

Dear Parents & Carers,

Another busy and productive week here at St. James' with lots of zest, grit and amazing results from our children with their learning. Trips to Hampstead Heath for Geography Field Work have continued to go really well and some terrific learning was gained from these. Violin and Recorder lessons are in full swing and our Performing Arts lessons are providing lots of exciting things too. Key Stage Two children will perform a concert before half term to showcase their talents from this term's learning which everyone is invited to – please see the 'dates' letter to save this date! 3 Norway, 6 Brazil and 2 Spain have all visited the library for story-telling and book-swapping and our Collective Worship theme for this week has continued around the Parable of Jesus and all the important messages we can take from these. The 'dates for your diaries' letter has been further updated with trips and events; take a note of this and regularly check to ensure you don't miss out on any important events.

ELSA – Emotional Literacy Support

Please find attached a letter from Mr. Wood providing information on the therapeutic and emotional support we offer at St. James' in the form of our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant – Miss Liz. We all need to talk and share our feelings and, as you know, this is always something we're keen to help with at St. James'. Do always let us know if there's anything we can help with. Often anxieties and some behaviours can manifest at home rather than school and we're always here to help and try our very best for our school's wellbeing.

Clubs

Clubs will soon be up and running for children from Years 1-6 to book into; from Tuesday (26th September) you'll be able to login to SchoolsBuddy to book your child into a club. These will continue to run on Mondays. Clubs will begin on Monday 2nd October and the final one will be on Monday 4th December for the Autumn term. If your child attended KS2 Chess club last year, we'd encourage you to sign up again to continue these growing skills and ensure we can compete in more local competitions. Please see the attachment for the clubs on offer and book in after Tuesday next week.

Mrs Brenta's Drop-In Sessions at Alexis St.

Thank you to all parents who came along on Wednesday to Alexis St, Mrs Brenta was delighted to see so many of you! She will be there again next Wednesday from 09:00 until 12:00 for you to come along for a cup of coffee and a chat. She will also have second hand uniform available for a small contribution if you are able. If you have good condition uniform/shoes at home still that is now too small for your children, please do bring it along for Mrs Brenta to add to the shop. Some parents mentioned they would like to start a WhatsApp group for their year group. If this is something you would like to be part of do let her know.

Uniform

We know uniform is still taking time to be delivered in some instances and completely understand you may have missing items! School ties are on order however will take time to arrive; we'll let you know once they're here.

Family Lives Newsletter

Please follow this link for the latest newsletter from Family Lives:

<https://mailchi.mp/familylives.org.uk/family-lives-newsletter-sept23?e=82d627eec2>

Next Week

Year 6 are on an 'Explore Urban' trip to Hyde Park as part of their topic learning on Monday; classes will continue to be returning for book-swapping and story-telling sessions to the Blue Anchor Library next week. 4 Kenya will attend on Monday; 5 Japan will attend on Tuesday and 2 France will attend on Friday.

Do follow us on Instagram: [@st_jamesschool](https://www.instagram.com/st_jamesschool) or [@reggioatst_jamesschool](https://www.instagram.com/reggioatst_jamesschool) to see some of the action at both sites!

Wishing you, the children and our whole school community a lovely weekend.
God bless, from the St. James' team.