

Dear Parents & Carers,

It's great to see all the children again after the Easter holidays and hear about all the lovely things you and your families have been doing. Learning for the Summer term has started really well with English work based around Shakespeare texts – these have been particularly well received – and Geography learning in the afternoons. 1 Italy have been to Pizza Express for Food Technology and Maths learning; KS2 children took part in a terrific Golf afternoon at Alexis St on Wednesday; Geography field trips have been attended locally and all children took part in our 'Welcome Back' Ascension service on Monday. Years 5&6 had a Medical/Asthma workshop in school on Wednesday and were really responsive to the nursing team during this.

Our Collective Worship theme continues with the events which took place after Easter and Jesus's resurrection next week.

After School Clubs – Summer Term

Year 3&4 Tennis Club and 5&6 Cricket Club started this Tuesday and were enjoyed by all who signed up/took part. The rest of our clubs begin next week, on Monday 22nd April, and there are still a few spaces for children to sign up for these over the weekend. Do check SchoolsBuddy for these.

Key Stage Two Parents' Evening – Wednesday 24th April 2024

Our Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 parents' evening was really positive on Wednesday. Our Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 parents' evening takes place next week on Wednesday 24th April from 16:00 - 19:20. Please note as usual that this takes place **in the hall at Old Jamaica Road**. KS1 was very well attended with most people finding the system really easy to book. 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!

Year 5 Cycle Confident Sessions

For those who have signed up to Cycle Confident for Year 5 children (Level 1), these sessions will be happening at Alexis St next Wednesday and Thursday. The instructors bring bikes and helmets for children to use so no need to bring anything for this. Just bring children in to school as usual and give lots of encouragement!

Year 4 Trip to the Unicorn Theatre

Year 4 are going to see a production of 'A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings' at the Unicorn next week. School day timings won't be affected; the children will walk there and back for the performance during the afternoon and will be ready for the end of the day for parents' evening early time slots.

Whole School Food Policy

You'll find attached a copy of our whole school food policy as a reminder about expectations should anything be brought in from home. Do pay attention to this if your child/ren eat a packed lunch or bring water in. Water should be the only thing children should have in school, no cordial or juice in water bottles. Please do see healthy guidance with packed lunch recommendations too. Thank you for your co-operation with this and ensuring our children are healthy during the school day and not consuming unnecessary sugar or salt.

Events Next Week

Monday 22nd April

3 Sweden visiting the Blue Anchor library for story-telling and book-swapping.
Monday Clubs begin for the Summer term.

Tuesday 23rd April

3 Norway visiting the Blue Anchor library for story-telling and book-swapping.
Year 3&4 Tennis Club and Year 5&6 Cricket Club continue.

Wednesday 24th April

Year 4 (including Belgium Year 4 children) trip to the Unicorn Theatre during afternoon for a production of 'A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings'.
Nursery and Reception 'Beep, Beep' Day promoting road safety.
Year 5 Cycle Confident sessions in school.
Years 3-6 (KS2) Parents' Evening in the Old Jamaica Road Hall. Slots to see children's class teachers can be booked via SchoolsBuddy.
Recorder lessons at KS1.

Thursday 25th April

Year 5 Cycle Confident sessions in school.

Friday 26th April

2 France visiting the Blue Anchor library for story-telling and book-swapping.
Year 5 Shakespeare Storytelling session during afternoon with Ivana from [@storying_space](#).
Violin lessons at KS2.

As always, we're wishing you, your families, and our whole community a super weekend 😊

God bless,

from the St. James' team.