



Dear All,

Another busy week – I can't believe we're so close to the end of the long Autumn Term! This will be the final Newsletter of the year and all children will break up NEXT WEDNESDAY – 19th December – at 13:15 (Reception, Nursery Rome and Years 1 & 2) and 13:30 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) as usual at the end of a full term. Nursery Venice children can be collected at the usual time of 12:00 on Wednesday. Mrs O'Connor's Breakfast and After School club continues to run until the end of term, as does Fit for Sport at KS2. As always, there will be **no after school club provision on the final day of term** – Wednesday 19th December – when we break up early. We continue with our collective worship theme of 'Christmas' and we're learning about all the different ways people prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at this time. Next week we'll look at Anna and The Shepherds with readings from the Gospel according to Luke. Please see overleaf for all of our important dates leading up to the end of term and in January! Children attended Green Trips this week as an incentive for positive behaviour choices this term and we've had some lovely events including our Reception Christmas production this afternoon, Nursery open mornings, Miss Jess's Christmas Cabaret on Wednesday for children who attend Performing Arts clubs and Christmas Lunches at both sites.

Royal Marsden Fundraising 'Mad Hair Day' & Christmas Fair

Many thanks again to our school community for such generous donations towards the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity and towards our school fund at our Christmas Fair. We raised £320.00 for the Royal Marsden last Friday and over £2000.00 at the Christmas Fair! This money is used towards trips and enrichment opportunities for the children. Thanks again to all of you, particularly those parents and carers who offered help.



'The Holly and the Ivy' – Wildlife Family Day

Join in with fun, free, family activities at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening run by the London Wildlife Trust. Escape the crowds and spend a tranquil day with your children in our lovely garden and classroom. Make a wreath for your door, natural decorations and cards and learn about evergreen plants through games, stories and activities. When: Sunday 16th December. Where: Centre for Wildlife Gardening, 28 Marsden Road, SE15 4EE. Time: 11am - 4pm. This course is free and is suitable for families with children of all ages. Please book in advance. Contact Diana Wallace: dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk Or phone 0203 897 6151 for more information.



Speech and Language Specialist

We are really pleased that this year Sarah Gelli, Speech and Language Therapist, is working with us one day a fortnight to help support the communication skills of all children at St James' School. Sarah will be working across both sites so your child may see her around the school. She might observe your child's class, give advice to our school team about how to support communication in your child's class or watch communication enhancement groups run by a member of school staff. If there are specific concerns about your child's communication, then we may suggest that they are referred to Sarah's specialist caseload. We would discuss this with you and will not make a referral without your written consent. Sarah will not make any notes or hold any data about children who are not on her specialist caseload. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to raise these with your child's class teacher or with Mr Wood. If you think your child might benefit from a referral to Sarah's specialist Speech and Language Therapy caseload, please discuss this with their class teacher or Mr Wood.



Dates for your Diaries

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.

Thursday 3rd January: Back to school at normal times.

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th January: Coding Days for all children.



