

Dear Parents & Carers,

Time has really flown and I can't believe next week is our final week before Autumn half term! Children are doing a terrific job with their learning and are continuing to produce some terrific work. Do remember to follow us on Instagram if you have it to 'see inside' our school and celebrate all our wonderful achievements! Our whole school account can be found by searching for [@st_jamesschool](#) and our EYFS account can be found using [@reggioatst_jamesschool](#). Remember, we break up for Autumn half term for one week NEXT FRIDAY – 22nd October – at normal school times.

Our Collective worship theme this week has been based around the power of prayer as well as Harvest. Next week we'll look at some of the Miracles of Jesus including 'Bartimaeus', 'the Raising of Lazarus' and 'the Feeding of the 5000'.

A fairly light newsletter for this week with some repeated attachments as general reminders. Please find again a 'dates for your diaries' attachment to this e-mail which will be updated and included regularly. Please note dates for fundraising days, Children in Need, Crazy Hair Day and non-uniform days etc. 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

The children (Years 1-6) attended St. James' Church on Monday for a lovely Harvest service. This was the first time we've all been in attendance together in church since pre-pandemic and was so lovely to be worshipping and singing together again. We've thought a great deal about how we give thanks and share with others during our Collective Worship recently. Thanks so much to many of you who donated goods for the Manna Centre and the work they do with the homeless, this is so very kind and much appreciated by the church members who organise this.

Reception Admissions 2022-2023

All the information you may need regarding Reception applications is attached again. 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 with your preferred date. We will email you with confirmation.

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

Parent Gym

Mrs Brenta wanted to remind you all of the Taster Session is Wednesday 3rd November, 9.30am at Old Jamaica Road. Do email her if you need any further details, and come along to hear more about it! Flier attached again for your information.

Secondary School Applications - Year 6

We hope you have all completed your research and school visits to enable you and your child to make the secondary school choices. Mrs Brenta is on Jury Service again next week so will not be in school to assist. If you have not chosen yet and need any further advice please do speak with Mrs Willis or Mr Oliver, or you can email Mrs Brenta, but of course she will not be able to reply until the evening. We can see from Southwark's central system that there are only 7 children whose applications are still 'in progress' so we're assuming you're all on the system and that they'll be completed in time

Please do remember to submit your child's secondary school application before the closing date 31st October 2021.

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.

London Wildlife Trust Half Term Activities

Please find attached a flier from London Wildlife Trust advertising activities to do with your families during Half Term.

School Uniform

Thank you for making sure the children are looking very smart and ready to learn in full school uniforms. If children are wearing shoes which are not plain black, please do buy some over half term. Our uniform policy and link to our online shop can be found here:

<https://www.stjameschoolbermondsey.com/uniform>

We have received our ties we promised to provide you with before the Summer holidays – we will send these home with children next week so they have these on their return in Autumn term 2.

Please see attached a match report from Mr. Brenta detailing the incredible success of our school football team – we're very proud of them all!

Wishing you, the children and our whole school community a super weekend!

Thank you all as always for your support and kindness, the children are working hard and behaving with the kindness and consideration we always expect.

God bless,

from the St. James' team.