



Dear All,

Another really busy week at St. James'! Children's books and topics will either finish or pause next week when our learning will be centred around Black History Month activities and Religious Education. Lots of lovely workshops have been booked and Green Trips will be happening as an incentive for positive behaviour choices in school. In addition to their usual library and swimming visits, children have participated in a range of sports competitions; Year 5&6 children took part in a cooking workshop today and Reception children have been on lots of lovely trips as part of their different groups' topics this week. Our Collective Worship theme for this week has continued with 'Prayer' and we've thought carefully about how prayer, or talking to God, can comfort us. Our Harvest service on Monday was lovely – many thanks for so many kind donations of food for the Manna Centre. Next week our theme for Collective Worship will be looking at the Miracles of Jesus including the stories of Bartimaeus, Feeding of the 5,000 and the Raising of Lazarus. Children's behaviour continues to be super; this is helped by a full school uniform – most children are looking really smart but I'll include the usual reminder to supply **plain black** footwear for school!! Many thanks for your cooperation with this. If your child has PE, please do send them to school in full uniform with their PE kit to change into, especially at KS2 - some children have been arriving to school in PE kit. They either have assembly or lessons first and should be in school uniform. As previously promised, we now have a total for the amount of money raised for the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity – we were pleased to post a cheque for £585.90 this week! Thank you again for your sponsorship money, support and generosity. A reminder again please not to bring in any cakes, snacks or sweets for children's birthdays – thank you for your co-operation. No food should ever be brought in to school except for a healthy packed lunch should you choose to provide this.

### World Food Event – Thursday 17th October, 15:30 at Old Jamaica Road (KS1)

Our annual World Food Event will take place next Thursday, straight after school at Alexis St. This is always a great event where families bring in different dishes from their cultures for our children, parents and carers to try. Please do pop along to this and bring some food to sample. Last year we had a super turn out with dishes to sample from 4 continents! Looking forward to seeing you there.



### Green Trips – Next Week

Most children will be going on their Green Trips as a reward and incentive for excellent behaviour in school next week – some days noted overleaf. Letters will come home for these. If your child is not attending, this is because they have been on 'red' in the past two weeks. Please do encourage them to make the right choices next half term and attend Autumn 2 Green Trips – it'd be great if we had everyone attend! Many thanks for your continued support in ensuring children make the right choices in school.



### Year 6 Secondary School Applications

Lots of parents and carers continue to come in to see Mrs. Brenta for assistance with applications for Secondary schools. If you would like any advice or assistance with this process for your child, please do call Mrs Brenta. All applications need to be submitted by October 31st.



### Christmas Fair (Friday 6th December OJR)

If you are having a clear out at half term we would be grateful for donations of any good quality (nearly new) toys and games or books. There will be some non-uniform days after half term for the usual bottles and toiletries (please do NOT send in toilet rolls or bathroom cleaning products). We would love to have full bottles of perfume, bubble bath, shower gel etc. You will be hearing from your child's teacher after half term about ways in which you can help with the fair. If you are extra keen to help please do let Mrs Brenta know! If you work for any organisation who would support us with a raffle prize, please can you talk to Mrs Brenta.



### Open Mornings for Reception 2020-2021

Please note open mornings for prospective Reception children 2020-2021, Thursday October 31st, Thursday November 7th, Thursday November 14th, at 9.30 am at Old Jamaica Road. Jim Hutchinson, Vice Chair of Governors, will talk at 10am.



### The Blue Consultation

We have been asked to remind you of the formal 4-week stakeholder consultation in order for local people have their say on the proposed changes at the Blue, including young people. A flyer was sent home earlier in the week, Please do fill out the online survey at <https://www.bluebermondsey.co.uk/madeinbermondsey> Visit The Blue to see the 3D models during opening hours at 10 Market Place: Mon-Tue 10-2, Fri 11-5, Sat 11-6, Sun 2-5. There is also be an open evening with local Councillors on Mon 14 Oct 6.30-8.30pm.



## Parent/Carer Working Party for Relationship & Sex Education (RSE)

As you will have seen on the news recently, RSE will become a statutory requirement to be taught in schools from September 2020. We are obviously preparing for this in advance so we can deliver it – which can be a sensitive issue, dividing parents’ opinions – in the most purposeful way. Mr. Burton will be inviting people to be part of a working party so your views and opinions can be shared. Should you wish to be a part of this working party, please do write to him care of [office@st-james.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-james.southwark.sch.uk) We’d love to have your involvement with this! A couple of parents have already expressed an interest and we’ll be in touch to arrange a time to meet next half term. It would be great to have a few more voices to express their opinions or have any queries answered.



**Class attendance for this 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. Children are arriving to school increasingly later – please do be prompt and ready for school!**

Class:	Attendance:	Class:	Attendance:
6 Canada	98 %	4 Kenya	93 %
6 Mexico	98 %	3 Norway	99 %
6 Peru	99 %	3 Sweden	99 %
5 China	100 %	Belgium class	96 %
5 India	100 %	2 France	98 %
5 Japan	95 %	2 Spain	98 %
5 Russia	98 %	1 Germany	97 %
4 Egypt	94 %	1 Italy	98 %
4 Ghana	97 %		
<b>Weekly Winners: 5 CHINA, 5 INDIA &amp; 6 PERU - Very well done! ☺</b>			



**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.



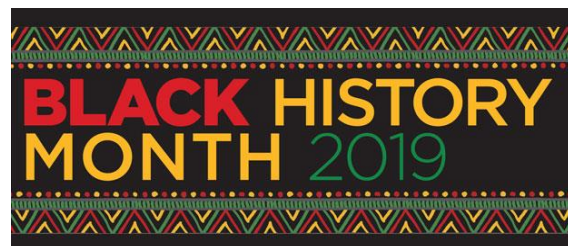
### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October *Black History Month activities and RE for the whole school during next week.*

5 India Green trip – see separate letter.

### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 5 China to the Library.

4 Egypt Green trip – see separate letter.



### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

King’s College Teddy Bear Hospital workshops with Reception children.

Year 4 REAL Project fashion show at OJR – 3pm.

### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 4 Kenya to the Library.

World Food Day – celebrations after school at Old Jamaica Road.

Flu immunisations for children whose parents have consented at both sites.

Year 1 and Belgium class Green trips – see separate letter.



### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

4 Ghana & Kenya Green trips – see separate letter.

Break up for Half Term – 3:15pm OJR/3:30PM Alexis St.

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