



We're thrilled to welcome everyone back to school after the Christmas Holidays and wish you all a very Happy New Year! It's been lovely to hear all about what the children have been doing over the holidays. This week children from Nursery to Year 6 have learnt about Coding as part of their Computing curriculum and they've produced some amazing things from this. We're sure they've been coming home and telling you all about their learning. On Monday morning Gary, Jacob and Paul gave a lovely 'Welcome Back' service on Epiphany and children have been working on New Year's Resolutions linked to our Character Traits and Bible Readings which can be found in children's home learning diaries. We'll start again with our weekly themes for Collective Worship next week. Term dates can be found overleaf for this half term. Home-learning diaries also have important dates in for each week so do keep checking these too when you record your children's reading at home. Many thanks for your continued co-operation with this. We've sadly noticed lots of footwear/trainers being worn which are not plain black – please do be reminded of our policy regarding plain black footwear for school.

School Kitchen Inspection

We're pleased to inform you we had a spot inspection of the kitchen by a representative from the Food Standards Agency with Southwark Council just before Christmas and we retained our highest possible rating of 5. Very well done to our kitchen teams at both sites for ensuring the highest possible standards are achieved!



Punctuality/Late Collection

Once more, can we please remind you of our start times as a lot of children continue to be 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 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).



Parent Gym

Parent Gym is a course of 6 workshops, each session is for two hours and is packed with practical tips and techniques to make family life easier and help your children thrive. To hear all about this exciting course there will be a short coffee morning on Tuesday 4th February at 09:30 at OJR. The course will begin the following Tuesday morning for 6 weeks (except for half term). Each week's session covers one of these topics: Chat, Love, Behave, Care, Discover and Together. For further information, please see Mrs Brenta. This is such an exciting fun filled course, be sure to book on this before it's too late! You can book a place or find more information on the website: <http://bit.ly/2Qa8aG8>



Dates for your Diaries – Spring term (continued overleaf):

Monday 13th January: ALL Clubs start for the Spring term.

Friday 14th February: 'P' Factor Poetry Performances during afternoon; break up for Spring Half Term – normal times OJR 15:15/Alexis St 15:30.

Monday 24th February: Back to school for Spring Term 2 – normal times OJR 09:15/Alexis St 08:55.

Friday 6th March: World Book Day – events, activities and dressing up as favourite book characters!

Monday 9th – Friday 13th March: Science Week – activities/trips across both Key Stages.

Tuesday 10th March: Year 5 Parent/Carer meeting re. Secondary School Transfer – 14:30 at Alexis Street.

Friday 13th March: Sports Relief Day events – during afternoon at both Key Stages.

Monday 16th March – Friday 20th March: ASSESSMENT WEEK.

Friday 20th March: ALL Clubs finish for the Spring term.

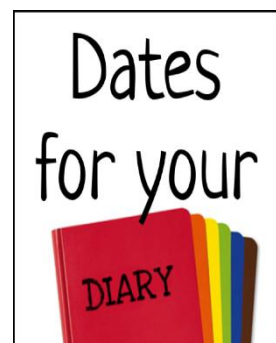
Tuesday 24th March: Nursery, Reception & KS1 Parents' Evening – after school at OJR.

Wednesday 25th March: KS2 Parents' Evening – after school at Alexis St.

Friday 27th March: Non-uniform Day in exchange for Easter Eggs. Booster Cushion Theatre Show at KS1 during afternoon.

Tuesday 31st March: Easter Egg tombola after school at KS1 – OJR.

Wednesday 1st April – Thursday 2nd April: Year 1 & 2 Production – OJR, 14:00 & 18:00 both days.



Thursday 2nd April: Easter Egg tombola after school at KS2 – Alexis St.

Friday 3rd April: Easter service – 09:30 in St. James’ Church – all welcome. Break up for Easter holidays – HALF DAY OJR 13:15/Alexis St 13:30.



Fit for Sport

A message from Percilla, our Fit for Sport manager and Breakfast and After-school club provider: ‘Fit for Sport suggest that all children attending KS2 should register to be able to attend FFS services in case they may need to at the last minute, or in case there might be a possibility of a late collection. Registration is done at no extra cost. We provide a variety of exciting and fun activities that will stimulate your children's learning and development. To top it off we have competitions and rewards each week. To register please call 02087424990 or visit our website www.fitforsport.co.uk. We aim to promote "A journey to an active life". Fit for Sport is here to help.’



Attendance

WELL DONE TO 5 RUSSIA WHO WILL GO ON A SPECIAL ATTENDANCE TRIP THIS TERM! This class achieved the highest attendance score.

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



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 13th January

All clubs start for the Spring term – see separate letters coming home today.

Tuesday 14th January

Belgium class to the Library.



Wednesday 15th January

Year 6 WE Day Volunteering assembly and workshop.



Thursday 16th January

5 India to the library.

Friday 17th January

Year 5 ‘Riot Act’ Road Safety show.

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