



Dear All,

What a busy week it's been! Children are doing really well with their topics and class books and, in addition to our usual swimming and library visits, 5 Japan went to Age Concern to work with the people there to make lanterns for the Illuminate Rotherhithe festival; Year 2 had an amazing trip to London Zoo; we had a lovely Nursery 'Build a Bear' morning; Year 4 have attended a dance festival at Decathlon – also as part of the Illuminate Rotherhithe festival; Year 3 have all received some important pedestrian safety training; 5 India and Belgium class attended the cinema at Surrey Quays and all children watched shows delivered by 'Kids Active' about the importance of awareness of Epi-pens and children with serious allergies. Our Collective Worship theme for this week has been about Remembrance in the lead up to Armistice Day on Monday - 11th 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.** Next week we'll explore some inspirational 'Heroes of the Faith' including Joshua and Noah. Many thanks to all our parents and carers for making a real effort with punctuality to school and attendance – this is improving. We have a busy week with lots of trips and workshops next week – please see overleaf for details.

Parents' Evenings/Open Morning for Reception 2020-2021

As mentioned last week, our next Parents' Evenings will be held next week on Tuesday 12th November (Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2) at Old Jamaica Road and Wednesday 13th November (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) at Alexis St. Sign-up sheets will still be available on Monday 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 on Tuesday 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. **Please note that any Tuesday clubs will be cancelled at Key Stage One – Multi-sports and Natural Arts & Crafts – as teachers will be doing Parents' Evening.** We'll send a text to remind. Please note our final open morning for prospective Reception children 2020-2021: Thursday November 14th, at 9.30 am at Old Jamaica Road. Our second open morning was held at OJR yesterday and it was great to see lots of new faces there.



Children in Need Non-uniform day & Talent Show – Friday 15th November

Next week we will raise money for 'Children in Need'. On Friday we'll have a non-uniform day in exchange for at least £1.00 (suggested donation). Children will have special assemblies during this day and from Years 2-6 will watch and take part in a talent show during the afternoon – this is always a lovely opportunity for everyone to show some skills from outside of school! We will encourage children to rehearse during break times and lunchtimes in the playground next week and the finalists will audition and perform on Friday afternoon for each other. We're really looking forward to this and hope to raise a lot of money for such a deserving cause. Your support is always hugely appreciated. **Please note - as Year 1 have a pre-planned trip to the Science Museum, they should wear school uniform as usual on this day to ensure a safe journey there/back.**



Cashless Payments – from January 2020

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.



Christmas Fair (Friday 6th 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 soon (detailed overleaf) 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.



The Sun Newspaper Books for Schools

We have registered our school for this scheme. Please collect tokens from the Sun newspaper and drop them at either site office. We need 3,500! We will then receive £600 worth of reading books. The tokens will be printed every day from November 23rd until January 18th. If you still have a copy of the Sun from Sunday 3rd November there are 5 bonus tokens, please do cut out and send in to school. Do ask friends and family to collect them also.



'Design the Blue' Celebration & Prize-giving

Everyone is invited to this celebratory event on Saturday 16th November, 2019 from 2pm – 5pm at 'Made in Bermondsey', 10 Market Place, Bermondsey, London SE16 3UQ.



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 Y2-6 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 & 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	100 %	4 Kenya	96 %
6 Mexico	99 %	3 Norway	99 %
6 Peru	99 %	3 Sweden	97 %
5 China	98 %	Belgium class	98 %
5 India	96 %	2 France	97 %
5 Japan	97 %	2 Spain	98 %
5 Russia	100 %	1 Germany	95 %
4 Egypt	96 %	1 Italy	99 %
4 Ghana	98 %		
Weekly Winners: 5 RUSSIA & 6 CANADA - 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 11th November: Armistice Service – 09:30 in Church Years 1-6. All welcome.

Tuesday 12th November: EYFS & Key Stage One Parents' Evening at OJR;
Year 6 Mexico to the Library.

Wednesday 13th November: Years 1&2 to Cinema during morning;
Year 1 'Teddy Bear's Hospital' during afternoon;
Key Stage Two Parents' Evening at Alexis St.

Thursday 14th November: Year 5 China & Japan to cinema – 'Into Film' festival;
Year 5 Japan to the Library;
Reception 2020-2021 open morning at OJR (details overleaf).

Friday 15th November: Year 1 to Science Museum – FULL UNIFORM please;
Children in Need non-uniform and talent show day (details overleaf).



One Day Creative' Anti-Bullying Week workshops all week for children across both sites and key stages.



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