

Dear Parents & Carers,

We're wishing you all a Happy New Year with all best wishes for a happy, healthy 2022! We've had a lovely start back following the Christmas holidays – children have been doing some creative Design & Technology, Art and Computing this week all learning about invention around the picture book 'The Most Magnificent Thing'. We also attended church on Wednesday morning for a lovely Epiphany service led by Gary, Jacob and Paul to welcome all the children back in the new year. Collective Worship will re-commence as usual next week. Mr. Brenta has written a round-up of Autumn term PE learning in both key stages should you be interested in hearing all about what the children have been learning – this can also be found attached to this e-mail along with other information detailed below.

PE Days/Kits

Please be aware that PE kits should be worn on the same days as Autumn term 2, this has not changed over the holiday. Mondays – Years 1 & 2; Tuesdays – Years 3 & 4; Wednesdays – Reception & Year 5; Thursdays – Year 6. NB: Children in Belgium wear kits on the days of the year group they are in.

Breakfast and After-School Clubs – Old Jamaica Road

As you know, sadly Mrs O'Connor retired at the end of the Autumn Term and we all wish her well. We have had lots of queries about booking places in breakfast and after-school clubs at KS1 – please do either use the school phone or office e-mail address with your requests to let us know which days you'd like your child/ren to attend and we will ensure they are booked in. Mandy, who has worked with Pat for a few years, in addition to Coleen and Geraldine are still there for the children and are familiar with some more regular changes in days etc. We are in the process of creating a new booking process which will make this easier for you. If any parent/carer still has Mrs O'Connor's mobile number, please be advised not to use this anymore.

Breakfast and After-School Clubs – Alexis St

These continue to be operated by Fit For Sport as before. Please find attached a recent newsletter from them as well as communication plan. Do be reminded children must be already booked into Breakfast /After-school clubs with Fit For Sport for insurance purposes as it runs as a separate organisation to school.

Southwark Early Help Parenting Courses

Please find an attachment with information about a range of different courses Southwark Early Help team offer for parenting. If anything seems of interest to you, do let Mrs Brenta know and she can help you book a place.

Groundwork (Registered Charity)

Groundwork is a federation of charities mobilising practical community action on poverty and the environment across the UK. Their free, impartial advice is available to a wide range of people, including those on a low income, with debt, in poor housing conditions or living with physical or mental health conditions. Many people are finding themselves in energy debt for the first time this year. Sign up for a consultation today: www.groundwork.org.uk/greendoctor
Groundwork are passionate about creating a future where every neighbourhood is vibrant and green, every community is strong and able to shape its own destiny and no-one is held back by their background or circumstances.

Family Learning – Parent Courses

We are delighted to offer once again this very popular course: ***'Help your child with Maths and English.'*** This will be a 5-week course starting on Wednesday 19th January 1pm-3pm, at Old Jamaica Road. It is aimed at parents of KS1 children but everyone is most welcome. Please contact Mrs Brenta, cbrenta.210@lgflmail.org to reserve your place. Refreshments will be supplied and possibly a crèche. If you are unable to get childcare, please let Mrs Brenta know if you need a space in the crèche.

Annual Reception Eye Checks

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

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

God bless,

from the St. James' team.