

Dear Parents & Carers,

It's been so lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and hear all about what they've been doing with their Easter holidays. This week all children have been focusing their attention on the works of Shakespeare and have taken part in fun and engaging workshops delivered by West End in Schools. Key Stage One have looked at 'The Tempest', Years 3, 4 and Belgium class 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', and Years 5 & 6 have learnt about 'Macbeth' – do ask them about these workshops and see if they can summarise the stories they've learnt about. We started the week with a lovely 'Welcome back' service in church and our Collective Worship and assemblies will re-commence next week.

You'll find the 'dates for your diaries' letter attached again as a reminder of events for the rest of the year with more dates added including open evenings/mornings etc. Do have a quick look at this and make a note of anything that affects you/your child/ren's year group.

Ukraine Appeal Fundraising Day

It was lovely to see the children in non-uniform/blue and yellow today to show support for - and raise money to send to - a really worthy cause in support of the Ukraine invasion. Some children have raised money with their own initiatives and contributed very generously that way too – a lovely reminder as always of our generous and compassionate school community.

SchoolsBuddy – Booking Breakfast/After-School Clubs at Old Jamaica Road

You'll find an attachment to this e-mail as a reminder of how to book places for this now – many thanks to those of you who have been using the system so far and for your positive feedback.

Nursery Open Morning – Wednesday 4th May, 10:00 at Old Jamaica Road

If you are a prospective parent/carer of a child starting Nursery in September 2022, you are welcome to join us for a tour on Wednesday 4th May at 10:00. We have 15-hour and 30-hour vacancies in September and are able to offer child care from 07:30 – 17:45 daily. Please email earlyyears@st-james.southwark.sch.uk to make an appointment on the date above.

PE Report – Spring Term

PE continues to go really well throughout the whole school and we're very much looking forward to some lovely weather and more outside activities this term! Please find attached a detailed PE Report from Mr. Brenta outlining some of the wonderful learning and achievements from the Spring term.

Year 5 Parent/Carer Meeting re starting Secondary School in September 2023

We would like to invite you to Alexis Street on Thursday 5th May at 14:30 for a meeting with Mrs Willis to discuss Secondary School options. If you are unable to attend, please follow the link and join us on Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84614564745?pwd=WlFJMhJjcUk5aVN5U1dRRllYVlR0QT09>

Meeting ID: 846 1456 4745; Passcode: 923890.

If you are unable to attend in person or via Zoom please contact Mrs Brenta who will forward you any notes from the meeting.

Year 6 Uniform Grant for September 2022

If your child is starting at secondary school in September 2022, you may be eligible for a uniform grant from Southwark Council. Follow this link for further information and the application form, which you need to complete and return by email to Southwark.

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/information-for-parents/financial-support/clothing-grants>

'The School Jam' Event – Alexis St, Friday 6th May

An organisation called 'Clean Cities' are holding events in different London boroughs in support of healthy and clean travel to primary school and are joining us outside Alexis St on Friday 6th May during morning drop-off time. There will be refreshments available for parents and carers as well as information sharing and the opportunity for the organisation to ascertain parents' views on this and the road closure around Alexis St. Do keep this date in mind and pop along to join this. If you'd like to find out more about the organisation and its aims, visit <https://cleancitiescampaign.org/> for further information.

Year 6 PGL Residential Trip

Most Year 6 children are attending our residential trip in June – thank you for signing them up and paying your contributions to this trip. If you've only recently decided you'd like your child to attend, please do let Mrs Fox know you'd like a place by **Monday 25th April, 15:00** at the latest. PGL have to have final numbers etc and sort out logistics for the trip and won't be able to alter/add numbers after this date.

We're wishing you all a super weekend – very well done to all of our children for returning back to school following the Easter holiday raring to go and enthused with their learning!

God bless,
from the St. James' team.