



Another busy week – I can't believe we're so close to the end of the long Autumn Term! This will be the final Newsletter of the year and all children will break up **NEXT THURSDAY** – 19<sup>th</sup> December – at 13:15 (Reception, Nursery Rome and Years 1 & 2) and 13:30 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) as usual at the end of a full term. Mrs O'Connor's Breakfast and After School club continues to run until the end of term, as does Fit for Sport at KS2. As always, there will be **no after school club provision on the final day of term** – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – when we break up early. We continue with our collective worship theme of 'Christmas' and we're learning about all the different ways people prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at this time. Next week we'll look at Anna and The Shepherds with readings from the Gospel according to Luke. Please see overleaf for all of our important dates leading up to the end of term and in January! Children are in the process of attending Green Trips this week and next as an incentive for positive behaviour choices this term and we've had some lovely events including our Reception Christmas production this afternoon, Nursery open mornings, Miss Jess's Choir performing and Christmas Lunches at both sites. A HUGE thank you from Mrs. Brenta to all the parents and carers involved in making the Christmas Fair such a success. We raised over £2,300 – a record! This money will be well spent, put towards lovely trips and experiences for our children. There is one outstanding raffle prize to be collected, ticket number 00814, if you have the winning ticket let Mrs Brenta know. A reminder - if your child is due to start in Reception in September 2020 you must apply online by January 15th, please do see Mrs Brenta who will be happy to help.

### **SEND Nursery Assistant – Two Job Vacancies**

A message from Mrs Willis: 'We have two vacancies for part-time SEND support assistants to work in our Reggio Emilia inspired Nursery at our Old Jamaica Road site - a short walk from Bermondsey underground station on the Jubilee line. Experience of working with children with Autism related disorders would be useful. Early Years' experience, and relevant qualifications, would also be useful along with an enhanced DBS. Hours and days of work will be discussed at interview along with pay scale. Hours of work are most likely to be Monday, Tuesday all day and Wednesday morning. Closing date 17th December 2019.'



### **Attendance/Punctuality/Late Collection**

Attendance has taken a dip due to general coughs, cold and sickness at this time of year, we are also experiencing Chicken Pox in school. Please can we remind you of our start times so when we start back in January as a lot of children are consistently late, gates open at KS2 08:45 and at KS1 09:00. Please can we also remind you of collection times at both sites as we often have a number of children left in the office at the end of the day, 15:15 at KS1 and 15:30 at KS2. If your child is absent please do let us know either by calling or text, or use the FREE APP, Studybugs. Please do try and collect your children on time or give us a call to let us know if you are unavoidably late. Please consider registering your children with SJ's after school club at KS1 and Fit for Sport at KS2 so if you are running late we can at least send them to after school provision (which you will be charged for).



### **Child Care Course - Beginners and Level 1**

If you are interested, please call Mrs Brenta as soon as possible as you will need to take an assessment to determine your level. We hope to run the course in January if there is enough interest.



### **ESOL**

This course has finished for this term, please look out for the next one later this academic year.



### **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>



**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](mailto:dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk)



**Class attendance for this half term:** 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	97 %	4 Kenya	94 %
6 Mexico	97 %	3 Norway	97 %
6 Peru	97 %	3 Sweden	95 %
5 China	97 %	Belgium class	96 %
5 India	97 %	2 France	97 %
5 Japan	97 %	2 Spain	96 %
5 Russia	98 %	1 Germany	96 %
4 Egypt	95 %	1 Italy	97 %
4 Ghana	94 %		
<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 16<sup>th</sup> December:**

TfL Assembly – Year 6.



**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:**

4 Kenya to the Library.  
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.



**BACK TO SCHOOL AT NORMAL TIMES – MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020.**

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