

Dear Parents & Carers,

It's lovely to see the children back to school following our Spring half term break and we're pleased to report they have all engaged really well with their learning with new topics and class books – very well done to them! Our Collective Worship theme for this week has been based around the beginning of Lent, exploring and introducing what this time of year means to us. Next week we'll focus our attention on 'Living in Jesus's Way' and think about some of the things Jesus taught during the Sermon on the Mount. Do refer to our 'dates for your diaries' which is attached weekly and keep checking the newsletter for events coming up to be aware of.

World Book Day – Friday 4th March

We're delighted to be celebrating 'World Book Day' next week which we will mark on Friday 4th March. On this day children are encouraged to dress up in a costume as a character from a book they enjoy. It's really nice to see imaginative, home-made costumes so please do not feel any pressure to buy anything expensive for this. This will be a lovely, fun day for us all to celebrate books and the importance of reading for pleasure. We have a story-teller joining us at Key Stage One and celebrations together during the afternoon at Key Stage Two. Many thanks to Miss Hannaway for organising.

Revised Term Dates for the Summer Term

Southwark Council e-mailed all schools on Wednesday this week advising we should have one less teaching day due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The bank holidays for this are during half term so in lieu of this we're moving one of our planned inset days to Monday 6th June. School will be closed to children on this day and children will now return for Summer term 2 on **Tuesday 7th June**. We're sorry for the late notice of this however have only just been notified ourselves and wanted to give plenty of time for you in advance should you have/be thinking of making any plans. These revised dates are on the dates letters attached.

School Uniform

The usual reminder about full school uniform and plain black footwear please – it is frustrating for so many parents and carers, who ensure our uniform policy is adhered to, to see some trainers and non-uniform items. A reminder also that jewellery – i.e. chains, bracelets and non-stud earrings should never be worn for health and safety reasons during PE and playtimes. See the website for details: <https://www.stjameschoolbermondsey.com/uniform>

Medical Appointments

Please, where possible (and we completely understand it not always is), do arrange medical/dental appointments for after school. If your child receives an appointment and you need to request an absence from school, please forward your appointment details to office@st-james.southwark.sch.uk so the absence can be authorised. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

Wishing you and your families a lovely weekend!
God bless, from the St. James' team.