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At St. James & St. John, we are learning to be...

...SINGERS!

(CHOIR; TOWER OF LONDON; PERFORMANCE; MUSIC; JOY; PERSEVERANCE)

Our school choir did a magnificent job performing at the Tower of London on Tuesday.

After rehearsing tirelessly, the school choir took to the stage and performed a variety of



songs to a very warm reception.

Despina said, "It was a really great experience because we got to sing with other schools and actually learn what it was like to be at the Tower when it was a dungeon. The songs were about the experiences at the Tower of London so it made it realistic, which was excellent!"

Reports back from the occasion by parents and other audience members have been rapturous, making particular note of not only the great

singing but the outstanding behaviour.



We are very proud of and thankful to all members of the choir, Miss Place and Fr Owen for their efforts and

incredible demonstration of our school values.

...QUIZ MASTERS!

(YEAR 6; TRIVIA; WESTMINSTER; PERSEVERANCE; FELLOWSHIP; JOY)

Well done to our school Quiz Team of Bella, Constantinos, Helena and Yara who managed to qualify for the semi-finals of the Westminster Abbey Quiz.

They represented the school brilliantly, demonstrating real grit and determination – two key elements to our school value of perseverance. We are all extremely proud!

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...CULTURISTS!

(YR 2; WIGMORE HALL; MUSIC PERFORMANCE; MUSIC; JOY)

Year 2 attended a performance by the music group WRANGLE! at



Wigmore Hall yesterday and had a great time watching

Glitter Bird. Bibi said, “I liked the bit where the man was pretending to eat the worms.”

“I liked the performance, especially the bit when the queen was so rude and she locked the bird in the cage. The Queen didn’t want the glitter bird to get out but we started to sing some magic words that helped free the glitter bird!” said Emma.

Years 3 and 4 will be attending a theatre performance next week at the Unicorn Theatre.

We look forward to hearing their reviews of the Aesop’s Fables production.



...COMMUNITY MEMBERS!

(EYFS; NURSERY; RECEPTION; WELCOME; FELLOWSHIP; JOY)

We welcomed new parents and students to the Early Years campus yesterday as they prepare to join our St. James & St. John family in September.

It was a lovely morning getting to meet everyone and bear witness to the sheer joy and excitement present on the faces of our newest school members.

We look forward to seeing all new students walk through our gates on the 3rd of September.

...DANCERS!

(STREET FESTIVAL; YR 6; DANCING; PERFORMANCE; JOY; FELLOWSHIP)

Tomorrow sees students from our Year 6 class take another opportunity to perform their impeccable May Dance around the May Pole.

As a part of the Craven Terrace Street Festival, the students will take the opportunity to show off their

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talents and our wonderful school to other members of the wider community.

If you get the opportunity to come and support tomorrow, the students will be performing at 1:00pm. Best of luck Year 6!

...ASPIRATIONAL!

(TEACHERS; EDUCATORS; LONDON TEACHER OF THE YEAR; AWARDS; STAFF; JOY; FELLOWSHIP; PERSEVERANCE)

Last week saw one of our teachers receive a London Teacher of the Year Award.

Mr Peters was recognised as the London Teacher of the Year for Raising Aspiration for Kensington & Chelsea, Westminster and Lambeth for the outstanding results he and his Year 6 class achieved last year.



The writing results of the class identified our school as being in the top 1% of the country and the reading results saw 65% of the class achieve

a greater depth score – a score which puts them at the top of all those who sat the assessments across the country. These are outstanding results.

All members of our staff work incredibly hard and achieve great things with our students so it is excellent news to see us being recognised by organisations outside of our school community.

Congratulations Mr Peters and well done to the class of 2018!

...ADVENTURERS!

(YR 6; RESIDENTIAL TRIP; SAYERS CROFT; TRANSITION; JOY; FELLOWSHIP; PERSEVERANCE)

Next week sees our Year 6 students head off to Sayer's Croft to take part in their residential trip.

Participating in a wide variety of



adventure activities, the students will travel to Surrey to spend three days in the wilderness.

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The weather forecast for next week is for very hot conditions. If your child is in Year 6, please ensure that they have a **hat, sun-cream and a water bottle**. These are additional necessities due to the conditions.

We hope they have a fantastic time and that the British summer does decide to let the sun shine down warmly whilst they are away. Have fun Year 6!

LOOKING FORWARD!

(CALENDAR; END OF YEAR; SUMMER 2; IMPORTANT EVENTS;
WHOLE SCHOOL; JOY; FELLOWSHIP)

Please, once again, take the time to look at the calendar for important upcoming dates. The following events are all to be noted:

SUMMER FAIR:

This year's PFA Summer Fair will take place on Friday 5th July. Please keep the afternoon and early evening free as it is always one of the highlights of the calendar year!

SPORTS DAY:

Friday 12th July at Paddington Recreation Ground from 8:55am. All students from Reception to Year 6 to be dropped off at Paddington Recreation Ground for registration. If any parents are able to assist in the running of the day, please sign up in the office. We look forward to seeing as many members of our community there to support as is possible.

LAST WEEK OF AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

After-school clubs officially finish for the year on Friday 12th July.

END OF TERM MUSIC

CONCERT:

The concert will take place on the morning of Friday 19th July at Lancaster Hall Hotel. It will run from 9:30am-10:30am.

LEAVERS' SERVICE

The Leavers' Service will take place at St. James's Sussex Gardens from 2:00pm. We look forward to seeing

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as many members of our community attend as possible to say congratulations and farewell to our leaving class of 2019.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION AND PRIZE GIVING

The celebration will take place on Monday 22nd July 2019 at 1:00pm at St. James's Sussex Gardens.

LAST DAY OF TERM

The last day of the school year is Tuesday 23rd of July and the school will close at 1:15pm.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR 2019-20

The first day of the new school year is Tuesday 3rd September 2019. Start time will be 8:55am.

SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES 2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

Summer 2	
Monday 24 th June – Wednesday 26 th June	Year 6 Residential Trip at Sayer's Croft
Friday 5 th July	PFA Summer Fair
Monday 8 th - Friday 12 th July	SPORTS AND FITNESS WEEK
Thursday 11 th July	Parents' drop-in evening
Friday 12 th July	Reception – Yr6 Sports Day at Paddington Recreation Grounds
Friday 19 th July	End of year music concert at Lancaster Hall Hotel 9:30am
Friday 19 th July	Leavers' Service at St. James's Sussex Gardens 2:00pm
Monday 22 nd July	End of year Commendation Ceremony at St. James's Sussex Gardens 1:00pm
Monday 22 nd July	Year 6 Disco Party
Tuesday 23 rd July	Last day of school year Closes at 1:15pm