

Dear Parents & Carers,

We've had another busy and productive week in school - all children have continued to produce some super work and are really engaged with their learning. Our Collective Worship theme for this week has been based around Harvest looking at 'God's Wonderful World', 'The Rich Fool' and how we can give thanks for all we have. Children have given really thought-provoking responses on how we can be grateful for all we have and share with others. On Monday (11<sup>th</sup> October) we will all go to church in the morning (children from Years 1-6) for a Harvest Service. Our Collective Worship theme will then continue with the power of prayer.

Please find a 'dates for your diaries' attachment to this e-mail. We're really happy to have a few more events booked and have more things in the calendar to look forward to! Please note dates for fundraising days, Children in Need, Crazy Hair Day and non-uniform days etc which will also appear on weekly newsletters as reminders. We're hoping to use the church for our Christmas concerts and nativities and will give you dates of these nearer the time in addition to any arrangements we may make for audiences.

### **Harvest Service – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

As mentioned above, children will be attending our annual Harvest Service on Monday morning. Sadly, we are not encouraging parents and carers to join our church services at the moment to keep numbers of people gathering lower however we hope that we will be able to soon. The church however will still collect for the Manna Centre, so if you can spare any of the items below to donate you can send them in with your children on Monday who can donate them when we attend church.

- Rice, Pasta, Pasta Sauces, Cooking oil;
- TINNED FOOD: Tomatoes, vegetables, fish, baked beans, hot dogs, corned beef, luncheon meat, stewed steak;
- TOILETRIES: Kitchen rolls, toilet rolls.

### **Reception Admissions 2022-2023**

You'll find an attachment again with all the information you may need regarding Reception applications. We are holding Open Days to show you around St. James' School before you make this very important decision for your child. Please book a place by emailing [office@st-james.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-james.southwark.sch.uk) with your preferred date. We will email you with a confirmation.

Dates available are: **Tuesday 2nd November 2021 10am, Tuesday 9th November 10am and Tuesday 23rd November 2pm.**

### **Parent Gym**

Mrs Brenta is really excited to run another Parent Gym programme. Please see the attached flier for further details. If you attended the last one, which of course was sadly interrupted by the pandemic, you are warmly invited to join in the new programme and complete the course. The Taster Session is Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 9.30am at Old Jamaica Road. Do email Mrs Brenta if you need any further details, and come along to the Taster Session to hear more about it!

### **Parent Courses**

We may be able to offer some Family Learning courses for our parents and carers after half term:

- Helping your child with English as an Additional Language - Thursday PM;
- Helping your child with Literacy - Tuesday AM;
- Helping your Child with Maths - Wednesday AM.

Southwark Adult Education will run these courses with our assistance, depending on the interest and according to the ages of your children, will tailor the course accordingly. Numbers will be limited and the courses will run for six weeks until the end of Autumn term. If you are interested in any of these courses please do let Mrs Brenta know, email her on

[cbrenta.210@lgflmail.org](mailto:cbrenta.210@lgflmail.org)

### **Young Marketeers**

Children from Belgium class did a terrific job at Borough Market on Tuesday, selling produce they had grown and raising money for School Food Matters and The Felix Project. We've been informed the total they raised was £37.00 - amazing work! They even appeared on a BBC London news report from Tuesday evening!

### **Spring Community Hub Charity Opportunities**

Spring Community Hub charity (food banks and Holiday Clubs) is looking to recruit volunteers who are interested in gaining some work experience in a variety of roles: admin support, warehouse assistant, foodbank assistant. This might be particularly useful for adults who are looking to enrich their CV, or start out in the job market or retrain. They are especially interested in Spanish speakers. In return they offer training and a comprehensive induction, while all COVID precautions are strictly followed. For more information, follow this link:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/volunteering/search/central-southwark-community-hub>

Please let Lina know if you have any questions and if any adults are interested please contact: [lina.kostika@springcommunityhub.org.uk](mailto:lina.kostika@springcommunityhub.org.uk) office number 0207 703 1653 or office mobile number 07901 617 189.

### **Food Bank – St. Peter's RC Church, Rotherhithe**

Another reminder of this local Food Bank. Do remember this is available should you need it each Wednesday between 11am-1pm. The address is: 72 Paradise St, London SE16 4QD. If anyone else has information on any local support offers, please pass on.

Please also find attached a flier from London Wildlife Trust advertising activities to do with your families during Half Term. We'll have a look for more events happening in the local area and pass on information in the next couple of weeks.

**Wishing you, the children and our whole school community a lovely weekend.**

**God bless,**

**from the St. James' team.**