



Dear All,

We've really 'hit the ground running' this week – our first full week of the Spring term – and children have enjoyed starting their new topics and class books. Class pages on our website are being updated outlining all of the learning taking place this half term. Years 5 & 6 children had a special show they attended today delivered by 'The Riot Act', all about Road Safety and independent travel. We began our Collective Worship theme of the Life of Christ this week, looking at the Twelve Disciples and the Call of Levi. Next week we will continue to look at the Life of Jesus and thinking about what he taught us. Term dates can still be found overleaf for this half term. Home-learning diaries also have important dates in for each week so do keep checking these too when you record your children's reading at home. Many thanks for your continued co-operation with this.

Clubs

Letters should be coming home with children today telling you which club they have been accepted in. Please note you do not have to apply for Homework Club on Fridays – children can simply stay for this and be collected accordingly. Clubs will commence on Monday (14th January) and run weekly until Friday 22nd March. Many thanks as usual to all our staff who give up their non-teaching time to ensure our children have a wide variety of extra-curricular activities.



PE Days/Swimming

Please note days for PE and swimming this half term. Children should be sent in with a full PE Kit on their PE days or a swimming kit accordingly.

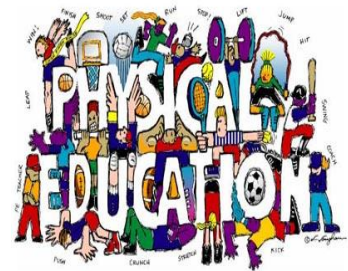
Monday – ALL Year 3 PE (morning); 4 Egypt, 4 Ghana & 4 Tanzania (afternoon).

Tuesday – 4 Egypt, 4 Kenya & 4 Tanzania (morning); ALL Year 5 (afternoon), 5 India & 5 Japan also need their swimming kits on Tuesdays this half term.

Wednesday – ALL Year 1 (morning); ALL Year 2 (afternoon).

Thursday – ALL Year 6 (afternoon).

Friday – 3 Norway (afternoon).



ESOL Parents' Course/Cookery Parents' Course

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) resumes on Tuesday (15th January) at 13:30 at Old Jamaica Road. If you are interested in joining this group or would like to hear more about it please do come along on Tuesday and meet Mrs Brenta and Patricia, the tutor from Southwark. There is a crèche so you can leave any young children while you learn. This course also incorporates craft and cooking while learning English. Mrs Brenta hopes to run a small cookery class where we can share knowledge and cooking of national dishes. If you would be interested in joining this, please do call Mrs Brenta.



Parent/Carer Courses

We can offer (should there be enough interest) courses in other subjects, Help your child with Maths, Help your child with English, Parent Gym (parenting tips, not exercise!) etc. If you would be interested, please contact Mrs Brenta who will then arrange.



Attendance

Mrs Brenta is having some meetings with parents and carers regarding attendance, if you are not invited in but would like to discuss your child's attendance please do get in touch with her.



Tea and Toast

Tea and Toast for Reception and Nursery parents will be on Friday (18th January) at 09:15 at Old Jamaica Road. Mrs Brenta looks forward to seeing you there!



Uniform

We're pleased to announce we will have plenty of stock of school uniform arriving soon!



Dates for your Diaries/Term Dates this half term

January

Monday 14th January: ALL Clubs start for the Spring term (details on separate letter and overleaf).

February

Friday 15th February: Break up for Spring Half Term – normal times OJR 15:15/Alexis St 15:30.

Monday 25th February: Inset day for all staff – school closed to children.

Tuesday 26th February: Back to school for Spring Term 2 – normal times OJR 09:15/Alexis St 08:55.



Class attendance for the week: Please see the website for a full breakdown our policy and criteria for attendance trips). Please be advised of our start times—08:55 at KS2 and 09:15 at KS1.

Class:	Attendance:	Class:	Attendance:
6 Canada	97 %	3 Denmark	96 %
6 Mexico	98 %	3 Finland	96 %
6 Peru	98 %	3 Norway	98 %
5 China	96 %	3 Sweden	97 %
5 India	99 %	2 France	96 %
5 Japan	98 %	2 Spain	97 %
4 Egypt	98 %	1 Germany	96 %
4 Ghana	95 %	1 Italy	95 %
4 Kenya	98 %	Weekly Attendance Winners:	
4 Tanzania	97 %	5 India!!!	
Belgium class	96 %	Very well done! ☺	



Dates and Trips: Any parents who could come on trips to help would be greatly appreciated; please let your child’s teacher know if you can help. Any last-minute trips that may occur, we will try our best to let you know as well in advance as we can.

Monday 14th January

All clubs start for the spring term.

Tuesday 15th January

Year 5 India & Japan Swimming at Downside Fisher.
Library visits to re-commence as usual in the near future.
ESOL Course for parents/carers at OJR – 13:30.

Wednesday 16th January

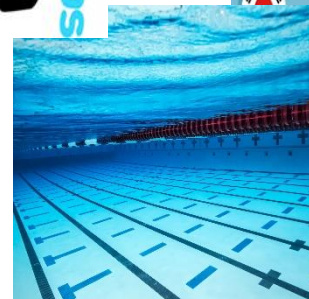
No trips.

Thursday 17th January

Library visits to re-commence as usual in the near future.

Friday 18th January

No trips.



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