



Dear All,

Another really busy week at St. James'! There have been many trips including cinema trips to Surrey Quays and Piccadilly; Year 1 visiting the Science Museum today and our usual library and swimming visits. All children have taken part in workshops delivered by 'One Day Creative' to promote respect, empathy and kindness to mark Anti-Bullying week and our Year 1 children took part in a Teddy Bear Hospital workshop on Wednesday with medical student visitors from King's College. Our Collective Worship theme for this week has been about inspirational 'Heroes of the Faith' including Joshua and Noah. Next week this theme will continue with Peter, David and Simeon. Unbelievably, we'll begin with the theme of Advent the following week; where has time gone?! Many thanks to all our parents and carers for continuing to make a real effort with punctuality to school and attendance – this is still improving.

### **Individual Photos – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

As per the dates lists and home-school journals, all children will have their individual photos taken next Wednesday – 20<sup>th</sup> November – at both sites. If you would like family photos or siblings to have photos taken together, please bring children in early – from 08:00 – to either site where you will be let in to have photos taken. It is your responsibility to do this as we can't have children swapping sites during the school day because it takes time away from their learning. Many thanks.



### **BIG Coffee Morning**

Mrs Brenta has organised a coffee morning (with a twist!) for next Thursday morning, 09:15 at OJR. There are lots of outside organisations coming along, we would love to see you all there! See attached invite for further information.



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

There is a separate letter being sent home requesting your help. Please do try and help, even for a short time. We are also looking for someone to bake a lovey cake for our 'Guess the Weight' challenge! If you can help please do let Mrs Brenta know. Keep selling the raffle tickets; if you would like any more to sell they are available from the office at both sites. If anyone works for an organisation who would be able to donate a raffle prize, please let Mrs Brenta know and she will drop them a letter. 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.



### **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 23<sup>rd</sup> until January 18<sup>th</sup>. If you still have a copy of the Sun from Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November there are 5 bonus tokens, please do cut out and send in to school. Do ask friends and family to collect them also.



### **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.



### **Dates in Advance...**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November:** Non-uniform day in exchange for items for Christmas Fair.

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December:** ASSESSMENT WEEK.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December:** ALL Clubs finish for the Autumn term.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December:** 'Mad Hair Day' and festive non-uniform & Christmas Fair – 15:30-17:00 at OJR.

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

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Reception Christmas Production – 2pm at OJR.

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

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

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas service – 09:30 at St. James' Church. Break up for Christmas holidays – 1:15am OJR/1:30am Alexis St.



**'Design the Blue' Celebration & Prize-giving**

Another reminder that everyone is invited to this celebratory event on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 from 2pm – 5pm at 'Made in Bermondsey', 10 Market Place, Bermondsey, London SE16 3UQ.



**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	95 %
6 Mexico	97 %	3 Norway	95 %
6 Peru	99 %	3 Sweden	99 %
5 China	97 %	Belgium class	98 %
5 India	97 %	2 France	99 %
5 Japan	99 %	2 Spain	96 %
5 Russia	100 %	1 Germany	99 %
4 Egypt	97 %	1 Italy	98 %
4 Ghana	97 %		
<b>Weekly Winners: 5 RUSSIA - 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 18<sup>th</sup> November:**  
Year 6 to Cinema – Into Film Festival.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November:**  
Reception England to the Library.  
Reception and Year 6 Lantern Making for Illuminate Rotherhithe Festival.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November:**  
Individual photos taken at both sites.  
Some Year 5&6 children to a performance at SSSO School.  
Some Year 4 children to the Ragged Museum.  
5 Russia, 6 Canada & 6 Peru to Rotten Romans film at cinema.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November:**  
Year 3 Norway to the Library.  
Year 4 to 'Wonderlab' at the Science Museum.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November:**  
Non-uniform day for Christmas Fair items (see overleaf).  
Some Year 4 children to the Ragged Museum.



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