



Dear All,

Another super week here at St. James' – in many cases this has been the final week of topic/class book. Children will be completing their assessments next week. As always, we endeavour to do this in a calm environment, conducive to children being able to achieve and show us everything they've learnt. We're sure the children will perform well and try their best! As always, some great learning has been taking place around our topics and class books; do keep checking our Twitter feed for these super achievements. Children have been on their usual swimming and library visits, Year 5 children continue to enjoy their PE lessons with Millwall as part of their outreach and community commitment and we had a special assembly encouraging charity work and volunteering with Years 5 & 6 followed by a workshop with our Head Boys and Girls, JLT and JFC – please see details below for this amazing opportunity! It was lovely to see parents and carers of children in Belgium class at KS2 yesterday to see what they are learning about and try some delicious, healthy treats they made! This is always such a busy time of year with lots of events happening therefore I've kept the extra reminder of important dates coming up overleaf. Miss Jess has sent a letter home with children in choirs and clubs with dates for events. Please do refer to these for extra visits etc. I'll tweet this letter too so everyone's aware of when they'll be touring! Our Collective Worship theme this week has been 'Advent' with readings from Isaiah and the gospel according to Luke and we've learnt about John the Baptist and why we prepare for Jesus's birth at this time of year. We have even lit the first candles on our Advent rings at both sites during our assemblies. Many thanks again 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 be reminded to name all uniform and personal clothing items as they'll always return to you if they are named. Please be reminded that all extra-curricular clubs finish next Thursday – 6th December – for the Autumn term.

Royal Marsden Fundraising 'Mad Hair Day' – Friday 7th December

We continue to support the Royal Marsden cancer charity in any way we can and we're really looking forward to our 'Mad Hair Day' next Friday before the Christmas Fair! We ask for donations of at least £1.00 to take part in this. Many parents and carers have been asking whether or not we'll be having a Christmas Jumper Day, which we hadn't planned, so next Friday we will also be taking donations if children would like to wear Christmas jumpers/festive non-uniform as we did last year; it'd be great to dig deep and raise as much money as we can! It'd also be lovely to see as many wacky hairstyles as possible too!



Individual Photos

All children should now have brought home their samples of individual photos which were taken last week. If you would like to order copies, please do give the money back in a named envelope provided or alternatively follow instructions on the order forms for online orders. If you do this by Thursday 6th December at the latest all photos should be with you by Christmas/the end of term.



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

Our final Open Morning for parents of those children due to start Reception next academic year – September 2019 - will be held at our KS1 (Old Jamaica Road) site. Please do pop along for a look around at 10:00 on Thursday 6th December (next week). 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 – many thanks to those of you who have supported with this already. Mrs Brenta has a request letter from our school that you can take into work, do ask at the reception desk. Many thanks!!

A reminder of upcoming requests and dates:

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 with the fair in any way, please ask Mrs Brenta or contact Christine on her mobile: 07767 477 958.



Parking/Traffic around both sites

We continue to have parking and drop off issues at both sites – particularly Alexis St – which is unsafe for our children and families. Neil Coyle, our MP, was supposed to come and discuss this with the community yesterday but cancelled last minute. I'm sure he'd like me to share his e-mail address with you to discuss any issues of how he could help with this on-going concern. Please do contact him on: neil.coyle.mp@parliament.uk with any issues you'd like addressing regarding parking and traffic.



'WE' Schools Visit

We had a terrific assembly on Wednesday, delivered to Years 5&6, about volunteering and an amazing subsequent workshop. The facilitator was so impressed with our children and their ideas – especially their kindness and concern for others. Watch this space for further ideas for helping charities and volunteering in the community!



'Blue Christmas' Event 2018

Make your way to the Blue Market on Sunday (2nd 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!



Dates for your Diaries

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'/Christmas Jumper/festive non-uniform 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	98 %	3 Denmark	96 %
6 Mexico	95 %	3 Finland	95 %
6 Peru	98 %	3 Norway	99 %
5 China	98 %	3 Sweden	94 %
5 India	98 %	2 France	97 %
5 Japan	98 %	2 Spain	97 %
4 Egypt	96 %	1 Germany	94 %
4 Ghana	96 %	1 Italy	91 %
4 Kenya	97 %	Weekly Attendance Winners:	
4 Tanzania	96 %	3 Norway – well done!	
Belgium class	93 %	No class were 100% this week ☺	



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 3rd December

Year 4 Supersonics Music workshop with Trinity Laban in school.

Flu nasal spray – Reception to Year 5 children.

Year 6 Personal Hygiene talk during afternoon from the school nurse.

Year 1 parent/carer afternoon from 14:30 at OJR.

Tuesday 4th December

4 Egypt and 4 Kenya Swimming.

5 India visiting library.

5 China visiting Age Concern for their outreach project in the community.

Wednesday 5th December

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

Thursday 6th December

4 Egypt visiting library.

ALL CLUBS FINISH FOR AUTUMN TERM.

Friday 7th December

'Mad Hair Day'/Festive jumper/non-uniform day in aid of the Royal Marsden Cancer charity for a donation.

Christmas Fair – OJR AT 15:30.



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