



Dear All,

I can't believe we've reached the end of Spring term 1 already – time has really flown by! We've had much to celebrate this half term – mainly our really positive Ofsted inspection. This hasn't been published yet but hopefully over half term it will appear for you to read on the Ofsted website. We'll obviously include on our website as soon as it's available. Children have attended their regular library visits this week along with swimming at Downside Fisher. Our Millwall coach continues to enjoy his time here joining Mr. Griffin with P.E lessons. Children have also had their Green Trips and activities this week as a celebration for their positive conduct in school. Congratulations to all who attended! A small number of children didn't get to join their classes – let's hope that we can continue to work together to promote positive behaviour next half term! Our Collective Worship theme this week has continued to be based around 'Living in Jesus's Way' where children have learnt about 'Judging Others', 'Approaching God the Right Way' and 'Loving our Enemies'. I'll keep in touch with new themes for Spring Term 2.

**Please note – MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY IS A STAFF INSET DAY. SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO CHILDREN ON THIS DAY. SPRING 2 WILL START AGAIN ON TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY AT NORMAL SCHOOL TIMES.**

### Miss Moore

It is with great sadness that we announce Miss Moore – our Assistant Headteacher who has been based at OJR since September – is leaving the staff team here at St. James' today. We're sure you'll all join us in wishing Miss Moore the very best of luck for her new job and also agree she'll be sadly missed by all.



### For Your Diaries - Coffee Morning (with a twist!)

On Thursday 28th February at 09:15, OJR (Key Stage One) please do join us for a coffee morning. There will be representatives from Southwark Adult Education (we can plan which courses you would like to see at school for parents and carers), Southwark Big Local Works (well-being and local area information), Parent Gym (tried and tested parenting course, you can sign up for the next course, limited spaces!), the school nursing team, Hyde Plus - Love London Working (part of Hyde Housing who can help with finding a job, training, writing a CV), food bank help, road safety information and much more! Put the date in your diary, all parents and carers are welcome from both KS1 and KS2. For further information on any of the above, please talk to Mrs Brenta.



### Things to do this Half Term!

**Creative Creatures** - Bring your children along for pottery, healthy eating, henna painting, story-telling, magical maths, arts and crafts, knitting etc. Monday 18th & Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 1.00 pm – 3.30 pm @ Thomas Calton Centre, Alpha Street, London SE15 4NX. Book a place now - call 020 7358 2100. For more information, email [Margaret.Taribo@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Margaret.Taribo@southwark.gov.uk) or [Kate.bagnall@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Kate.bagnall@southwark.gov.uk).

**Imagine Children's Festival** - Wednesday 13th Feb - Sunday 24th Feb [www.southbankcentre.co.uk](http://www.southbankcentre.co.uk)

Lots of activities over half term, some are free, for some there is a charge.



### Cycle Confident – Half Term Courses

Southwark Council with Cycle Confident are providing FREE cycle skills courses for children next week during half term. Complete beginner courses, intermediate off-road courses and on-road courses are all running from Dulwich Park and Burgess Park. Training is in small groups with 2 fully qualified instructors. Places are limited so for more info or to book, visit [www.cycleconfident.com/courses/child-group](http://www.cycleconfident.com/courses/child-group) or call 020 303 16730.



### Adult Computer Literacy Course

A free course is running in Southwark through the Yalding Centre. Should you be interested, details can be found by calling 02072370860. This course will start from Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Do book yourselves on if you need any assistance with computer literacy.



### Important Dates for your Diaries – after Half Term (Continued Overleaf)

**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.

**Friday 8th March:** World Book Day – events, activities and dressing up as favourite book characters!

**Tuesday 12th March:** Year 5 Parent/Carer meeting re. Secondary School Transfer – 14:30 at Alexis Street.

**Friday 22nd March:** ALL Clubs finish for the Spring term.

**Tuesday 26th March:** Nursery, Reception & KS1 Parents' Evening – after school at OJR.

**Wednesday 27th March:** KS2 Parents' Evening – after school at Alexis St.



**Dates (continued)**

**Friday 29th March:** Non-uniform Day in exchange for Easter Eggs – Easter Egg tombolas for either site in final week.

**Monday 1st April – Friday 5th April:** Easter Week – all children to base their learning around RE and Easter.

**Monday 1st April:** Easter Egg tombola after school at KS1 – OJR.

**Tuesday 2nd April:** Easter Egg tombola after school at KS2 – Alexis St.

**Wednesday 3rd April – Thursday 4th April:** Year 1 & 2 Production – OJR, 14:00 & 18:00 both days.

**Friday 5th April:** Easter service – 09:30 in St. James’ Church – all welcome. Break up for Easter holidays – HALF DAY OJR 13:15/Alexis St 13:30.

**Class attendance for this half term:** WELL DONE TO 4 EGYPT WHO WILL GO ON A SPECIAL ATTENDANCE TRIP NEXT HALF TERM! 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	96 %	3 Denmark	95 %
6 Mexico	97 %	3 Finland	93 %
6 Peru	94 %	3 Norway	95 %
5 China	94 %	3 Sweden	96 %
5 India	94 %	2 France	95 %
5 Japan	97 %	2 Spain	96 %
4 Egypt	99 %	1 Germany	95 %
4 Ghana	91 %	1 Italy	95 %
4 Kenya	98 %	<b>Half Term Attendance Winners:</b>	
4 Tanzania	96 %	4 EGYPT!	
Belgium class	94 %	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 25th February**

Inset day for all staff – school closed to children.

**Tuesday 26th February**

Year 5 Chine & Belgium Swimming at Downside Fisher.

ESOL Course for parents/carers at OJR – 13:00.

Belgium class visiting the library.

**Wednesday 27th February**

Year 3 Tate Modern Photography project.

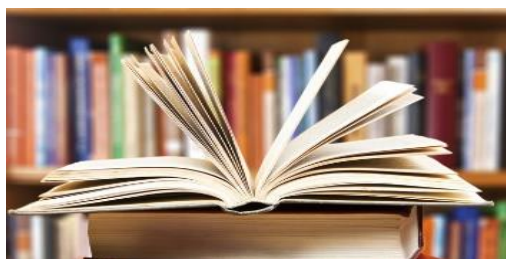
**Thursday 28th February**

4 Tanzania visiting the library.

BIG Coffee Morning – details overleaf.

**Friday 1st March**

No trips.



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