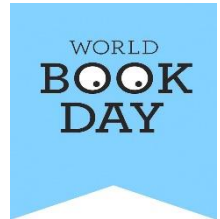




Another busy and productive week here at St. James' – it was super to celebrate World Book Day today and see the children in their wonderful costumes! We're also looking forward to Science week next week with lots of exciting visits and trips planned. In addition to usual swimming and library visits, Belgium class visited Greenwich Planetarium; Year 3 have all had trips and workshops at the British Museum this week; Year 4 have taken part in Science workshops on Space and some Year 6 children attended 'WE Day' at Wembley Stadium on Wednesday which encourages volunteering and working in the community. These children were chosen as they are particularly helpful in school and the wider community. Our Collective Worship theme for this week has continued with our theme of 'Living in Jesus's Way' and we've thought about 'Forgiveness', 'Worrying' and what 'True Riches' are to us and what they mean. Next week we'll think about 'Helping Others', 'A Tree & its Fruit' and 'The Wise Man'. Thanks for your continued support in ensuring children wear full school uniform with plain black shoes, supporting with homework and ever-important reading at home and also for encouraging positive and kind behaviour while at school.

## World Book Day

Thank you so much to Miss Hannaway for organising a super World Book Day today which has come at the end of a whole week where teachers have planned activities around a range of different books. Children presented their learning to each other in school this afternoon and there is much to celebrate and display from such a super week of exciting learning!



## Science Week

As previously mentioned, Miss Salter has been very busy organising lots of trips, visits and workshops for all children to mark our annual Science week from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – this will culminate in a Science Fair at either site on the afternoon of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March.



## Sport Relief Day

A reminder that next Friday - 13<sup>th</sup> March - is Sport Relief day and children will be taking part in sports activities and games during the morning and lunchtime on this day. Children can wear their own tracksuits/sportswear on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March in exchange for a donation for Sport Relief (suggestion of £1.00). Thanks in advance for all your support in helping us to raise money for our charities!



## Year 5/6 Secondary School Places

Year 6 parents and carers have now all been given confirmation of children's secondary school places – it seems as though the majority of people have been given their first choices or one of their preferences which is great! Please do contact the school and speak to Mrs Brenta should you need any further assistance with this. Another reminder that on Tuesday – 10<sup>th</sup> March – Mrs Brenta will meet with Year 5 parents and carers at Alexis St at 14:30 to discuss the application process for secondary schools for Autumn 2020.



## New School Uniform

Mrs Fox has asked to let all parents and carers know that as spring approaches, the sale of yellow school dresses and short-sleeved shirts/blouses have been added to our stock of uniform. Eco-garments and a new 'non-iron' range are now available too. Orders can be made via the offices at either site.



## Punctuality/Start of School Day

Children are coming in increasingly later which makes the start of days difficult and means they are missing valuable learning and feedback time. Please, please do ensure children are on time for school – start times remain 08:55 at KS2 (Alexis St) and 09:15 (Old Jamaica Road). Many thanks for your co-operation.



## Driving to school/drop offs during morning

We always encourage parents and carers to walk children to school or cycle/scoot where possible. It is so frustrating when cars use 'keep clear' areas and engines run idly while children are dropped off both from an air quality point of view and also from a safety aspect. As always, please do consider setting off earlier and walking and do remember if driving near one of our sites to do so with care and consideration.



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

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March:** Science Week – activities/trips across both Key Stages. SCIENCE FAIR AT THE END OF THE WEEK – BOTH SITES!

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March:** Year 5 Parent meeting re. Secondary School Transfer – 14:30 Alexis St.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March:** Sports Relief Day events – during morning at both Key Stages.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 KS1.

**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.**

Class:	Attendance:	Class:	Attendance:
6 Canada	97 %	4 Kenya	96 %
6 Mexico	98 %	3 Norway	97 %
6 Peru	99 %	3 Sweden	98 %
5 China	96 %	Belgium class	95 %
5 India	99 %	2 France	99 %
5 Japan	98 %	2 Spain	96 %
5 Russia	98 %	1 Germany	98 %
4 Egypt	97 %	1 Italy	98 %
4 Ghana	96 %		
<b>Weekly Winners: 2 FRANCE, 5 INDIA &amp; 6 PERU – 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 9th March**

Prayer Meeting – 09:30 at OJR.

Year 2 to Science Museum.

Years 1&5 'Wonder Dome' visit to OJR.



**Tuesday 10th March**

6 Mexico to the library.

Belgium Royal Observatory trip.

Year 3 Science Museum 'Wonder Lab' trip.

Year 6 Maritime Museum Astronomy trip.

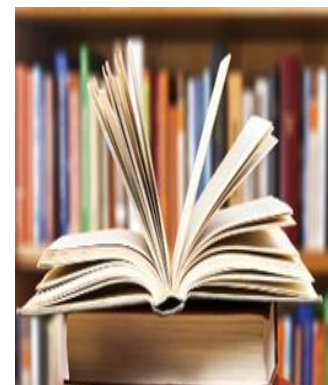
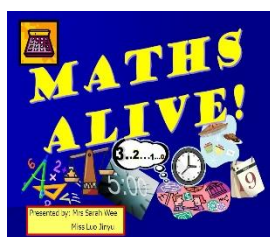
Year 5 Parent meeting re. Secondary School Transfer – 14:30 Alexis St.



**Wednesday 11th March**

Belgium, 5 China & 5 Russia swimming lessons.

5 India 'Maths Alive' trip.



**Thursday 12th March**

1 Italy to the library.

**Friday 13th March**

Sports Relief events during morning – wear sportswear for a donation.

Year 4 Girls' Football team competition at St. Joseph's.

Science Fair during afternoon.

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