

Dear Parents & Carers,

A very busy week with lots of incredible experiences and learning taking place! History trips have continued – Year 1 visited the Horniman Museum for a History of Toys workshop; Year 2 visited the Science Museum as part of their topic work; Year 4 have visited the British Museum; Year 6 visited the Imperial War Museum; Reception are seeing a story-telling concert by the London Symphony Orchestra today and all children from Years 1-6 have taken part in workshops in school by visitors which complement our Relationships and Health Education curriculum. Year 5 ladies have also continued with their PE network girls' football lessons and Year 5&6 boys' football teams have played their first matches of the season too. There will be lots more events and workshops next week as detailed below!

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 as well as Remembrance ahead of our service on Monday.

Armistice Service/Remembrance Day

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.

English and Maths Mornings

Ms Boyd (our English Teaching & Learning Lead) led an English morning in school on Tuesday – many thanks of those who attended this - and Mr. Brooksbank (our Mathematics Teaching & Learning Lead) is warmly inviting parents and carers into school at both sites next week on **Tuesday 14th November** to talk about how we teach Maths at St. James' and to enable you to see some teaching and learning in progress. Do put this date in your diaries and join him then at the following times on Tuesday morning:

- **KS1(Years 1&2) at Old Jamaica Road:** 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:** Mr. Brooksbank will meet parents in our Ground Floor hub at 11:00, visit classrooms at 11:15, finished by 11:45.

Charity Days and Fundraising

It was super to see so much blue being worn last Friday and be able to take generous donations today to support the King's College and Evelina Diabetes charities. I'm thrilled to announce we managed to raise a total of **£456.43** to help their vital work! Please note our 'dates' letter for further fundraising and charity non-uniform days coming up.

Children in Need Day – Friday 17th November

Remember next Friday is 'Children in Need' day and we always like to support this deserving cause as much as we can. Non-uniform/Pudsey-inspired outfits in exchange for a suggested donation of £1.00. We'll be having a talent show in school and some children at KS2 have initiated a bake sale which will be held after school at Alexis St (from 15:30). If anyone would like to donate anything they make for us to sell, please send in to the office on Friday morning. If you'd like to attend the bake sale, just bring some change for a donation for items you'd like to buy. Due to allergies, we won't be able to give anything to children without a parent present on the day. Many thanks for your generous support!

'One Day Creative' Anti-Bullying Week Workshops

Next week, children from Reception – Year 6 will take part in these valuable workshops, all of which promote kindness, empathy and social intelligence. Do speak to children about their learning after these and continue to support us in promoting our 'character traits' to our children.

Reception Trip to the National Gallery – Wednesday 15th November

Reception class are visiting the National Gallery for some art inspiration next Wednesday. They will be attending during the school day and will also be provided with a packed lunch to eat on the trip. As always, please send them in with a waterproof hooded coat and water bottle in preparation. If you'd like to attend, speak to Miss Molly who can add you to our list for the day!

Year 3 Trip to the Unicorn Theatre to see 'The Bolds' – Wednesday 15th November

Year 3 are visiting the Unicorn Theatre next Wednesday to see 'The Bolds'! Timings for the school day won't be affected and they will eat lunch in school. Please remember to send them in with waterproof coats with hoods for the journey there! Many thanks. Year 4 will visit to see the same production on Wednesday 22nd November and the same information will apply to them too.

Flu Vaccinations

Lots of children whose parents/carers gave permission managed to have their flu vaccinations on Tuesday. The nurse sadly arrived late and ran out of necessary equipment; however, she is returning today to ensure all those children who were signed up will receive their vaccinations as requested.

Events Next Week – another very busy one!

Monday 13th Nov: Children in Years 1-6 attending Remembrance service in Church at 09:30 – all welcome to attend; Reception and Year 1 Anti-Bullying week workshops at OJR delivered by 'One Day Creative'.

Tuesday 14th Nov: Year 5 & 6 Anti-Bullying week workshops at Alexis St delivered by 'One Day Creative'; Mr. Brooksbank's Maths morning as above.

Wednesday 15th Nov: Year 4 & Belgium class Anti-Bullying week workshops at Alexis St delivered by 'One Day Creative'; Reception trip to National Gallery; Year 3 to Unicorn Theatre to see 'The Bolds'; Year 6 Scholar's Programme in school.

Thursday 16th Nov: Years 2 & 3 Anti-Bullying week workshops at OJR delivered by 'One Day Creative'.

Friday 17th Nov: CHILDREN IN NEED DAY – children can wear non-uniform/Pudsey inspired clothes in exchange for a suggested contribution of £1.00. There will also be a bake sale on Friday after school at Alexis St which some of the children have initiated as well as a talent show in school during the afternoon.

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](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 super weekend ☺
God bless, from the St. James' team.