

Dear Parents & Carers,

Another full, productive week of learning culminating in a lovely World Book Day today; it's lovely to see such imaginative costumes! Children are being treated to Author/Illustrator workshops this morning by Clara Vulliamy which I'm sure they'll all enjoy. Library visits have continued, Year 1 have visited the Science Museum and 3 Sweden visited Pizza Express yesterday as part of their Food Technology learning. All KS2 children have also had assemblies delivered by School Food Matters, promoting growing food and sustainability. Violin and Recorder lessons continue for all children; our Monday after school clubs continue for the Spring term and children are really eager to learn as usual. Our Collective Worship theme continues to focus on the Old Testament, next week continuing to focus upon Moses – a huge well done to 5 Japan, Belgium and 2 Spain for delivering class collective worship this week!

### **Alexis St Roads/Thames Water Works**

Thanks again for bearing with the road works around Alexis St – I've spoken to the workmen a couple of times regarding common sense around drop-off and collection times! Please do continue to be patient while these works are happening

### **STEM Week – 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

We're really excited about this and some lovely projects have been making their way in to Miss Rozier this week! Thank you for your support at home. Today (8<sup>th</sup> March) is the deadline, however if you are still finishing a project over the weekend, do bring in on Monday and it can be quickly included. KS1 children will also have the opportunity to visit Alexis St next week to see some of the amazing projects and take part in Miss Rozier's exhibition.

### **Years 3&4 Tennis Club – Summer Term 1**

Please see attached flier advertising a Tennis Club we'll be facilitating at Alexis St for Year 3&4 children after Easter. The link should take you to a booking form. There is a cost of £30.00 for the 6-week course, meaning each session is £5.00 until 16:30 after school. Spaces may fill up fast, so do decide quickly whether or not you'd like your child/ren to attend. This comes following our KS2 Tennis coaching day last Friday which was really well received by all. There will be more opportunities for outside/sports clubs after Easter for the Summer term which we'll advertise well in advance.

### **Red Nose Day/Wear Red Non-uniform Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Please support Red Nose Day/Comic Relief next Friday by sending children in in non-uniform/wearing red in exchange for a donation to this deserving cause. We suggest £1.00 or whatever you can give. It's lovely for us to support charities and causes and for us to highlight the differences we can all collectively make by doing so.

### **Year 6 Secondary Allocations**

All Year 6 children now know where they are going to in September for secondary school; we hope everyone is happy with their allocation. The children all seem happy! The majority received their first-choice school, with a couple of second choices too. Now you know which secondary school your child is going to attend, some parents can apply for financial help towards uniform (it is benefit related). Please follow link for further information. This must be applied for on line directly with Southwark. <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/information-for-parents/financial-support/clothing-grants>

### **Reception/Year 6 Height and Weight Check Feedback**

Please see an attached letter from the school nursing team, advising feedback from this check has been delayed slightly. If you opted out of this, you will obviously not receive any feedback.

### **Uniform**

Some coloured trainers/non-plain black footwear has been creeping in to our uniform recently – please, please do ensure children are wearing **plain black** footwear to school. Also, please do ensure trainers/plimsolls (any colour) are worn on PE days. One child wore a pair of crocs this week which are completely impractical for PE on very many levels! Thanks for your support with this. We have uniform for many reasons and it becomes quite unfair on those parents who really make an effort with presentation if some children are sent to school in non-uniform items.

### **Free Easter Holiday Cycle Training in Southwark**

Southwark Council is providing free cycle training courses to all children who live or go to school in the borough during the Easter holidays. Locations are Dulwich Park or Burgess Park. This is suitable for children from 4 years. Cycles are available to borrow at Burgess Park but not at Dulwich Park. Children must be able to attend training for every session. Places are limited and can be booked online on a first-come-first-served basis. Please see the attached flier for more information, and to secure a place, parents and carers need to book on the Cycle Confident website: <http://www.cycleconfident.com/courses/child-group/>

### **Events Next Week**

#### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Clubs continue for the Spring term.

5 Japan visiting the Blue Anchor library for story-telling and book swapping.

#### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

1 Italy visiting the Blue Anchor library for story-telling and book swapping.

#### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

Parents' Literacy course continues at Alexis St.

KS1 Recorder lessons.

Years3&4 Belgium children swimming lessons.

6 Brazil trip to London Transport Museum for 'Coding the Capital' workshop.

#### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Parent Gym course continues at Alexis St with Mrs Brenta.

#### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

Red Nose/Comic Relief Day – non-uniform/wear red in exchange for a donation to Comic Relief.

5 India swimming lessons.

KS2 Violin lessons.

Reception visiting the Blue Anchor library for story-telling and book swapping.

**Wishing you, your families, and our whole community a super weekend!**

**God bless, from the St. James' team.**