

Dear Parents & Carers,

We've come to the end of a busy and fun-filled final full week of term and this will be our final newsletter for this academic year. The main highlight of this week was our incredible Year 5 & 6 production of 'Hercules' which was super and very well attended. The children were terrific and performed with gusto as usual. Many thanks to Miss Jess for all her hard work with all our productions this year.

Many thanks to Year 2 parents and carers for joining us for the tour of Alexis St on Tuesday, this was really well attended. It was lovely of you to mention how articulate and hospitable our Year 6s were when conducting the tours – many thanks to our Year 6 ambassadors for this!

Reception children have their sports day in the OJR playground this afternoon and Ivana from [@storying\\_space](#) is doing a story-telling session with Year 3 this afternoon too. We've had lots of terrific Summer term trips and classes are all enjoying their final few days with current class teachers before they find out who they will be taught by next year on Monday. We are doing really well with the Tesco tokens, a reminder to please keep it up over the summer whenever you make purchases from Tesco stores!

### **Reception Sports Day**

This will be held this afternoon in the OJR playground. Please arrive to the new nursery gate facing the church for 14:00 and we'll let you in there.

### **Year 6 Leavers' Service**

Do join us in St. James' Church for our end of year/Year 6 Leavers' service on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 11am. Year 6 parents and carers who join are invited to stay with their children after where we'll provide some refreshments and an opportunity to say farewell. Year 6s can leave straight from Church with you on Tuesday, however if they are on their own, they will return to school and leave at 13:30 from Alexis St.

### **Staff**

We are sad to be saying farewell to a few members of staff this year who have all been with us for a while and will be known by many of you. Mr. Amponsah is moving to a new role in a school closer to his home; Miss Barnes is also moving to a new school closer to her home; Mr. Maffia is taking up a post in a primary school in Greenwich and Miss Da Costa has accepted a position in a school in Dulwich. We all say a huge 'thank you' to all of these members of staff and are sure you will join us in doing the same. We wish everyone the very best of luck in their new roles. We're pleased to be welcoming Miss Gutch and Miss Sheikh to our teaching team here at St. James' – both of whom have worked in the school this year.

## **End of Year Reports**

You will be receiving end of year school reports via e-mail as you have the last couple of years. Do look out for these and check junk folders in case you don't receive. These are sent to children's primary guardian automatically. We will also be sending paper results of statutory tests to parents and carers of children in Years 6, 2, 1 and Reception. These will give SATs results, Phonics Screening test results and end of year judgments for EYFS/Reception children. **We are incredibly proud of all our children** and their achievements this year – do remember these 'test' results only form part of what children can do – the detailed reports (via e-mail) by subject give a much better reflection of all the children have achieved this year.

## **'Kids Eat for Free' (or cheaply) this Summer 2022**

Follow these links for further details of schemes offered by many restaurants and supermarkets offering FREE or cheap meals for children over the summer months:

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/deals/cheap-restaurant-deals/>  
<https://corporate.asda.com/newsroom/2022/07/05/children-can-eat-for-just-1-at-asda-cafes-across-england-and-wales-this-summer-with-no-minimum-adult-spend>

We have also attached a list of some participating shops and restaurants. There are also other deals offered by other supermarkets, keep an eye on the Money Saving Expert website, as above, for further details as well as other money saving tips.

## **Uniform**

Please don't order any uniform for delivery to school over the holidays as we cannot guarantee there will be someone here to accept the delivery. You can however choose to have your order delivered to your home address during this time.

<https://shopkeepeasy.com/st-james-church-of-england-primary-school>

Please ensure children have full school uniform and plain black footwear ready for a new start in September!

## **Family Lives Newsletter**

Follow this link for the latest Family Lives newsletter:

<https://mailchi.mp/familylives.org.uk/family-lives-newsletter-july22?e=10e6384bfc>

This month's newsletter has lots of information about things to do in the holidays, childcare costs, starting Secondary school in September or starting Primary school.

## **Universal Credit and Child Care costs**

Some parents have been asking about child care costs for breakfast and after school provision if they are in receipt of Universal Credit. Please follow this link for further information: <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/universal-credit>

### **FSM Vouchers for Summer Holidays**

If your child is eligible (must be benefit-related eligible) for free school meals, you will be receiving an email from Edenred with supermarket vouchers to cover their lunchtime meals over the summer holidays, this is sent on behalf of Southwark Council.

Please look out for the email from Edenred and follow the instructions to redeem the voucher (check your junk emails). There will not be anyone in school to assist with us over the holidays, you must email Edenred directly if you encounter any problems at: [freeschoolmealsparentscarers@edenred.com](mailto:freeschoolmealsparentscarers@edenred.com)

### **Children Under-5 FREE Book Scheme**

Every child living in Southwark can register to receive a free book, every month, until their 5th birthday here: <https://imaginationlibrary.com/uk/>

### **Next Week/Upcoming Events**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July:** All children meet their new teacher during afternoon for next academic year.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July:** End of Year service and Year 6 Leavers' Service at St. James' Church – 11:00. All welcome to attend – please sit upstairs for this.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July: Break up for Summer holidays – HALF DAY, OJR 13:15/Alexis St 13:30. Do remember there is no AFTER school club provision at either site on the final day of term due to the early finish.**

Attached are next year's term dates – we're looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at the normal school times at either site. Year 2 – 3 transition children need to start school from 08:55 at Alexis St from September.

**We're wishing you, your families and our whole school community a super, sunny, happy and healthy Summer holiday! With all our very best wishes, thanks and appreciation for your constant kindness and support.**

God bless,

from the St. James' team.

