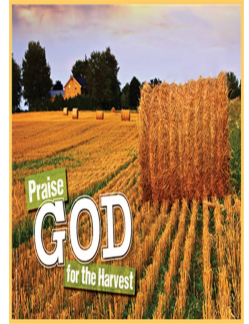


Dear All,

We've had another busy week here at St. James' and children continue to amaze us with their great work and commitment to their learning. We're really seeing the positive impact of smaller class sizes since September in both the children's learning and attitudes and conduct in class. We hope they're coming home and telling you all about the wonderful things they're doing at school! Unfortunately our 'St. James' Got Talent' parents' social evening, as requested by a group of our parents, is being postponed due to a lack of interest—please do speak to Mrs Brenta if you have any ideas for further parents' get-togethers in the future! Mrs Brenta raised £75.00 with her young marketeers at Borough Market today—well done to them!

Harvest Church Service—Monday 9th October 09:30—St. James's Church

Our Harvest church service will be on Monday morning—9th October—at 09:30. Children from years 1-6 will attend. Parents and carers are most welcome to this service too where we will also be announcing our Junior Faith Committee and Junior Leadership Team! As usual, the church ask for donations. Vicar Gary has sent this message: "I'd be grateful if the children could be encouraged to bring Harvest gifts on Monday for the Manna Centre for the homeless. These are the things they would like: **Sugar, powdered milk, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, pasta sauce, rice, breakfast cereals, tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned soup, curry sauces, pasta, jelly, cooking oil, biscuits or toiletries (soap, deodorants, shaving foam, shampoo, toilet rolls or kitchen rolls, disposable razors).**" Many thanks in advance for your kindness in supporting the Manna Centre and the amazing work they do.



Legoland and Cinema Attendance Trips

Our first annual trip for attendance to Legoland happened on Monday and I'm delighted to say everyone had a super time! Well Done to year 2, year 4 and some year 3 children for this! Members of the public commented on numerous occasions at how lovely and well-mannered our children were going around the park. Children going on the next Legoland trip will receive their letters next week ahead of our next trip for the remainder of year 3s, year 5 and year 6 on Monday 16th October. Please note the second trip has a change of date due to a problem with the original booking. A huge thank you and well done—our attendance for the beginning of the year continues to be really pleasing! Please see the table overleaf to see how all classes have done. Year 1 will go on a cinema trip on 20th November for their attendance last year in Reception—look out for letters nearer the time.



Mr. Boundy's Bike Programme—Request

We would still like to request any old/unused bikes you may have at home to be brought to our Alexis St site as it's always great to have a new project to start on with the children who participate in our 'Build-a-bike' Programme. Many thanks if you have anything to donate—we'd be very grateful. Many thanks to those of you who have donated bikes and parts so far!



FREE Half Term Holiday Cycle Training in Southwark

Southwark Council are providing free cycle training courses to all children who live or go to school in the borough during Half Term. Training takes place in either the mornings or in the afternoons and courses start on Tuesday 24th OCTOBER. Locations are Dulwich Park or Burgess Park. This is suitable for children from 6 years. Cycles are available to borrow at Burgess Park but not at Dulwich Park. Children must be able to attend training for every session. Places are limited and can be booked online on a first-come-first-served basis. To secure a place, parents and carers need to book on the Cycle Confident website <http://www.cycleconfident.com/courses/child-group/>



Year 6 'Scholar's Programme' Graduation

Children who took part in our 'Scholar's Programme' in year 6 will attend their graduation ceremony on Wednesday next week with Miss Moore—please see separate letter regarding this. Well done to all of them, who have all passed and done really well, along with Miss Moore for their hard work!



Maths Challenge—Please have a go at this week's maths challenge questions at home...

Maths Challenge



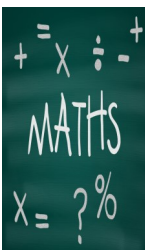
What is thirteen thousand added to thirteen hundred and thirteen?

- A 13 113 B 13 413 C 14 313 D 131 313 E 1 301 313

My music teacher Miss Quaver was walking across the playground when a bird flew past. What word best describes the probability of her being hit on the head by bird poo?



- A impossible B very unlikely C evens D very likely E certain



World Food Event

Mrs Walker, our PDC Leader, is delighted to announce she will be holding our annual 'World Food Event' at Alexis Street on Thursday 19th October—she has already begun to work with some parents. If you would like to bring in a dish from your culture please do speak to her and arrange to bring this in on October 19th. It would be great to have as many cuisines as possible! More information to be sent out next week. The event will be after school on this day from 15:30-17:00.



Year 6 Parent/Carer Meetings re. Secondary Schools

Thank you for coming to see Mrs Willis and Mrs Brenta on Wednesday afternoon—we hope you found it helpful. If you need support in filling out forms/talking through the application process Mrs Brenta will be available to talk to you on the following days next week and the week after between 13:00-15:00: Monday 9th October, Tuesday 10th October and Tuesday 17th October. Please do ring her and book a time on one of these days should you require her assistance.

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Class attendance for this week: (Please see the website for a full breakdown our policy and criteria for attendance trips).

Please be advised of our start times—08:55 at KS2 and 09:15 at KS1.

Class:	Attendance:	Class:	Attendance:
6 Brazil	98%	3 Finland	99%
6 Canada	97%	3 Norway	94%
6 Mexico	94%	3 Sweden	98%
6 Peru	99%	2 Austria	99%
5 China	100%	2 France	97%
5 India	96%	2 Greece	92%
5 Japan	99%	2 Spain	99%
4 Egypt	100%	1 Germany	98%
4 Ghana	97%	1 Italy	96%
4 Kenya	99%	WINNERS: 5 China, 4 Egypt	
3 Denmark	100%	& 3 Denmark!!	



Dates and Trips: Any parents who could come on trips to help would be greatly appreciated; please let your child's teacher know if you can help. Any last minute trips that may occur, we will try our best to let you know as well in advance as we can.

Monday 9th October

Harvest Service at St. James' Church @ 09:30—all welcome!

Mrs Brenta—secondary school application guidance at Alexis St—13:00-15:00.

Tuesday 10th October

Scholar's Programme Graduation for selected year 6 children—see separate letter.

5 Japan to library.

Mrs Brenta—secondary school application guidance at Alexis St—13:00-15:00.

Wednesday 11th October

Year 6 Scholar's Programme graduation—University of Sussex.

Thursday 12th October

3 Finland and half of 3 Norway to Ragged School Museum—see separate letter.

Year 5 to Horniman Museum—see separate letter.

Parent Gym at Alexis St—09:00.

Southwark Bike Club—see separate letter.

2 Spain to library.

Friday 13th October

Year 1 to Horniman Museum—see separate letter.

Year 3 to Natural History Museum—see separate letter.

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