

JBuzz Newsletter

Friday 11th January 2019

“Achievement, ambition and progress for all....”



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas and enjoyed the break.

It has been good to see all the children come back this week and hear their stories of presents and celebrations.

I have been asked if kindles can be brought into school but we would ask that electronic devices, including smart watches, stay at home and are not brought into school. Normal watches and a fit bit that only tells the time and measures heart rate and steps is acceptable.

This week we have introduced our Values tree to the children. This is the outcome of consultation with staff and Pupil Voice and will be our point of reference around expectations of learning and behaviour in John Ball School. It places the British Values at the foundation of all we do with our focus on growing PRIDE in ourselves and our school through: Personal Excellence, Respect, Innovation & Creativity, Determination and Equality. We will be exploring each of these aspects further in the next few weeks and months to ensure that children understand these attributes and understand how they support them as developing children and learners.

We are looking forward to welcoming you into the school as the Parent Teacher Interviews are approaching (called Guardian Consultations on Arbor). You will receive a letter today outlining how to book your time slots. During this meeting you will be given the opportunity to look through your child's Maths, English and Topic books. The teachers will also report on your child's attainment and progress in reading, writing and maths during the autumn term. You will be given a short report summarising these aspects. The language the government asks us to use to describe attainment is: Working Towards expected standard (for your child's age) At expected standard (for your child's age) Above expected standard (for your child's age). If your child is working towards expected standard, you can expect the teacher to share ways we are supporting your child to achieve expected for their age. The language the government asks us to use to describe progress is: Below expected progress, Expected progress and Above expected progress. As it is only a 10 minute meeting, it is likely that not much more than the above can be discussed. For most children, this will be adequate. However, if there is a matter that arises that requires further discussion, it may be necessary to plan a further meeting.

As Safeguarding is an important aspect of our practice, the school, with agreement from the Governing body, has signed up to a Metropolitan Police initiative called Operation Encompass. This initiative means that if police are called to an incident of domestic violence where a John Ball child is present, the school will be informed. On receiving the information the school will contact the family to offer any support that might be required. This information will be held securely and only shared on a need to know basis which would likely be the named safeguarding leads and the class teacher. If you have any concerns or queries about this initiative, please feel free to contact Miss Parry who will be able to discuss this further.

I hope that you all have a restful and pleasant weekend.

Jacqui Noakes

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Tasty Tester Day – Thursday 17th January



A **free** school meal is being offered to **all** children in KS2 who currently bring a packed lunch. This offer is also open to KS1 children who currently bring a packed lunch and who would like to eat a hot school meal on this day.

Children will be offered a range of several hot choices including Pollock battered fish fillet, chips, burgers and beans along with their vegetarian alternatives. As well as the main dish, there will be a selection of side dishes, salads, bread and a choice of desserts with water/milk to drink.

If your child usually has a school dinner on Friday please note that Thursday will be that menu instead.

Should you wish for your child to eat a free school lunch on that day, please email details to Mrs Windham on sharon@johnball.lewisham.sch.uk by end of school on Tuesday 15th January so that numbers can be given to the kitchen.

NB. Children who prefer to eat their own packed lunch will still be able to do so and should bring it in as usual.

Hi all

Happy New Year!

The next Friends Committee Meeting will be Thursday 17th January 9-10 am in the room above the Early Years Building.

We hope to see you there for 2019 planning!

The Friends



January 2019

Wednesday 23rd
Thursday 24th

Guardian Consultations 3.30-7.30pm
Guardian Consultations 3.30-6.00pm

February

Wednesday 6th
Thursday 14th
Monday 18th - 22nd
Monday 25th

World of Work Day YR5 & YR6
Nursery trip to Maritime Museum
HALF TERM
E-Safety week

March

Thursday 7th
Monday 11th
Friday 15th
Monday 25th

World Book Day
STEM Week
Red Nose Day
Year 6 Mock SAT's week

Letters

YR1 Science Museum trip
Club sign up on Arbor
YR2 London Transport museum trip
Parent Guardian Consultations

REMINDER APPLYING FOR RECEPTION:

Please be reminded that if you are applying for a Reception space for September 2019, the deadline is Tuesday 15th January 2019

Parking:

A polite reminder to all parents and carers about parking across the bays at Village Court in Hurren Close, elsewhere in the surrounding roads that blocks access and anywhere that causes a hazard or danger to people.

There are elderly residents that need carer, ambulance and hospital transport all hours of the day including school run times along with local residents.

You can obtain a "pick-up and drop-off" permit from www.apcoa.co.uk for a minimal charge to enable you to park safely and considerately.

As a school in the heart of the community please do ensure you keep this in mind when parking and be community spirited.

Thank you



The Village Cinema is a local charity which will be running a community cinema at the Blackheath Halls in Blackheath from January 2019. We aim to show one film a month initially in the Recital Room and are hoping to not only bring a small cinema experience to Blackheath, but also encourage more people to use this great local venue.

Our initial series of films kicks off with *Sideways* on January 24, a film all about a trip to the Napa Valley vineyards and the perfect antidote to 'Dry January'. On February 26th we follow with *The Phantom Thread* to tie into London Fashion Week and starring local boy, Daniel Day-Lewis. For International Women's Day in March we then celebrate with *Hidden Figures* on March 21st, a film about female mathematicians at NASA in the 1950s. And our film on April 23rd is to be voted by cinema attendees, to capture the preferences of our audience, from a selection of *Dunkirk*, *Dirty Rich Asians*, *Call Me By Your Name* and *Lady Bird*.

Ticket prices are £8 (£6 concessions) and showings will be at 7.30pm. Further information can be found on our Facebook group (www.facebook.com/thevillagecinema) or via the Blackheath Halls website <https://www.blackheathhalls.com/>

Alternatively you can email villagecinemablackheath@gmail.com.

Please also feel free to get in touch if you think you can help out in any way, whether that be volunteering to spread the word of our initiative, offering film-related expertise, or just giving us your opinion on our selection of films and possible future choices.

If you would like to advertise in JBuzz, we ask for a small donation of £10.00 for our school fund. We tend to advertise for individuals and charities/local events so please check first that it can be accepted.

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