

Dear Parents and Carers

As we arrive at the end of the first term, I wanted to share my thoughts and reflections of what the school community has achieved. I am incredibly proud of the contribution that each and every child has made to our Christmas shows throughout the last three weeks. In the school we saw 8 performances across our Early Years and Key Stage one classes and welcomed over 1000 people into the school to see these. The enjoyment that their singing, acting, speaking and costumes have brought to the audiences has been immense and heart-warming. At the Blackheath Concert Halls we welcomed 980 people over 2 shows to see our Key Stage 2 pupils perform as a choir as well as our musicians play their violins, cellos, guitars, steel pans, piano, as well as the rock band play. Some of the feedback that we received includes:

"We as parents feel incredibly lucky that XXXX attends a school like John Ball that provides such wonderful opportunities to learn and perform with their instruments."

"Indeed it was a wonderful show. We are proud of our daughter being part of this show."

"Thanks to you and all staff putting their hard work in and bringing so many children together with different talents on one stage."

"Thank you for the opportunity to develop new skills and for a great evening yesterday! We were happy to be a part of it"

"Thanks to you and the team for a really fantastic and professional show"

"Well done JBS!"

"All our three children enjoyed being part of the show yesterday and we are very proud of what they achieved. The show was very emotional and truly amazing to watch. We would like to thank all the teachers and administrative staff for the effort in organising this amazing event and support our children in achieving their best"

In addition to the 10 Christmas shows in December, we have also had 4 Black History assemblies earlier in the term. 780 of our pupils have had the opportunity to go out of school on a trip in addition to the 180 pupils whom have had the opportunity to experience a residential trip. Therefore, I am also thankful to the amazing John Ball staff team that go the extra mile to ensure that the pupils have the rich and varied opportunities to help inspire and consolidate their learning.

Alongside these experiences, the classrooms have been a hive of activity and we are looking forward to welcoming you into the school next term where we will be showcasing our curriculum learning in our new corridor displays. We will be sending out information about our Guardian Consultations after the Christmas break so look out for this email in your inbox.

I hope that you are all looking forward to spending some time with friends and families over the festive season. Things that I am looking forward to include: Not getting up at the crack of dawn, playing a full game of monopoly with my son (and not in short bursts over the weekday evenings!), chatting with my husband and not just discussing arrangements for the hectic weeks and also just resting. The break will enable all our staff to rest and recharge and be ready to come back fresh in the New Year to plan more fantastic learning opportunities and fun for the children.

Seasonal greetings

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Well done to the John Ball Girls FC "A" team for hitting top of the table in the school league, what a way to start the New Year! Keep up your amazing work as Mr Roach would say, onwards and upwards!

Well done to all the boys and girls who took part in football across years 4,5,6. Your behaviour on Saturdays has been outstanding; you have all done me and the school proud!

A massive THANKYOU to Lisa and Mark Smallman and Richard Powell, I am so grateful for your support, you're all LEGENDS!

Happy Christmas and a Happy New year to you all.

Paula Garland
Football Manager

Letters

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January 2019

Thursday 10th

Open morning for prospective parents
9.30am – call to book a place or e-mail
admissions@johnball.lewisham.sch.uk

Friday 18th

Spring Targets to parents

Wednesday 23rd

Guardian Consultations 3.30-7.30pm

Thursday 24th

Guardian Consultations 3.30-6.00pm

February

Wednesday 6th

World of Work Day YR5 & YR6

Monday 18th - 22nd

HALF TERM

Monday 25th

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