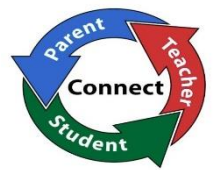




What a week it's been! Children have been on some amazing trips and had visitors in school to mark our annual Science Week – many thanks to Miss Salter for organising such wonderful opportunities. We've also attended our swimming lessons and library visits as usual. Thanks for your support in sending children in today in sportswear for a contribution to Sport Relief – the children had a lovely time trying some new activities and being active this morning! Thanks to Mr. Griffin for organising this and promoting an active and healthy lifestyle. Our Collective Worship theme for this week has continued with our theme of 'Living in Jesus's Way' and we've thought about 'Helping Others', 'A Tree & its Fruit' and 'The Wise Man'. Next week children will focus on 'Three Women of the Faith – Mary, Anna and Lydia and reflect upon what they can teach us. 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. Please note ALL EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS INCLUDING HOMEWORK CLUB FINISH NEXT FRIDAY – 20TH MARCH - FOR THE SPRING TERM. New clubs can be applied for after Easter for the Summer Term as usual. During Parents' Evenings I will be gathering your views and opinions about extra-curricular clubs with a view to changing our approach to them and extending opportunities for the children ready for the next academic year. Any suggestions will be gratefully received so we can start to look at providers and what can be on offer.

Parents' Evenings

Please note the next Parents' Evenings dates - Tuesday 24th March: Nursery, Reception & KS1 Parents' Evening – after school at OJR and Wednesday 25th March: KS2 Parents' Evening – after school at Alexis St. Sign-up sheets will be available next week to make an appointment for these.



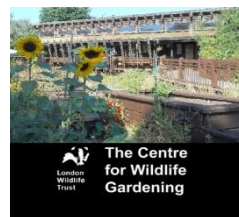
Cycle Confident Courses – Easter Holidays

Southwark Council with Cycle Confident are providing FREE cycle skills courses for children over the Easter holidays. Complete beginner courses, intermediate off-road courses and on-road courses are all running from Dulwich Park and Burgess Park. Training is in small groups with 2 fully qualified instructors. Book now through the following website or visit to find out more information: www.cycleconfident.com/courses/child-group

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Free Easter Family Courses at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening

Diana Wallace has two free family courses to take part in during the Easter holidays – 'Beautiful Birds and Extraordinary Eggs' on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th April from 10:30-15:30 and 'Minibeast Magic' on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th April from 10:30-15:30. Both courses are recommended for families and children of all ages. They are to be held at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening, 28 Marsden Road, London, SE15 4EE. Contact Diana on 07740717930 or dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk to book or for further information.



You're invited to be a Southwark Parent Champion!

What does this mean? Come and exchange ideas with other parents, citizens, local GPs, link workers, schools, churches, charities, ethical businesses, arts and media. Together, you will help to make our community healthier and more enjoyable for parents. Lunch will be provided. Parents will also get a special gift from Nimble Babies. This event will take place on Thursday 2nd April 2020 from 13:00 – 15:00 at St James' Church, Thurland Road, Bermondsey SE16 4AA. Please RSVP if you'd like to attend: <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ittakes-a-village-tickets-98243873069> Any questions? Email Lindsay Ip at Lindsay.ip@nhs.net



First Aid for Parents

Should anyone be interested in first aid courses delivered by qualified paediatric first aid instructors, these are available locally for a price of £10.00 for a 2-hour session. Call 07721907464 or visit www.safetraining2u.com (quoting 'ChildSafe') for more information.



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:

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 Show for 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	92 %	4 Kenya	93 %
6 Mexico	94 %	3 Norway	90 %
6 Peru	98 %	3 Sweden	99 %
5 China	95 %	Belgium class	95 %
5 India	100 %	2 France	97 %
5 Japan	98 %	2 Spain	92 %
5 Russia	98 %	1 Germany	96 %
4 Egypt	97 %	1 Italy	97 %
4 Ghana	97 %		
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 16th March

Year 2 to Tower of London.

Tuesday 17th March

Reception England to the library.

Reception Ireland picnic at Tower Bridge.

Wednesday 18th March

Belgium, 5 China & 5 Russia swimming lessons.

Thursday 19th March

2 Spain to the library.

Friday 20th March

All clubs finish for the Spring term.



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