

Dear Parents & Carers,

A really great, focused Assessment Week with lots of terrific French and Relationship and Health Education learning too. This term has really flown and I can't believe we break up for the long Easter Holiday next Thursday! ***Do remember we break up next Thursday at 13:15 (OJR) and 13:30 (Alexis St) with no after school club provision on the final day.*** This week, 6 Canada visited the London Transport Museum; Reception had a lovely trip to Lavender Pond; all children from Reception – Year 6 have had NSPCC staying safe assemblies; swimming lessons and library visits have continued and Violin and Recorder lessons continue too. Years 3&4 are looking performance ready for their production of 'Mary Poppins' next week as detailed below. Thank you for helping us to support Comic Relief last Friday – we raised £227.19 as a school! Thanks also for donations today of Easter eggs/bake sale items before our tombola and bake sale next Wednesday. If things are brought in before then, this is fine. In Collective Worship this week, we've begun to think about Easter in the lead up to Holy Week in the final week of term.

Monday Clubs

Monday clubs have now finished for the Spring term – there will be new opportunities for clubs in the Summer term – Mr. Brenta has a few more sports clubs now the weather is better too. Do look out for e-mails regarding this/next week's newsletter or see information below. These will be available to book via SchoolsBuddy during the Easter holiday.

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.

Years 5&6 Cricket Club - Summer Term 1

Through our partnership with Surrey County Cricket Club we are delighted to offer children in Years 5 and 6 the chance to sign up to our upcoming after-school cricket club. This will take place next term starting on Tuesday 16th April running for six weeks until 21st May and will finish at 16:30. Children should bring their PE kits with them to change into after school. There are limited places for this club so please be quick to sign up if you are interested. Those who do sign up will receive a personalised t-shirt with their name on and a free cricket bat. This is a commitment for those that do sign up and we are very lucky to be able to provide this opportunity, so please make sure your child is interested in and committed to being part of this club for the full six week period. To sign up, please visit the SchoolsBuddy app and select the club. This will only appear for Year 5&6 parents and carers to book.

Years 3&4 Production of 'Mary Poppins' – Next Week!

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.

Family Lives Newsletter

Please follow this link for this month's Family Lives Newsletter:

<https://mailchi.mp/familylives.org.uk/family-lives-newsletter-mar24?e=82d627eec2>

Easter Egg Tombola – Wednesday 27th March: After School, Both Sites

Mrs Brenta is still looking for some adult volunteers to help her with the Easter Egg tombola and bake sale taking place after school next Wednesday at both sites. Please let her know if you would like to help. We would also like some home-made/donated cakes to sell which of course can be brought in on the day. Do also note Miss Rudd's/Belgium's separate Alexis St bake sale on Tuesday (as below) too.

Parents' Evenings – After the Easter Holidays

Sessions for parents' evening will be live to book on SchoolsBuddy from Monday (25th March). Our Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 parents' evening is on Wednesday 17th April from 15:30 – 18:50. Our Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 parents' evening is on Wednesday 24th April from 16:00 - 19:20. Please note as usual that both events take place **in the hall at Old Jamaica Road**. If you need a reminder of how SchoolsBuddy works, you can find a guide on our website page [Contact Us\SchoolsBuddy at St James](#). If you have any queries, please email the school office@st-james.southwark.sch.uk. We're looking forward to seeing you all there! Do look out for open evenings later in the Summer term so your child/ren can show their wonderful learning in situ as well!

Easter Holiday Ideas

We've re-attached ideas of Easter holiday events which may be of interest. Mrs Brenta also sent information on Southwark's 'Easter of Food and Fun' this week too should you be looking for local activities during the Easter break. Also find a football flier with activities at Harris Acad. Bermondsey.

Events Next Week

Monday 25th March

NO MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – to sign up again for the Summer term.
Years 3&4 Belgium children swimming lessons.
2 Spain visiting the Blue Anchor library for story-telling and book swapping.

Tuesday 26th March

Years 2&6 Workshops with visitors from the NSPCC on personal safety.
Year 3&4 production of Mary Poppins – 14:00 in the OJR Hall.

Wednesday 27th March

Year 3&4 production of Mary Poppins – 14:00 AND 18:00 in the OJR Hall.
Parents' Literacy course continues at Alexis St.
Easter Egg Tombola/bake sale after school at both sites in exchange for donations for the school fund.

Thursday 28th March

Parent Gym course continues at Alexis St with Mrs Brenta.
End of term Easter Service in St. James's Church at 09:30. All welcome to attend.
Break up for Easter Holidays. HALF DAY – 13:15 Old Jamaica Road/13:30 Alexis St. No after-school club provision on the final day of term. NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB PROVISION ON THE FINAL DAY OF TERM.

Wishing you, your families, and our whole community a super weekend; we're all hoping for the Spring weather to continue!

God bless,

from the St. James' team.