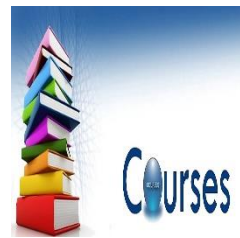




We've had another highly productive and super busy week at St. James' and children are continuing to produce some amazing work around their class books and topics. In addition to our usual library and swimming visits, Year 5 children had a super 'WE Day' assembly, followed by workshops on Wednesday where they all contributed great ideas about how we can volunteer and help in our communities. We've also taken part in a few sports competitions this week and welcomed Polly Howell, from the England Netball team, in to deliver PE lessons to our Year 6 children for the near future. Our Collective Worship theme for this week has been based around 'The Life of Christ', where we've learnt about Jesus performing miracles such as the 'Feeding of the 5,000', when 'Jesus Calmed the Storm' and when he sent out his twelve disciples. Next week we'll focus on some 'Heroes of the Faith' and learn about Samuel, Joshua and Abraham and how they can inspire us to be bold and strong in our everyday lives. Another reminder that we're still sadly noticing lots of footwear/trainers being worn which are not plain black – please do be reminded of our policy regarding plain black footwear for school.

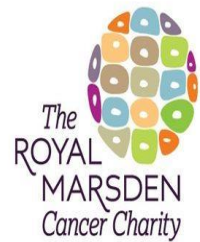
Level One Childcare Course

If you have enrolled on to this course it will start 10am, Monday 27th January at Alexis St (SE16 3XF) until 3pm. There will be tea and coffee supplied but you will need to bring lunch or pop out (there will be a short lunch break). Please bring ID and proof of income/benefits for the enrolment process. Unfortunately, we have been unable to secure anyone to run a crèche for this course and it is not suitable to bring your children with you.



The Banham Marsden March - The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity

Another reminder that Mrs Willis is assembling a team again for the above event which will take place on Sunday 3rd May in aid of the Royal Marsden. She's sent the following message: *"Thousands of people join us every year to walk between our two Royal Marsden sites in Chelsea and Sutton. You'll find patients, families, supporters of the hospital and Royal Marsden staff all taking part and fundraising, AND A TEAM FROM ST JAMES' SCHOOL. Four of our pupils have been or are receiving treatment at the hospital along with my son. The choice is yours, sign up to the 15-mile walk or for the final leg by taking part in the 5-mile distance. 'Team Willis' has a start time of 09:15 so please do join me this year, let's get a large team from St James'. Please use the link below to sign up or contact me, Mrs Willis."* <https://www.royalmarsden.org/support-us/banham-marsden-march>



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>



February Half Term Cycling Courses

Southwark Council with Cycle Confident are again providing FREE cycle skills courses for children over February half term. Complete beginner courses, intermediate off-road courses and on-road courses are all running from Dulwich Park. Training is in small groups with 2 fully qualified instructors. BOOK NOW by calling 020 303 16730. Places are limited so for more info or to book, also visit: www.cycleconfident.com/courses/child-group



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

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 – 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 Alexis St.

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.



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 | 99 % | 4 Kenya | 95 % |
| 6 Mexico | 95 % | 3 Norway | 99 % |
| 6 Peru | 99 % | 3 Sweden | 97 % |
| 5 China | 99 % | Belgium class | 94 % |
| 5 India | 100 % | 2 France | 97 % |
| 5 Japan | 95 % | 2 Spain | 95 % |
| 5 Russia | 92 % | 1 Germany | 98 % |
| 4 Egypt | 98 % | 1 Italy | 99 % |
| 4 Ghana | 95 % | | |
| Weekly Winners: 5 INDIA – 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 27th January

Year 6 PSHE Puberty talk with School Nurse (separate letters with more information have been sent home).

Tuesday 28th January

4 Ghana to Design Museum.

2 France to the Library.

Wednesday 29th January

4 Kenya to Design Museum.

Thursday 30th January

4 Egypt to Design Museum.

5 China to the library.

Polly Howell (England Netball team) with Year 6 for PE.

Friday 31st January

Year 6 PSHE Anti-Radicalisation workshops.



Don't forget to follow us on Twitter—@St_JamesSchool





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Dear Parents/Carers,

Come and give your parenting skills a 'workout'...
Parent Gym is coming to St. James' School!

We know from talking with parents that many of you wonder what you can do to give your children the best start in life (and make your life as a parent a bit easier too).

This is why we're delighted to offer Parent Gym, a well-established, six-week programme that shares and explores practical tips and strategies to make family life easier and help your children thrive.

The programme usually costs £250 per parent, but we have secured 20 places **for free** for our parents here at St James'. These places are awarded on a first come first served basis and all parents are welcome to apply.

Each weekly session lasts two hours, and will take place at **Alexis Street** on:

TUESDAY from 9.30am

Tuesday 4th February Taster (45 mins) – shorter session for you to meet the coach and find out more about the sessions.

Tuesday 11th February: Chat (2 hours) – Help your family talk and listen to each other

Tuesday 25th February: Love (2 hours) – Build self-esteem and independence through secure attachments

Tuesday 3rd March: Behave (2 hours) – Bring calm and order to your home

Tuesday 10th March: Care (2 hours) – Looking after ourselves and our families

Tuesday 17th March: Discover (2 hours) – Support your children to learn and explore

Tuesday 24th March: Together (2 hours) – Look to the future and recapping key techniques

To **confirm** your place, please speak to **CAROLYN BRENTA** or ask at **reception/the office**.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Willis
Headteacher

