

Dear Parents & Carers,

We've come to the end of another great week here at St. James' with some really wonderful learning around class topics and books. A huge 'well done' to all our wonderful children for showing real grit and zest for their learning! Time is really marching on and we only have two weeks left before February half term – we break up for this for one week on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February at the normal school times. Our Collective Worship theme for this week has explored some of the great 'Heroes of the Faith', looking at Samuel, Joshua and Abraham and how we can take their inspiring stories and how God spoke to them and apply them to our own challenges. Next week we'll think about how we can live in the way Jesus taught us, thinking about Temptation, Prayer and Charitable Giving.

### **Dates for Your Diaries**

Please find attached a 'dates for your diaries' letter with some important dates leading up to the end of the academic year. This is not an exhaustive list, and more will be added as this is updated and included in weekly newsletters, however do note all term dates including our early finish times on final days for Easter/Summer holidays as well as Summer production dates for most year groups. We're happy to be booking more exciting learning opportunities and trips and will have lots to look forward to with events after half term!

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

We've re-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 in order to secure a place. We plan to run it on Fridays at Alexis Street from 10:00-15:00 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.

### **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).

## **LSBU Half Term Holiday Club**

Do see attached again 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.

## **Digital Awareness Webinar**

Thank you to those who attended the Parenting in a Digital World webinar on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January. If you were unable to attend, here is a recording of the talk delivered by Digital Awareness UK which highlights some of the biggest online challenges and identifies how we can better support our children on their digital journeys: <https://vimeo.com/670164915/d620ac1f52>

If you did attend, or once you've listened to the recording, please share any feedback with us so we know if this type of event is useful to you. On this note, please do read and take note of the letter concerning social media attached to this e-mail aimed mainly at Year 6 parents and carers.

## **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>

## **Sporting Success**

Our Year 6 netballers won their tournament on Thursday – do check Twitter and Instagram where I've shared their success! Our football team suffered their first defeat of this academic year on Tuesday, however Mr. Brenta reports they all played superbly so can be congratulated for their efforts and remaining gracious in defeat. Happily, we are still making the final of this term's league soon so we're all keeping our fingers crossed for this! More reports to follow...

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

**God bless,**

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