



Dear All,

Another very busy and highly productive week here at St. James'! As usual, some amazing learning has been taking place around our topics and class books; please keep checking our Twitter feed for this. Children have been on their usual swimming and library visits and Year 1 have been on an attendance trip to the cinema! Year 3 children have also been on cinema trips and to Surrey Docks Farm as part of their learning around their class novel 'Charlotte's Web'. Year 5 children continue to enjoy their PE lessons with Millwall as part of their outreach and community commitment. This is always such a busy time of year with lots of events happening therefore I've added an extra reminder of important dates coming up below. Our Collective Worship theme this week has been 'Heroes of the Faith' in the form of David, Peter and Simeon. Next week we'll start learning about Advent with readings from Isaiah and the gospel according to Luke. Many thanks to all parents and carers for your commitment to school uniforms – children are looking really smart and the vast majority have plain black footwear. Please do remember to name all uniform and personal clothing items as they'll always return to you if they are named.

### Individual Photos

All children had their individual photos taken at both sites on Tuesday. The company (Van Cols) will deliver samples in due course which will come home for you to order. They will be able to deliver to you directly or via the school. Generally, these photos always arrive in time for the Christmas holidays so we're not expecting any delay on this.



### 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: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 10:00 and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 10:00. Please feel free to contact Mrs Brenta for any assistance with your applications.



### Christmas Fair

Thank you so much for donations of items for the fair today in exchange for non-uniform! 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!! A reminder of upcoming requests and dates:

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

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

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Parents' Help Day - 12:30 – 16:15 at Alexis St.

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

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 (7<sup>th</sup> December). Thank You!!

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

If you can help with the fair in any way, please ask Mrs Brenta or contact Christine (School Parent Governor) on her mobile: 07767 477 958.



### Raffle Tickets/Prizes

Two books of raffle tickets are being sent home with each child for the Christmas fair. We would like the children, with your assistance, to sell the tickets to family and friends. Please return the money and the completed stubs for the attention of Mrs Brenta by Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December. If you do not wish to have any tickets to sell please return the full books to school for Mrs Brenta. If you require any more to sell please contact Mrs Brenta. There will be a small prize for the child that sells the most raffle tickets. If you can offer any raffle prizes or would like to help in any way with the fair, please give Mrs Brenta a call. If you work for any organisation big or small you may be able to offer a prize. There will be another coffee morning next Friday (30<sup>th</sup> Nov) at Alexis St. for fair preparation.



### 'Blue Christmas' Event 2018/'Alice in Wonderland' in Southwark Park

Make your way to the Blue Market on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December between 12:00 – 17:00 for what promises to be a great family day out. There is lots of entertainment and numerous children's activities have been planned! Mrs Brenta also has 20 FREE tickets for the preview night of the 'Alice in Wonderland' event that is taking place this winter in Southwark Park. If you would like to go you will have to go as a group and be available at 6pm this Saturday to meet your fellow St James' families at Paradise Gate, Southwark Park. Call Mrs Brenta before 5pm tonight and let her know you'd like to go - ticket will be allocated to the first families to call her, she'll be at OJR until 5pm!



### Health Check Online

Parents and carers, you can now complete the Health Check online if your child is aged 0-15 years and has asthma, constipation, eczema, or epilepsy. Visit the link: [www.cyphp.org/health-check](http://www.cyphp.org/health-check) Completing the Health Check takes about 5 minutes. Afterwards, you will receive a summary of your child's results and a Health Support Pack. This pack contains top tips on how you can support your child to manage their condition better, and community resources you may find useful. The information you provide will not be used for any other purposes without your consent. This is through the Children & Young People's Health Partnership (CYPHP) - [www.cyphp.org](http://www.cyphp.org).





**Dates for your Diaries**

- Tuesday 27th November:** 2019-2020 Reception Open morning – OJR at 10:00.
- Friday 30th November:** Non-uniform day in exchange for bottles, toiletries and items for Christmas Fair.
- Monday 3rd – Friday 7th December:** ASSESSMENT WEEK.
- Thursday 6th December:** 2019-2020 Reception Open morning – OJR at 10:00.
- Thursday 6th December:** ALL Clubs finish for the Autumn term.
- Friday 7th December:** ‘Mad Hair Day’ – Bring in £1:00 in aid of Royal Marsden Hospital, with Royal Marsden assembly at both sites.
- Friday 7th December:** Christmas Fair – 15:30-17:00 @ OJR.
- Monday 10th – Friday 14th December:** Christmas Week – all children to base their learning around RE and Christmas.
- Wednesday 12th December:** Miss Jess’s Christmas Cabaret (presentation by children in Performing Arts clubs to parents and carers at OJR – 17:00.
- Thursday 13th December:** Nursery Christmas open morning – 9:30 @ OJR.
- Friday 14th December:** Reception Christmas Production – 2pm @ OJR.
- Monday 17th December:** Years 1 & 2 Nativity – St. James’ Church @ 2pm.
- Tuesday 18th December:** Years 3-6 ‘Carols by Candlelight’ concert – St. James’ Church @ 2pm.
- Wednesday 19th December:** End of term Christmas service – 09:30 at St. James’ Church – all welcome.
- Wednesday 19th December:** Break up for Christmas holidays – 1:15am OJR/1:30am Alexis St.

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



**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 26th November**

School nurse Height & Weight check – Years Reception & Year 6.

**Tuesday 27th November**

4 Egypt and 4 Kenya Swimming.  
5 Japan visiting library.

**Wednesday 28th November**

‘WE’ Day volunteering assembly at KS2.  
Year 5 ‘Move and Learn’ programme with Millwall in school.

**Thursday 29th November**

4 Ghana visiting library.

**Friday 30th November**

‘Booster Cushion Theatre’ delivering a performance of ‘A Christmas Carol’ to KS1 children.  
Non-uniform day for Christmas Fair items (see overleaf).



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