

Dear Parents & Carers,

We've had another sunny and productive week, continuing to focus on Science learning for our topic work. 5 Ofili begin their swimming lessons today as they were sadly cancelled last-minute last week; all EYFS and Key Stage One children took part in drama workshops delivered by Drama4All on Tuesday, and 4 Kahlo have begun a series of art workshops with a local artist with a link to Southwark Park Gallery. Our KS2 Parents' Evening was very well-attended on Wednesday and performing arts, music and PE lessons continued to be enjoyed by all.

Our Collective Worship theme for this half term has continued with stories from Acts, what we can learn from these and apply to our lives. This week we've thought further about the apostles' actions and the Holy Spirit and celebrated this.

Cezanne Class 'Festival of Sport' at the Kia Oval

Next Friday, Cezanne class will be attending an exciting 'Festival of Sport' at the Oval. Please send them in (as usual each Friday) wearing PE Kits and trainers so they're ready for this trip.



Key Stage Two (Years 3-6) Mini Marathon

All children in Years 3-6 are taking part in this challenge today in the Alexis St playground. If you still have any sponsorship money, do send in in an envelope with your child/ren's name/s on next week for us to put towards the school fund. Many thanks.



Non-Uniform Day – Friday 15th May

Our next BIG playground job will come in the Summer, where we have plans in place to renovate our large climbing frame and Early Years area at OJR. Thankfully we're still managing to fund big, on-going projects which need completing however we're asking for any donation – however large or small – on Friday 15th May in exchange for children wearing non-uniform. Many thanks in advance if you can help!



Cultural Diversity Day Thursday 21st May

Please find a flier attached again (designed by one of our children) to note the date of this year's 'Cultural Diversity' Day! On this day children are invited to wear clothes/costumes which reflect their cultures/identities. We will also be welcoming parents/carers/families into the Alexis St playground after school for a celebration together.



Vacancy – SEND Learning Support Assistant

We find ourselves looking ahead already to the next academic year and have a potential fixed-term contract employment opportunity for a SEND Learning Support Assistant to work on a 1-1/small group basis. An advert will be placed on the website and Diocesan Board website soon – if you know of anyone who has this skill-set and might be interested in a role like this, do tell them to send a CV, FAO Mr. Oliver, via office@st-james.southwark.sch.uk .



Southwark Family Learning

As always, Southwark Council offer free Family Learning activities for half term, please see the attached flier with information about the Thomas Calton Centre and what they have to offer on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th May.



Events next week – please also note the ‘dates for your diaries’ letter.

Monday 4 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY – school closed.
Tuesday 5 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 5&6 mixed Football tournament after school with Mr. Brenta – by invitation, see separate letter;• 4 Kahlo Art workshops at Alexis St.
Wednesday 6 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 Kahlo Art workshops at Alexis St.
Thursday 7 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 5 Mini-Police programme continues at Alexis St;• Parent Gym continues – 09:30 Alexis St.
Friday 8 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 Turner swimming lessons at Downside Fisher for the term;• Cezanne class attending ‘Festival of Sport’ at the Oval – PE kits to be worn as usual on a Friday too please;• Years 1 & 2 story-telling sessions based around ‘The Day the Crayons Quit’ with Ivana from @storying_space.

*Wishing you, and our whole community, a super,
Long, May Day bank holiday weekend ☺*

God bless, from the St. James’ team.

