

Dear Parents & Carers,

We've had a really busy and productive week here at St. James' with children producing some super work with lots to celebrate! A very well done to all of them. Some children in Year 3 attended Borough Market as part of their 'Young Marketeers' project; Year 2 went on a brilliant trip on Tuesday to Tower Bridge and even walked across the top for the 'Tower Bridge Experience'; Reception, Years 1 & 2 are having their Booster Cushion Theatre production in school this afternoon and Year 3 are being treated to a story telling session this afternoon too by Ivana from 'Storying Space'. Our Collective Worship has continued with Ascension and people who met Jesus – many thanks to Jacob for leading his final Assembly with us and we all wish him the very best of luck for his new role in Northern Ireland.

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

Ukraine Appeal Fundraising Day

Thanks to each and every one of you for your kindness and generosity, supporting our Ukraine fundraising day. Between us we raised the grand total of £648.00. The organisation rang us personally to thank us for such a generous contribution to the cause and work they do to support the Ukrainian people they look after.

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

Another reminder - 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.

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

Again, 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=WlFJMHIjcUk5aVN5U1dRRllyV1R0QT09>

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

The Clean Cities campaign have sent the following invitation to our parents and carers – we hope you can pop along next Friday!

Invitation to 'The School Jam' pop-up cafe: Friday 6th May - 8.45am to 9.45am

'The School Jam' is a free pop up coffee-bike cafe created by [The Clean Cities Campaign](#) and [Mums For Lungs](#) to highlight and celebrate the restorative, relaxing power of School Streets, and it's coming to St James' CE Primary School on the morning of Friday 6th May! The cafe will be open from 08:45 to 09:45.

We're inviting all parents and carers dropping off their kids that morning to grab a free coffee and healthy breakfast snack from the coffee-bike, and take a few minutes to sit down, relax and enjoy the peace on Linsey Street, outside the entrance to the school.

Thanks to you all walking, scooting and cycling, your School Street is cleaner, greener and safer for everyone - especially children. That's well worth celebrating - which is why we're bringing 'The School Jam' to your school, and also inviting your local politicians so we can politely pester them as we call for every school to have a School Street by 2025, where feasible. You are warmly invited to join us and help make this happen!

P.S There will be a photographer at the event, but if anyone doesn't want to feature in the photos please let the photographer or Carolyn Brenta know, otherwise we'll assume permission to appear in photos has been granted, thank you.

P.P.S Please feel free to bring your reusable coffee cups if you wish!

Year 6 PGL Residential Trip

Thanks for responding to last week's final call for this – we have final numbers now which can't change. The children remaining at school will be doing fun activities for the three days their classmates are away.

We're wishing you all a lovely, long Bank Holiday weekend! We'll see everyone back to school as normal on Tuesday 3rd May at usual school times.

God bless,

from the St. James' team.