

Dear Parents & Carers,

What a busy time we're all having! After assessment week, children have been learning and doing some super creative activities in each year group and in RE everyone has been focussed on Christmas and its' true meaning. Our Collective Worship theme has continued with Christmas too. We're so looking forward to our Christmas events and performances next week and hope my e-mail yesterday with all details of these and Covid safety measures are all clear. I've re-attached all information for each day for your information.

Remember next Friday (17th Dec) is a half day – children at OJR finish at 13:15 and children at Alexis St finish at 13:30. Please note there will be no after school club provision on the final day of term.

Royal Marsden Cancer Charity – Crazy Hair Day

We're pleased to announce that following our amazing 'Crazy Hair Day' last Friday we were able to raise a total of £467.71 for the Royal Marsden. Many thanks to all of you for your kind donations and amazing efforts with children's crazy hair! There are lots of pictures on our Instagram account documenting the day.

Alexis St Road Barriers at Beginnings and Ends of School Day

We would politely ask that you do not arrive at school too early and then park near the children's entrance on Linsey Street. The temporary barriers are there for the safety of our children, and we have noticed a number of parents arriving early and parking near the gate, meaning they are leaving at the same time as the children, who are arriving or leaving on foot and bikes but having to check for moving vehicles. The access to Alexis St and Linsey St is for residents and deliveries only, and the barriers will be moved for those vehicles only. If you do not live there, please observe the 'No Access' signage. We all have to work together to ensure the roads are safe and as free from harmful fumes from cars as possibly.

Annual Reception Eye Checks

NHS King's College 'Eyelook' Team are coming to school on 12th January to carry out eye tests on all our Reception children. Please visit this link on our website <https://www.stjameschoolbermondsey.com/page/?title=Free+children%27s+eye+care&pid=152> for full information, including a questionnaire to be completed by you regarding your child's eye health and consent for the check.

Year 6 PGL Trip Payments

Just a polite reminder regarding an arranged payment plan for your child's PGL residential trip in June 2022 if they are to attend - £20.00 monthly invoices will continue to be sent via email until June. If you have missed any payments, Mrs Fox can re-issue an invoice for an amount that is convenient for you. Please contact her via office@st-james.southwark.sch.uk for any further information.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Some time ago we mentioned the 'Dolly Parton Imagination Library, and a number of parents have been telling us what a wonderful resource it has been, so we thought we would remind everyone about it. This is a book gifting programme devoted to inspiring a love of reading in the hearts of children everywhere. Each month, enrolled children from birth to age five, receive a high quality, age appropriate book in the post, free of charge. Please follow the link to register your child (must be aged under five years): <https://imaginationlibrary.com/uk/>

Family Lives Newsletter

Please follow link for this month's Family Lives Newsletter, with lots of family information and tips: <https://mailchi.mp/familylives.org.uk/family-lives-newsletter-dec21?e=10e6384bfc>

Southwark's Winter of Food and Fun

Southwark's Winter of Food and Fun will run for two weeks during the Christmas holidays (20th - 31st December) and will offer free places for children between the ages of 4-16 years who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Southwark are partnering with local holiday hubs across the borough to provide an exciting programme of food and activities for children and young people in our local communities, each of which will provide: free, nutritious and tasty food; fun physical activity sessions; a wide range of other enriching activities to suit different ages and personalities; opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and their families. Please see attached leaflet for further details.

Wishing you, the children and our whole school community a super weekend; we're really looking forward to a lovely Christmas week in school and Church next week!

God bless, from the St. James' team.