bamboo canes. On Thursday an artist came in to help them cover the frame and finish their lanterns. They look amazing and will be carried at the Lantern Procession next Thursday. The Lantern Procession is a celebration of our community's history. It takes place from 22-26th November 2018 and includes free events - talks, films, music and dance. On Thursday 22nd November, a free community lantern procession will take place in Rotherhithe and Bermondsey, to mark the beginning of 'Illuminate Rotherhithe'. The procession will leave from Mayflower Park (by Bacons College) at around 5pm and arrive at Kings Stairs Gardens around 6.30pm. If you and your family would like to join the procession, please join them at any point on the route. See <http://illuminaterotherhithe.co.uk> for further details.



'Movember'

You may have noticed that Mr. Burton, Mr. Eniola and Mr. Taylor have been growing some rather fetching facial hair. It's in aid of 'Movember', to raise funds for Men's Health charities that work in the fight against prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health, amongst others. Any and all donations are gratefully received:

www.bit.ly/moningsir



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	97 %
6 Mexico	100 %	3 Finland	97 %
6 Peru	98 %	3 Norway	95 %
5 China	99 %	3 Sweden	98 %
5 India	97 %	2 France	96 %
5 Japan	99 %	2 Spain	96 %
4 Egypt	100 %	1 Germany	91 %
4 Ghana	98 %	1 Italy	94 %
4 Kenya	99 %	Weekly Attendance Winners:	
4 Tanzania	97 %	6 Canada, 6 Mexico and 4 Egypt	
Belgium class	95 %	– well 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 19th November

No trips.

Tuesday 20th November

Individual photos taken at both sites.

4 Egypt and 4 Kenya Swimming.

4 Tanzania visiting library.

Wednesday 21st November

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

3 Finland & 3 Norway cinema trips.

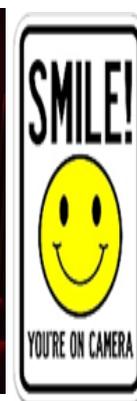
Thursday 22nd November

4 Kenya visiting library.

3 Denmark & 3 Sweden to Surrey Docks Farm.

Friday 23rd November

Non-uniform day for Christmas Fair items (see overleaf).



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