

Dear Parents & Carers,

We continue to be very busy - trips and learning are both fruitful and fun! Children have produced some particularly great Art work this week. 6 Brazil visited the London Transport Museum; our STEM Fair has been terrific with most children visiting and engaging with all the interesting projects on display; swimming lessons and library visits have continued and Violin and Recorder lessons continue too. Years 3&4 are preparing for their production of 'Mary Poppins' in the final week of term which promises to be super. Thank you for helping us to support Comic Relief today with your kind donations for our 'wear red' non-uniform day. Our Collective Worship theme this week continued to focus on the Old Testament and Moses – a huge well done to 5 India, 3 Norway and 1 Italy for delivering class collective worship this week! Next week we'll begin to think about Easter in the lead up to Holy Week in the final week of term.

Alexis St Roads/Thames Water Works

Things are looking up and we seem to have better access to the playground gates again (for now!). Thanks again for your patience for this.

Reception Trip to Lavender Pond – Monday 18th March 2024

Reception children are going on a local trip to Lavender Pond on Monday as per the previous communication. All parents/carers are warmly invited to join for this. Children will be leaving promptly at 09:30 and travelling by bus. They will be back in school for lunch time as usual.

Monday Clubs

Please note, next week will be our final week of clubs for the Spring term. We will have new clubs to sign up for in the Summer term as well as more outside/sports opportunities which are being organised by Mr. Brenta. Do look out for these and either sign up via SchoolsBuddy when available/following any links we provide to book spaces. All Monday clubs will finish for this term on Monday 18th March.

Year 5 Parent/Carer Secondary School Meeting – Wednesday 20th March, 14:30, Alexis St

As previously advertised, parents and carers of current Year 5 children are invited to come and talk to Mrs Brenta and me next Wednesday at 14:30, Alexis St to discuss secondary school applications before Year 6.

Easter Egg Non-uniform Day – Friday 22nd March 2024

Please support us next Friday – we're asking for donations of Easter Eggs (small, large, any kind!) in exchange for children wearing non-uniform next Friday. These will help us run our Easter Egg tombolas after school at both sites in the final week of term as previously advertised.

Years 3&4 Tennis Club – Summer Term 1

Please see attached flier again 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.

Assessment Week

Next week will be assessment week for all children. As always, we encourage children to try their best and show us everything they've learnt so class teachers can plan accordingly for the following term. We give rest breaks, plenty of support and calm environments. Do encourage children to try their best!

Years 3&4 Production of 'Mary Poppins' – Final Week of Term

Parents and carers of children in Years 3&4, we can't wait for you to come and see the children perform in Mary Poppins on Tuesday 26th March at 14:00, or Wednesday 27th March at 14:00 or 18:00! No tickets required, we give three performances including one evening show to ensure everyone can come. All performances will be in our Old Jamaica Road Hall as usual.

Easter Drawing Competition

Our friends at Macai Construction have invited you all to enter an Easter Colouring competition. There is a template available at reception at both sites for colouring, however children (especially in KS2, but open to all) can draw a lovely Easter themed picture on A4 paper and leave them at either site for Mrs Brenta to collect and deliver to Macai). Make sure they put their name and class on the pictures. They will then display them in their offices on Jamaica Road. The winners will receive book tokens. Good luck! Thank you to Macai Construction for supporting our school.

Easter Egg Tombola

Mrs Brenta is looking for some adult volunteers to help her with the Easter Egg tombola and bake sale taking place at the end of term at both sites. Please let her know if you would like to help. We would also like some home-made/donated cakes to sell (both sites).

Events Next Week

Monday 18th March

FINAL DAY OF CLUBS for the Spring term.

Years 3&4 Belgium children swimming lessons.

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

Tuesday 19th March

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

Wednesday 20th March

Parents' Literacy course continues at Alexis St.

KS1 Recorder lessons.

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

Year 5 parent/carer meeting to discuss secondary schools with Mrs Brenta and Mr Oliver – 14:30 at Alexis St. All current Year 5 parents/carers welcome.

Thursday 21st March

Parent Gym course continues at Alexis St with Mrs Brenta.

Friday 22nd March

Non-uniform in exchange for Easter Eggs for tombola in final week.

5 India swimming lessons.

Year 6 Girls' Football tournament.

KS2 Violin lessons.

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

Wishing you, your families, and our whole community a lovely weekend ☺

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