



Dear All,

Yet another really busy – and very productive – week here at St. James'! There have been even more trips including more cinema trips with 'Into Film Festival' for Years 5 & 6; Year 4 visiting the Science Museum yesterday and the Ragged School Museum; Reception and Year 6 participating in lantern making for the Illuminate Rotherhithe festival and our usual library and swimming visits. Children had their individual photos taken on Wednesday – we'll hand out order forms for you when these return to us. Our Collective Worship theme for this week has continued with more inspirational 'Heroes of the Faith' including Peter, David and Simeon. Next week we'll begin with the theme of Advent in the lead up to Christmas. 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.

### Coffee Morning

Mrs Brenta held a very successful coffee morning yesterday. Thanks to local organisations - Southwark Adult Education, Southwark Well Being Hub, Southwark Council Sustainable Travel Team, School Nursing Team, Parent Practitioners from Southwark Early Help, Parent Gym, Love London Working, Kier Construction and of course our parent ambassadors and to you all for coming along. If you missed the event and want to hear more about what was on offer, please do see Mrs Brenta.



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

Donations of bottles or toiletries or £1 next Friday 29th November in exchange for wearing non-uniform again. Please see our separate letter regarding preparation days. If you are able to help out, even for an hour Mrs Brenta would be very grateful!



### Illuminate Rotherhithe/Lantern Making

A message from Noni, our in-house Atelierista: 'As you may know we have been collecting jam jars and making lanterns in the Atelier. This week saw an exciting workshop from visiting artist Frog Morris from illuminate Rotherhithe festival. He treated Reception children to a magic lantern show and workshop and showed Year 6 how to create large scale lanterns from willow branches. St James' school have been invited to participate in the lantern procession on Friday 29th November (assemble 3.30pm at the Blue Market place Bermondsey finishing at St James Church with hot chocolate I'm told!). Children must be accompanied by an adult. If any OJR site parent and child would like to participate and want to make a lantern there will be an extra lantern making workshop after school (3:15pm-4pm) on Tuesday (26<sup>th</sup> Nov) led by Atelier teacher Noni J Jones.



### Southwark Food Bank

We are participating in Southwark Food Bank's 'Feed a Family 2019' campaign and are appealing for support from those around us to help raise funds for families in need. Christmas time can be a struggle for many, with the added costs of fuel and winter clothing for growing children, which puts added pressures on finances for many families. We want to emphasise the values of family, generosity and a shared sense of community and come together over the festive period to support one another and share what we can. Please ensure donated food has a long shelf life and is well within its use by date. Thank you for your support! Please donate from the following list: Mince pies, New children's books (2-16yrs old), Custard, Christmas Pudding, Christmas Cake, Chocolate and treats, Snacks and Nibbles, Jam, Rice Pudding, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Pork Meat. You can drop items at either site for Mrs Brenta's attention.



### The Baby Bank

If you have new or good quality second hand baby items you no longer require, The Baby Bank in Camberwell would be very grateful to receive them. Please talk to Mrs Brenta for further details.



### The Sun Newspaper Books for Schools

We have registered our school for this scheme. As previously mentioned, if you are a Sun reader, please start collecting the 'Books for Schools' tokens in The Sun and The Sun on Sunday from Saturday, November 23rd and bring into the office at either site.



### Childcare Course for Beginners, Level 1 or 2

If you are interested in starting one of the above courses, please talk to Mrs Brenta who will book you in for an assessment with Southwark Adult Education to ensure you enrol on to the correct course. If there is enough interest, we will run either the Beginners' course or Level 1 course here at St James'. The Level 2 course is currently running here at school (this is a one-year course) and will possibly run again from September 2020.



## Surrey Docks Farm

Surrey Docks Farm are offering two FREE weekly (Saturday or Sunday) youth clubs for children aged 8-11 where they can learn about fruit and vegetables, looking after animals, take part in nature activities. For more details, go to <http://www.surreydocksfarm.org.uk>



### Dates in Advance...

**Friday 29th November:** Non-uniform day in exchange for 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 & 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:** Christmas service – 09:30 at St. James' Church. 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	98 %	4 Kenya	96 %
6 Mexico	99 %	3 Norway	97 %
6 Peru	95 %	3 Sweden	97 %
5 China	99 %	Belgium class	95 %
5 India	97 %	2 France	97 %
5 Japan	92 %	2 Spain	97 %
5 Russia	97 %	1 Germany	97 %
4 Egypt	97 %	1 Italy	94 %
4 Ghana	90 %		
<b>Weekly Winners: 6 MEXICO &amp; 5 CHINA - 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 25<sup>th</sup> November:** No trips.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November:** Reception Ireland to the Library; Belgium class to Pizza Express, Shad Thames.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November:** No trips.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November:** Year 3 Sweden to the Library; Football Team at Competition; School Nurse visiting Reception classes for hand-washing workshops.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November:** Non-uniform day for Christmas Fair items (see overleaf); 5 India – Mudlarking by the River; 4 Ghana – slime making in the Blue Market; EYFS/KS1 Watching a Booster Cushion Theatre show at OJR.



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November 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

ST JAMES CE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR 2019 - Friday 6th December 2019

Can you help? We would be very grateful if you could help set up/work on a stall/clear up at the Christmas Fair. If you are able to help – even for a short time - please complete slip below and return to Mrs Brenta.

Thank you for your continued kind support of the school, it is very much appreciated.

Kind Regards,

*Karen Willis*

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I am able to help with the Christmas Fair and preparations.

I can - set up/run a stall/clear up/bake cakes/attend preparation day/s (Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November/Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November/Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December/Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December/Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December) – please choose when you can help!

Name.....

Contact number .....

