

Dear Parents & Carers,

Another busy week here at St. James' with some super learning seen by all! Our Collective Worship theme for this week has continued with the Life of Christ, learning 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. Next week we will explore some of the great 'Heroes of the Faith', looking at Samuel, Joshua and Abraham.

### **Term Dates – 2022-2023**

Please find attached to this e-mail again 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>

### **School Uniform/PE Kits**

Please be reminded of our school uniform policy which can be found on our website: <https://www.stjameschoolbermondsey.com/uniform>

It really makes a difference with conduct if children are dressed in a smart school uniform. Do send children in to school wearing plain black footwear – we're beginning to see more coloured trainers again or black trainers with colours on which are not part of our uniform policy. On PE days, it's important that children wear their usual maroon jumpers/cardigans over their kits – there are lots of non-uniform items of sportswear being worn on PE days. We've been really understanding over you finding it difficult to get school colours with PE kits however the school sweatshirts can at least be worn while it's still cold. We're happy to report our online shop has items back in stock – in particular our maroon tracksuit bottoms which I know a lot of people have been waiting for! This can be found here: <https://shopkeepeasy.com/100829>

Many thanks for your co-operation and support, ensuring the children are smartly dressed for school.

### **English as a Second or Other Language – Parent Courses**

Another reminder that Mrs Brenta is 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 via [cbrenta3.210@lgflmail.org](mailto:cbrenta3.210@lgflmail.org).

### **Southwark Child Care Course for Beginners**

Please see attached flier for a course we hope to run after Easter. If you are interested in this (places are limited) please let Mrs Brenta know as soon as possible. We plan to run it on Fridays at Alexis Street and the tutor will be on site to deliver for the whole 5 weeks. On completion you can access further childcare courses, which we may be able to facilitate here at school. Unfortunately, we cannot offer a crèche on this occasion.

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

This webinar will take place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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>

### **LSBU Half Term Holiday Club**

Attached is information on a holiday club running in February half term. This is provided by London South Bank University and will be held at St. Jude's school, SE1. This promises lots of fun and sporting activities during half term should you be looking for child care. We've had very good feedback about this provision in the past from parents and carers so this might be an option if you are looking for something locally.

### **Football Coaching at Harris Academy and Walworth Academy**

Please find attached a flier advertising football coaching locally should this be of interest to you and/or your child. All dates, times and venues can be found on this.

Also find attached our most recent match report from Mr. Brenta as well as a report from Year 4's success at their Athletics tournament last week. Well done!

**Wishing you and your families a lovely weekend.**

**God bless,**

**from the St. James' team.**