

Dear Parents & Carers,

It's been great to see all the children back from half term, refreshed and raring to go for a busy Autumn term 2! History learning has been super this week and Years 3 & 5 have attended trips to the Horniman Museum and National Maritime Museum Greenwich too. KS1 and Year 5 ladies have had some great sports workshops from outside companies to complement our PE curriculum and it's super to see so much blue and be able to take generous donations today to support the King's College and Evelina Diabetes support charities. We'll let you know how much we've raised when all money is counted. Do note our 'dates' letter for further fundraising and charity non-uniform days coming up. Our Collective Worship theme this week has continued to be focused around the Parables of Jesus and the messages we can all take from these.

PE Day Swap – NEXT WEEK ONLY

Due to trips next week, YEARS 1&2 should wear PE kits on Tuesday 7th November. YEARS 3&4 KENYA should wear PE kits on Wednesday 8th November. YEAR 4 GHANA should wear PE kits on Monday 6th November. This will be for one week only and we'll text to remind also. Thank you for this – sometimes we don't get options on which days to book trips and events.

Reception 2024-2025 Open Mornings – Wednesdays at 10:00, Old Jamaica Road

Another reminder of our series of Open Mornings for existing and prospective parents of Reception children starting school in September 2024. Many thanks to those of you who attended this week and before half term. Please spread the word to any parents you know, or join us yourselves, next week, Wednesday 8th November, Old Jamaica Road at 10:00. If you have missed an open morning and would still like a tour, please let us know and we will arrange this at a time that suits us all.

English and Maths Mornings

We are holding English and Maths mornings as we did last academic year. Ms Boyd (our English Teaching & Learning Lead) and Mr. Brooksbank (our Mathematics Teaching & Learning Lead) are warmly inviting parents and carers into school at both sites on **Tuesday 7th November (English) and Tuesday 14th November (Maths)** to talk about how we teach these subjects at St. James' and to enable you to see some teaching and learning in progress. Do put this date in your diaries and join them then at the following times on each morning:

- **KS1(Years 1&2) at Old Jamaica Road:** Ms Boyd/Mr. Brooksbank will meet parents in OJR hall at 09:30, visit classrooms around 09:50 and be finished by 10:15;
- **KS2 (Years 3,4,5 & 6) at Alexis St:** Ms Boyd/Mr. Brooksbank will meet parents in our Ground Floor hub at 11:00, visit classrooms at 11:15, finished by 11:45.

Do note the structure of the morning is the same on both days however do attend according to the subject you'd like to see as above. We'd be more than happy to invite you in on both days of course!

Flu Vaccinations

These will happen on Tuesday for those parents and carers who have consented. The NHS team who attend to administer these will have names of children, so only those who have been given consent will receive these nasal vaccinations.

Armistice Service/Remembrance Day

Due to a funeral in St. James's Church, our Remembrance Service has changed as per the 'dates for your diaries' letter. This will now be held on Monday 13th November at 09:30. Years 1-6 will attend and all are welcome to join us as usual for this. We have a small selection of poppies and remembrance items on sale at either office which children can buy in exchange for a contribution to the poppy appeal. If money is sent in for this reason, ensure children come to the office at either site straight away to donate to avoid any money in school.

Photography Consents

Another reminder - we note that there are still many outstanding Parental Consents for web publication of work and images of your child. St James' take the privacy of you and your family seriously however the feedback we receive from our families is that they enjoy celebrating their child's work and achievements and we love to be able to include as many as possible on our website and Instagram feed. Thank you to all of you who have already taken the time to advise of your preferences. If you have not done so, please click the link below and fill in the form provided.

<https://www.stjameschoolbermondsey.com/form/?pid=74&form=32>

Events Next Week – another busy one!

Monday 6th Nov: KS2 Sports4Schools assemblies and HIIT workshops during morning; Year 4 GHANA PE DAY THIS WEEK ONLY.

Tuesday 7th Nov: Flu vaccinations; Miss Boyd's English morning as above; Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum; YEARS 1&2 PE DAY THIS WEEK ONLY.

Wednesday 8th Nov: Reception '24 tours; Year 1 trip to Horniman Museum; Year 2 trip to the Science Museum; Year 6 Scholar's 'Meet the Tutor' day; Years 3&4 RHE workshops in school; Year 4 Ghana trip to the British Museum; YEARS 3&4 Kenya PE DAY THIS WEEK ONLY.

Thursday 9th Nov: Year 4 Kenya trip to the British Museum; Belgium class, Years 5&6 RHE workshops in school.

Friday 10th Nov: Reception trip to London Symphony Orchestra; Years 1&2 RHE workshops in school.

Do keep checking that 'dates for your diaries letter' which is regularly updated with important dates, trips and events – more have been added recently.

A reminder to follow us on Instagram: [@st_jamesschool](#) or [@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.