



Another busy week in the lead up to next week's Assessment Week! Our Football Team took part in a tournament yesterday, Year 4 Ghana have had a fun slime-making workshop today and Year 5 India have been mud-larking in addition to our usual library and swimming visits. Our Collective Worship theme for this week has been on Advent and 'Getting ready for Christmas' with readings from Luke and Isaiah. Next week this theme will continue where we will further explore the true meaning of Christmas at this time of year. Please be reminded that **ALL CLUBS WILL FINISH NEXT THURSDAY – 5TH DECEMBER – UNTIL THE NEW YEAR WHEN NEW LETTERS WILL BE SENT HOME TO APPLY FOR NEW CLUBS.** School photos have come home to you by now – do order these online following their instructions, or return order forms to school with cash before next Tuesday – 3rd December – to ensure you get these back in time for Christmas.

Christmas Fair (Friday 6th December OJR)

Many thanks to everyone for all your kind donations towards the Christmas Fair! If you are able to help out, even for an hour, Mrs Brenta would be very grateful! Do contact her if you have any free time next week before Friday. The fair will begin next Friday at 15:30. Key Stage Two children will be brought down to the playground slightly earlier than usual if you'd like to collect them to take them straight to OJR for this. All children attending the Fair should be accompanied by an adult. A reminder that Mrs. O'Connor's after school club will not be running next Friday because of the Fair. Fit for Sport after school provision will be running at Key Stage Two as usual.



Royal Marsden Fundraising 'Mad Hair Day' – Friday 6th December

We continue to support the Royal Marsden cancer charity in any way we can and we're really looking forward to our 'Mad Hair Day' next Friday before the Christmas Fair! We ask for donations of at least £1.00 to take part in this. Christmas jumpers/festive non-uniform are also welcomed as an addition/alternative. It'd be great to dig deep and raise as much money as we can! It'd also be lovely to see as many wacky hairstyles as possible too!



Southwark Food Bank/The Baby 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. Also, 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 Holly and the Ivy – Christmas Family Activity with the London Wildlife Trust

Join in with fun, free, family activities for Southwark residents at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening run by the London Wildlife Trust. Escape the crowds and spend a tranquil day with your children in their lovely garden and classroom. Make a wreath for your door, natural decorations and cards and learn about evergreen plants through games, stories and activities on Sunday 15th December at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening, 28 Marsden Road, SE15 4EE 10.30am – 3.30pm. This course is free and is suitable for families with children of all ages. To book, contact dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk



Skates and Ladders – a message from our Skateboarding Club providers

If you take part in the skateboarding club at St James', you may have already heard of Skates & Ladders, the fastest growing skateboard tuition company in the UK. Skates & Ladders work with schools, local councils and the Royal Parks of London, providing quality, tailored skateboard tuition for all ages and abilities, offering private 1-to-1 lessons, group lessons and weekend Skate Club sessions. All instructors are First Aid qualified and DBS (formerly CRB) certified with 10 years of expert knowledge so you know when you book a lesson with Skates & Ladders, you get the highest quality service and instructors you can trust. Skates & Ladders have kindly donated a few lesson vouchers to our Christmas raffle this year, so don't forget to enter for your chance to win! Lesson vouchers are also available from their website, and can be redeemed when you are ready to schedule. To find out more about Skates & Ladders and what they offer, visit www.skatesandladders.com, they have some great Christmas present ideas available too!



