



Dear All,

We've had another super week! Children continue to produce some great work around their class books and topics. Children in KS2 have all enjoyed visiting Jacob and Paul in Church for our annual 'Schools Week' activities which have been a super link to our place of worship. In addition to their usual library and swimming visits, children have participated in a range of sports competitions and all children have been immersed in their poetry work today to mark National Poetry Day. Our Collective Worship theme for this week has continued with 'Preparing for Harvest' and we've thought carefully about thanksgiving through 'The Rich Fool' and looking at creation through Genesis. Next week we'll think about prayer and consider how lucky and grateful we are for all we have before our Harvest Service on Monday (7th October) – please note we will be accepting donations of food as usual for this service, details below. 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.

Harvest Festival – St. James' Church on Monday 7th October at 09:30

We are really looking forward to our annual Harvest Festival church service on Monday, please do join us in church at 09:30 for this. For those of you who have expressed interest in donating items, we are collecting again for the 'Manna Centre' and its work among homeless people. Please bring gifts of tinned food, pasta sauces, tea, coffee, concentrated drinks (squash etc to dilute), rice, breakfast cereals, soap, deodorants, shaving foam, disposable razors, toilet rolls or kitchen rolls. Your kindness and generosity are very much appreciated as ever. Please don't feel any pressure to buy anything, something from your own kitchen cupboard will be fine.



Young Marketeers Sale

Mrs Brenta took a group of children to Borough Market yesterday to sell some of the amazing produce they've been growing in our school garden. They all had a terrific day and are learning more and more about growing produce.



Year 6 Secondary School Open Days and Advice

It was super to see Year 6 parents and carers come and meet Mrs Brenta regarding secondary school transfers at her session on Wednesday. We always advise visiting as many schools, both in and out of area as possible so you can decide on the right school for your child. Please contact Mrs Brenta for any questions regarding this process. Remember the deadline for applications for Southwark is the end of October, so not too far away!



Illness

If your child is ill please do consider using the FREE Studybugs App to report the absence to school: Studybugs provides a unique communication platform for children's health, used by thousands of schools and parents across the UK. In partnership with the NHS and other public health organisations, Studybugs tracks what bugs are going around and passes on expert advice to keep children healthy and in school. Download the App from <https://studybugs.com/>



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.



ESOL

We are pleased to offer a creche facility for this popular course. It will continue on Tuesdays from 1pm at Old Jamaica Road. Please do come along if you are interested in improving your English speaking and writing. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Brenta.



Tea and Toast

We would like to invite all reception parents and carers to a Tea and Toast morning to meet Mrs. Brenta and other parents and carers from your child's Reception class. Drop your child at school and join Mrs. Brenta in the hall on Friday 11th October for tea, coffee and toast!





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	96 %	4 Kenya	91 %
6 Mexico	93 %	3 Norway	99 %
6 Peru	99 %	3 Sweden	97 %
5 China	100 %	Belgium class	98 %
5 India	100 %	2 France	99 %
5 Japan	95 %	2 Spain	97 %
5 Russia	99 %	1 Germany	98 %
4 Egypt	93 %	1 Italy	98 %
4 Ghana	93 %		
Weekly Winners: 5 CHINA & 5 INDIA - Very well done! ☺			



Some Dates in advance this Half Term:

Monday 7th October: Harvest Service in St. James' Church – 09:30 – all welcome.

Tuesday 8th October: Nursery and Reception Initial Parents' Evening.

Friday 11th October: Abel & Cole Cookery School workshops at both sites.

Monday 14th – Friday 18th October: Black History Month activities and RE for the whole school.

Wednesday 16th October: King's College Teddy Bear Hospital workshops with Reception children.

Thursday 17th October: World Food Day – celebrations after school at Old Jamaica Road. Parents and carers invited to bring in cuisines from their own cultures and share foods from all over the world to celebrate our school community.

Friday 18th October: Break up for Half Term – 3:15pm OJR/3:30PM Alexis St.



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 7th October – Harvest Service in St. James' Church – 09:30 – all welcome.

Tuesday 8th October – Nursery and Reception Initial Parents' Evening; Year 2 Spain to the Library.

Wednesday 9th October – Year 4 Ceilidh Project – Illuminate Rotherhithe.

Thursday 10th October – Year 4 Ghana to the Library.

Friday 11th October – Abel & Cole Cookery School workshops at both sites; Tea & Toast (details overleaf).



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