



Dear All,

It has been great to return after our Autumn half term break and hear all about what the children have been doing with their holidays. Children have started some amazing new topics and class books and, in addition to our usual swimming and library visits, Year 1 had a lovely time at the Royal Festival Hall for a 'Brightsparks' concert on Wednesday, Years 2&5 have all participated in important Fire Safety workshops in school and Reception children welcomed parents and carers in today for our fun 'Build-a-Bear' workshop! I'm also thrilled to announce our football teams have played superbly this week in local tournaments; one match was won 18-0!! Our Collective Worship theme for this week has been about Kindness, where we've looked at some more healing and miracles of Jesus as well as how to 'Love our Enemies'. Next week children will think about Remembrance in the lead up to Armistice Day on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Please note, parents and carers are welcome as always to join us for this service which will be held in church at 09:30.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

Lots of ballot papers have been returned so far to elect new parent governors. Please do keep these coming in and post in the boxes at reception desks at either site by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon.



### Open Mornings for Reception 2020-2021

Please note open mornings for prospective Reception children 2020-2021: Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup>, Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup>, at 9.30 am at Old Jamaica Road. Jim Hutchinson, Vice Chair of Governors, will talk at 10am. Our first open morning was held at OJR yesterday and it was great to see lots of new faces there.



### Cashless Payments – from January 2020

For various reasons, but mainly to do with both hygiene and security, we're making the decision to only accept contactless/card payments for school uniform, nursery and breakfast/after school club payments. We wanted to give everyone plenty of notice for this. Many thanks for your co-operation.



### School Times – Punctuality

It's becoming more and more common for children to arrive late to school and be picked up late. Please do take note of our start and finish times – 08:55-15:30 Key Stage Two, Alexis St or 16:15 after a club. 09:00-15:00/12:00 Nursery, OJR. 09:15-15:15 Reception, Years 1&2 or 16:00 after a club. Worryingly, we've had lots of confusion around days on which clubs are happening etc this week so please do arrange collection for children on such days. One day this week, nearly 30 children were collected over 15 minutes late across both sites which does become a safeguarding concern. Do try to think ahead and use after-school club provision should you need to. If you are struggling to collect on time, please do come and speak to us as there may be something we can suggest to help.



### Christmas Fair (Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December OJR)

Please do keep selling those raffle tickets and encouraging children to design Christmas posters! Another reminder that if you are having a clear out, 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 soon 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.



### Parents' Evenings

As our dates lists state, our next Parents' Evenings will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November (Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2) at Old Jamaica Road and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) at Alexis St. Sign-up sheets will be available from Tuesday (5<sup>th</sup> November) outside classrooms at OJR and by the door to the playground at Alexis St as usual. For Nursery and Reception parents/carers there is no need to sign up for this – just pop in to your child's learning environment between 16:00 and 17:00 to see some of the learning that has taken place and teachers will be available to have an informal chat. This is due to the Parents' Evenings that have already taken place for Nursery and Reception children. Looking forward to seeing you at these! If you have a child with an EHCP you will be invited to separate meetings.



### London Fire Brigade Talks and Advice

After the very informative assemblies for Year 2 and Year 5 children, the London Fire Brigade are offering FREE home fire safety checks. Email [smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk) or call 0800 028 4428 or Text 07860 021 319 to arrange a visit.



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**Monday 11th November:** Armistice Service in St. James' Church – 09:30 – all welcome.  
**Tuesday 12th November:** Years Nursery, Reception & 1-2 Parents' Evening – after school @ OJR.  
**Wednesday 13th November:** Years 3-6 Parents' Evening – after school @ Alexis St.



**Friday 15th November:** Children in Need Day – non-uniform day and Talent Show for £1.  
**Wednesday 20th November:** Individual photos taken of children.  
**Friday 22nd November:** Non-uniform day in exchange for bottles, toiletries and items for Christmas Fair.  
**Friday 29th November:** Non-uniform day in exchange for bottles, toiletries and items for Christmas Fair.

**Monday 2nd – Friday 6th December:** ASSESSMENT WEEK.

**Thursday 5th December:** ALL Clubs finish for the Autumn term.

**Friday 6th December:** 'Mad Hair Day' and festive non-uniform – Bring in £1:00 in aid of Royal Marsden Hospital, with Royal Marsden assembly at both sites & Christmas Fair – 15:30-17:00 at OJR.

**Wednesday 11th December:** Nursery Christmas Crafts & Songs – 9:30 at OJR.

**Friday 13th December:** Reception Christmas Production – 2pm at OJR.

**Tuesday 17th December:** Years 1 & 2 Nativity – St. James' Church at 2pm.

**Wednesday 18th December:** Years 3-6 'Carols by Candlelight' concert – St. James' Church at 2pm.

**Thursday 19th December:** End of term Christmas service – 09:30 at St. James' Church – all welcome. Break up for Christmas holidays – 1:15am OJR/1:30am Alexis St.

**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	95 %	4 Kenya	98 %
6 Mexico	97 %	3 Norway	98 %
6 Peru	99 %	3 Sweden	99 %
5 China	97 %	Belgium class	97 %
5 India	100 %	2 France	100 %
5 Japan	97 %	2 Spain	97 %
5 Russia	95 %	1 Germany	97 %
4 Egypt	94 %	1 Italy	98 %
4 Ghana	93 %		
<b>Weekly Winners: 5 INDIA &amp; 2 FRANCE - 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 4th November:** Assemblies from Engie promoting Building site safety.

**Tuesday 5th November:** Year 6 Peru to the Library; 'Kids Active' Theatre Company workshops; Year 5 Japan to Yalding Centre for Illuminate Rotherhithe workshop; Nursery 'Build a Bear' workshop with parents and carers in OJR hall for 09:15.



**Wednesday 6th November:** Year 2 to London Zoo; Year 3 Pedestrian training workshops; Year 5&6 Football Team competition.



**Thursday 7th November:** Year 5 Russia to the Library; Reception 2020-2021 open morning at OJR (details overleaf); Belgium and 5 India to Surrey Quays Cinema; Year 5&6 Athletics Competition at C.O.L.A; Year 3 Pedestrian training workshops.

**Friday 8th November:** All Year 4 Dancing at Decathlon.

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