

Dear Parents & Carers,

We've really hit the ground running this week with new topics and books for the Spring term and I've seen some incredible learning throughout the school – very well done to all our children! Our Collective Worship theme has been based around the Life of Christ looking at Jesus as a healer and Miracle worker. This will continue next week where we'll think about when Jesus calmed the storm, the feeding of the 5,000 and when He sent out his 12 disciples to spread the good news. Please find attached to this e-mail the school term dates for 2022-2023 which are now available. These can also be found on our

website: <https://www.stjameschoolbermondsey.com/site/data/files/documents/term%20dates/D1C7F3CFA8E4B8D4F3539A21BAABBB7E.pdf>

'Spin it Round' Father and Child DJ Classes

Please find attached a flier advertising DJ-ing classes aimed at fathers/male carers and children aged 6-10 years. Contact details can be found on the flier and booking is essential as places are limited. This runs from 18th January.

SEND Saturday Sports Clubs

Mr. Brenta has been provided with information from the PE network about classes on Saturdays aimed at providing sports experience for children with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities. If you struggle to find a sports club that's suitable for your child due to an additional need, this might be a great opportunity to join a weekend club. The PE network do a lot of work with us in school and with the network competitions so we're sure these Saturday clubs will be a great experience for all involved.

Parenting in a Digital World: a 'Parent Gym' webinar for Parents/Carers

This webinar will take place on Tuesday 25th January 2022, from 17:00-18:00. We all want our children to enjoy using the internet safely. Throughout this pandemic we've seen all the wonderful benefits technology has to offer, but with issues such as inappropriate content, screen dependency and online abuse increasing at disturbing rates, it's never been more important to protect young people from on-line risks. This FREE online safety event is available via this link: <https://mailchi.mp/dd7b57506143/webinar-invitation-parenting-in-a-digital-world?e=725becf8f6>

Breakfast and After-School Clubs – Old Jamaica Road

We have still had lots of queries about booking places in breakfast and after-school clubs at KS1 – please do continue for now to 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. 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.

Safety/Stranger Danger

Two of our Year 6 children were involved with an incident after school this week where a man approached them and started asking questions. This was near Harris Academy. They very sensibly came back to school where we were able to call parents and ensure they were safe. We have also reported this to Southwark's Safeguarding Team. We all know there are risks with children coming/leaving school alone so do take this as a reminder to talk to children about what to do to keep safe and where they could turn for help. These children did exactly the right thing and thankfully nothing harmful happened to them. We always tell children to head straight home and not have expensive phones in hands while walking as this could also be a target for theft. This isn't designed to panic anyone but should serve as a timely reminder for safety, and having those important conversations, while travelling to and from school for older children.

Family Learning – Parent Courses

As per last week's newsletter, 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. Mrs Brenta is also hoping to have another ESOL (English as a Second or Other Language) course very soon, please email her if you would be interested in joining this.

Family Lives Newsletter

Please follow this link for this month's 'Family Lives' newsletter:

<https://mailchi.mp/familylives.org.uk/familylivesnewsletterjan22?e=10e6384bfc>

Financial Advice

Are you worried about money? Please see the leaflet on our website, produced by Southwark which has lots of information if you are worried about your finances:

<https://www.stjameschoolbermondsey.com/page/?title=Parents&pid=72>

Continued Football Team Success

Mr. Brenta took a mixed team of children for their first match of the year on Tuesday and we're pleased to announce they are still undisputed champions! Please find a detailed match report for your information. Very well done to all involved!

Wishing you and your families a super weekend!

**God bless,
from the St. James' team.**