

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been super to see the children back after Autumn half term, hearing about all the lovely things they've done with their break and seeing some super homework projects too! Everyone has started new class books and topics and seem really engaged with these. Our Collective worship theme this week has been based around the Miracles of Jesus still, focusing on the theme of kindness including healing the Deaf and Paralyzed men and also thinking about Love for Enemies. Please find again an updated 'dates for your diaries' attachment to this e-mail. Please note dates for fundraising days, Children in Need, Crazy Hair Day and non-uniform days etc next half term. I am also pleased to announce dates for our Nativities and Carol concerts for Christmas which are to be held in Church during the final week of term. We hope to be able to welcome parents and carers and will be in contact regarding this nearer the time.

Armistice Service – Thursday 11th November in St. James's Church

Lots of the children next week will be learning about Remembrance and some class teachers have incorporated this into their class topics. On Thursday all children from Years 1-6 will attend our Armistice service at church which is always very moving. Belgium class will also attend the memorial at West Lane for 11:00 for the two-minute silence there too.

PE Kits/Days

Please see the letter re-attached from Mr. Brenta regarding PE days and kits. Most people attended in kits on the new days this week and we of course can forgive a few anomalies during the first week back! Reception remain on a Wednesday; Years 1&2 are now to wear PE kits each Monday; Years 3&4 each Tuesday; Year 5 on a Wednesday and Year 6 on a Thursday. This will be for the whole of Autumn Term 2 and could always change in the Spring term according to the school timetable. We'll always give plenty of notice should this be the case before a term ends via the newsletter.

Reception Admissions 2022-2023

If you would like any assistance with the on-line application process for your child starting Reception in September 2022, Mrs Brenta will be happy to help. You can email her on cbrenta.210@lgflmail.org or call her at school to make an appointment. If your child already attends nursery here, please do remember you must still apply on-line at <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

Parent Courses

Unfortunately, the tutor booked to deliver 'Help your child with Maths and English', which was scheduled to begin next Wednesday is now unable to deliver the course. We are looking at alternatives and will of course let you know as soon as we are able to start the course.

Parent Gym

Mrs Brenta has a number of parents signed up but has space for a few more, if you are interested please do contact her at school. The programme starts Wednesday 10th November, 9.30-11.30 at OJR, refreshments will be provided and if you have younger children they are most welcome.

Children's Birthdays/Items Being Brought in to School

A gentle reminder please not to please not bring items into school for children's birthdays etc. We know your intentions are so very kind however this can put unnecessary pressure on other families to do the same. We must also never hand out sweets or food without speaking to parents first or having a comprehensive knowledge of allergies etc as this could potentially be very dangerous. Thank you so much for co-operating with this – children can always wear badges on their birthdays and classes often sing 'Happy Birthday' to one another which is all they need.

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School Website

We hope you are enjoying our school website refresh (click on the QR Code shown here to go straight to our new-look site) and finding it easier to navigate to the pages important to you. If you are having any difficulties viewing the content, your browser may have held on to our previous website and need a bit of a 'jolt' to load the new one. Here are some tips to help that process, so you can enjoy all the new photos and features:

***For PC browsers Internet Explorer/MS Edge/Google Chrome/Mozilla Firefox:**

Press Control + Shift + Delete and choose options 'Clear Cache' and 'Clear Cookies'. Close browser and reopen - the new-look site should load.

***For Apple devices (iPads/iPhones):**

Go to Settings\Safari\Clear History and Website Data. Close Safari and reopen - the new-look site should load.

***For Macs (Apple Laptops/PCs):**

Click on Safari; top row on desktop will change - click on 'Safari' on the row.

Click on Preferences - box will open. Click on Advanced tab and make sure 'show Develop menu in menu bar' is ticked. Now go back to the top menu bar on your desktop and click 'Develop'\Empty Caches. Click on Safari (top desktop row) and Quit Safari. Now re-open Safari, website pages should appear correctly.



St. James' Church Clubs for all St James' Families

Two new clubs have started this week at St. James' Church, Jacob will be overseeing them and you are all warmly invited:

Bible Story Club will run from 3.45-4.15pm each Monday during their free community cafe and will include a Bible story, games, craft and quiz (ages 4-11);

Ready Steady Grow is a group for parents and their children (aged 0-4) on Thursdays 10-11am. There will be tea, coffee, toys, Bible stories and singing.

Even if you didn't attend this week, you are still welcome to attend in the future.

Hedge Planting on the Rouel Road Estate

As many of you might know, planning has been granted for an orchard area to be planted behind the playground at Alexis St with the potential for school to use the area as a forest school in the future. This will be lovely and hopefully help to stop/prevent rubbish and fly-tipping from happening in this area. The organisers have asked if children from St. James' would like to help with the planning of the hedges which will run around the orchard. These will be planted on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th November between the hours of 10:00-14:00. Do pop along with your child/ren at these times on this weekend to help with this amazing project. Children helping must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

St. James' Years 5&6 Football Team – TOP OF THE LEAGUE!

Please find attached a match report from Mr. Brenta detailing our football team's success on Tuesday. We're very proud of all the boys in the team and are looking forward to joining in with more sporting events in the future with the LPESSN (London PE and sports network).

Shout Out Youth Theatre

Please find attached a flier advertising a new local youth theatre which will start to run each Tuesday and Thursday from this month at Keeton's Hall. Miss Jess is starting this independently from school due to lots of local demand. Do e-mail her at shoutoutyouththeatre@gmail.com for more information or to express your interest!

Wishing you, the children and our whole school community a lovely weekend and happy, safe Bonfire Night and Diwali!
God bless,
from the St. James' team.