

Dear Parents & Carers,

Another really busy and productive week here at St. James'! I'm so very proud of all the children and how they seem to have tried with their assessments – they are working hard and doing really well. A huge well done to them all! It's really lovely to see children in their non-uniform/Comic Relief clothes today – thank you so much for your kind donations for this cause; we'll let you know how much we have raised collectively in due course. We're also really pleased this week to have been awarded a '5' (highest rating possible!) from the Food Standards Agency following an unannounced visit to our school kitchen. This is testament to our kitchen staff and their commitment to cleanliness and hygiene – well done to them! Our Collective Worship theme for this week has seen us learn about and celebrate three women of faith – Lydia, Anna and Mary. Next week we'll begin to think about Jesus at Easter time and 'The Way to the Cross' where we'll learn about Palm Sunday, a Mother's Request and when Jesus Cleared the Temple.

Calendar and Term Dates

The calendar dates are attached and have been amended with more dates and bookings confirmed including Joss Bay trips in the Summer term for EYFS and Key Stage One. Term dates (as previously mentioned) have been revised for Summer half term and are attached too.

Parent Consultation Phone Calls

Continuing next week (Monday 21st March – Friday 25th March), class teachers will be phoning you to discuss children's progress so far this year/term if they haven't already. As usual, if you have a preferred day/time for these phone calls please do let us know via e-mail office@st-james.southwark.sch.uk and we'll pass this on to the class teacher.

Year 3 Theatre Trip – Tuesday 22nd March

Our Year 3 children are really lucky to be attending a trip to the Unicorn Theatre on Tuesday to see 'Gulliver's Travels'. I've e-mailed parents and carers separately about this so you should have all the information you need but in case you've missed that, please be reminded that Year 3 children will be back and ready to collect from Alexis St at 16:00 (approximately) on Tuesday 22nd March. Year 3 also have Ivana from Storying Space visiting us again for one of her terrific story-telling sessions on Friday afternoon.

Years 1 & 2 Easter Production

Another reminder about this - Miss Jess and the children in Key Stage One (Years 1&2) continue to rehearse for their production of 'Noah and his Ark' which will be performed on Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st March at 14:00 on both days. We're thrilled to be able to welcome parents and carers back to OJR en masse to see one of our amazing shows! There is no need to book tickets, or tell us which day you are attending, we have space for 150+ seats which should be more than enough for the two performances. We always remind you to be considerate of others and ensure we provide some disabled access should you need this. Do remember these dates and be punctual on these days and only come to one of the performances to allow room for everyone to see the shows.

Make an Easter Hat Day – Friday 25th March

Another reminder that Reception, Years 1 and 2 will be making Easter hats on the morning of Friday 25th March. Parents and carers are welcome to join your child/ren for this from 09:30. This will culminate in an Easter hat parade at 11:30 in the playground (weather permitting!) at OJR.

Easter of Food and Fun Programme – Easter Holiday Programme

Should you be looking for activities and things to do during the Easter Holidays, do think about this scheme which has been run by Southwark Council for a few years now. It promises free fun activities including cooking, dancing and sports. This will be held from Monday 4th April – Thursday 7th April, 10am-12noon or 1:30pm-3:30pm daily at the Leyton Square Children's Centre SE15 6TP. Families who are interested in joining the programme should fill in the attached form and sent it back to Andrea Ingrassia: aingrassia@ivydale.southwark.sch.uk. You can also call 0203 848 5780 for further details. Please note that in order to book a place, families will need to have at least a child aged 5- 11 years. Four year-old children who are currently attending Reception class can apply too. Priority will be given to families with children eligible for Free School Meals.

Easter Holiday Family Activities – London Wildlife Trust

Please see the attached flier for information on family activities at the London Wildlife trust in Dulwich on 4th & 5th April and 11th & 12th April. Details of contacts and booking can be found on the flier.

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