

Dear All,

Yet another busy, productive and fun-filled week here at St. James'! Parents and carers joined Mrs Willis for a SEND Coffee Morning, Year 1 children went on an attendance trip to the cinema, our Junior Travel Ambassadors attended an awards ceremony with Mrs Brenta and I'm pleased to say we have now been given a Gold Award for their efforts! Year 6 children also won an Athletics tournament they attended with Mr. Griffin this week—very well done to them! Year 5 went to St. Saviour & St. Olaves to see a production of 'Joseph' which they thoroughly enjoyed and we also welcomed our school Governors at both sites to see what we are learning. The JLT and JFC have met and helped to organise school lunches, raise awareness of our school 'Walking Zone' and give suggestions for events marking Christmas, including concerts, services and other charity events. Please keep checking the newsletter, website and referring to this term's 'Dates for your Diaries' letters for weekly information

Christmas Fair—Friday 1st December 3:30pm—5pm at Old Jamaica Road/CLUBS

Please see last week's letter with more information on the Christmas Fair. We're really looking forward to this! To give plenty of warning, please note there will be no After School Club provision at OJR (KS1—SJ's) with Mrs O' Connor. Fit for Sport will however run as normal at Alexis St on this day. Please also note there will be no homework club on this Friday, or any other clubs, due to the Fair. Children will need to be collected at normal times unless they are booked into Fit for Sport (KS2 only) in advance. Thank you for all your donations which have been coming in to school—in particularly today in exchange for non-uniform. Your generosity really helps us to raise as much money as possible while making the fair a great evening for all!



Reception Primary Places—Apply Now!

Please be reminded to apply for Reception places for next September as soon as possible should this apply to you. We always advise doing this the sooner the better. Do pop in to Old Jamaica Road if you have any enquiries on this process. We've welcomed lots of prospective parents and carers over the last few weeks for our Open Mornings.



School Uniform/PE Kits

A few non-uniform items are creeping into school, especially shoes. Please do ensure children are wearing plain black shoes to school and full uniform. We do currently have a large amount of uniform items in stock at either site should you want to pop in and buy anything. Please speak to office staff for details. Please also be reminded to send children in to school in full school uniform—even on days they have PE. Children can get changed for PE days in school. Many thanks.



Individual Children's Photos

Children's sample photos have come home with them this week—please do see the order form enclosed and order online or return slips. The photos will then be delivered to school for collection by the end of term.



Parent Course Questionnaire

Mrs Brenta is sending home a questionnaire for parents and carers asking for ideas of any Parent courses you'd like us to run. (a copy of the questionnaire is added as an additional sheet on this website version of the newsletter, for your information). If you'd like a particular course please do indicate and send back to her also giving ideas of days and times which may suit.



Blue Market Saturdays & Blue Market Plant Stall

In support of our local community, please note that 'Blue Market Saturdays' take place every Saturday from 10am-4pm in the Market Place, SE16 3UQ. Do pop down and support the weekly mixture of community traders and stalls. Mr Boundy, a parent at our school as well as our resident Bicycle fixing coach, also has a bike stall where he can advise and fix bicycles so please do pay him a visit too! Please also note that the Blue Market Plant Stall now have UK grown Christmas Trees and Wreaths to purchase. They are offering free local delivery on orders over £20.00. Pay them a visit or call 07478821935 for further details.



Christmas Jumper Day—Friday 15th December

Our JFC and JLT have decided to have a Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 15th December to raise money for charity. This is optional and of course doesn't require anyone to buy a new Christmas Jumper—a festive colour such as green or red will do! We will be asking for donations of £1.00 for this festive non-uniform day. This should give plenty of warning as it didn't appear on the half term's 'Dates for your Diaries' letters.



Maths Chal-

Please have a

Maths Challenge



On its roof, a police car has a three-digit number divisible by 7. An albatross droppings has covered the last digit. What is the last digit?

- A 4 B 5 C 6 D 7 E 8

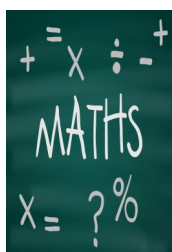


A sergeant stands too long in the sun and gets confused. His troops are lined up facing north. Then he gives the order to "Right Turn" 70 times, and his troops do so. In which direction are the troops facing at the end?

- A north B east C south D west E west-south-west



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Centre for Wildlife Gardening

A FREE family course is on offer from the Centre for Wildlife Gardening on Sunday 10th December, 11am-4pm, please book in advance: dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk The one day course will cover wreath making, decorations and cards with games and activities all day.



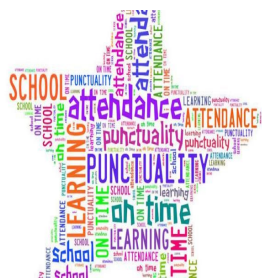
Children in Need

We're delighted to announce we raised over £400 for Children in Need last Friday in addition to having an amazing Talent Show! We're so pleased to be able to support such a deserving cause. Many thanks to all who donated so generously.



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	95%	3 Finland	98%
6 Canada	99%	3 Norway	97%
6 Mexico	<u>100%</u>	3 Sweden	98%
6 Peru	96%	2 Austria	96%
5 China	96%	2 France	97%
5 India	95%	2 Greece	97%
5 Japan	<u>100%</u>	2 Spain	96%
4 Egypt	90%	1 Germany	97%
4 Ghana	98%	1 Italy	97%
4 Kenya	<u>100%</u>	WINNERS: <u>6 Mexico, 5 Japan</u>	
3 Denmark	98%	<u>& 4 Kenya!!!</u>	



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.

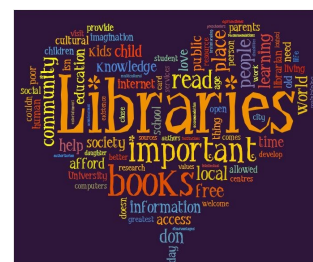
Monday 27th November

4 Ghana visiting Old Kent Road Fire Station during afternoon.
Year 3 Road Safety Training—afternoon.



Tuesday 28th November

6 Mexico visiting library.
Year 3 Road Safety Training—afternoon.
ESOL Parents' Course—afternoon at Alexis St.
Mr. E's Science 'Open Doors' Event—after school, see separate invitation.



Wednesday 29th November

Year 3 Road Safety Training—afternoon.
Christmas Fair Preparation Day. Parents/carers welcome.



Thursday 30th November

5 China visiting library.
Baking Day for Christmas Fair—Alexis St. Parents/carers welcome.



Friday 1st December

Year 3 Road Safety Training—afternoon.
Christmas Fair—3:30-5pm Old Jamaica Road. NO CLUBS apart from Fit For Sport at Alexis St.

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter—@StJamesSchool



Please indicate below the courses, days and which site you would be interested in attending:

COURSE	OJR/LXS	AM/PM	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
• ESOL for parents—helping your child in school							
• Help your child with homework							
• Family fun with food/cookery							
• Help your child with Maths KS1							
• Help your child with maths KS2							
• Help your child with reading & writing KS1							
• Help your child with reading & writing KS2							
• Parent Gym (parenting skills & tips)							
• Gardening and growing edible food							
• Weekly drop in/coffee morning with parent support adviser							
• Singing/music with children							

Name: Child/Children

Contact No. Year group/s