

## JBuzz Newsletter

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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



Dear parents and carers

Welcome back to all our children and families. It always surprises me how fast the children grow. During term time this isn't noticed as much, but after a longer break it is striking! It has been nice listening to the stories of fun and adventures had during the break from both staff and children, although it is good to see them all settle back into learning.

Blackheath will be a national and world focal point this weekend as the start of the London Marathon. Anyone going to spectate will need to keep an eye out for our very own Mr Lewins who will be running the marathon to raise money for the Royal Marsden cancer trust. He would be grateful to see any well-wishers along the way and looks forward to joining the John Ball elite who have completed the London Marathon before. (<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/GeorgeLewins>) The London Marathon is clearly the inspiration we all need to prepare for the Heath for Health run on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Many children and families have signed up already but there is still the opportunity to register. This can be done outside the atrium before and after school or online. Information can be found on the Heath for Health Facebook page. If you are not able to run, then you may feel able to support the event by attending on the day or helping out. Again the Facebook page would be the way to offer support for the day.

Next week we have our Parent Teacher Interview's (called Guardian consultations on Arbor). This is where teachers will report on spring term attainment, progress, effort and behaviour. After the meeting, you will be able to access the report on Arbor for your records. In January, we held the PTIs in the KS2 part of the building. On evaluation and considering feedback, we will move this to the new KS1 wing. Parents will be able to enter through the KS1 playground and the double doors by the year 2 classrooms where Mr Mitchell and I will be there to greet you and direct you to the appropriate room. In this part of the building, there are wide corridors where there will be space to wait for your appointment and also glass walls so that the teachers are aware of who is waiting. We hope that this will ensure that the PTIs run to time. As the PTI meetings are only 10 minutes, I would ask that if there is a further conversation that needs to be had a separate appointment is made with the teacher so that further appointments stay on time.

We hope that you have a lovely weekend and wish Mr Lewins well on Sunday.

Jacqui Noakes

[headteacher@johnball.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@johnball.lewisham.sch.uk)

### Comic Relief

As part of, and in keeping with the nationwide Red Nose Comic Relief celebrations and fundraising efforts, Pupil Voice sold 270 red noses in the week leading up to Comic Relief day and many pupils from Reception to Year 6 wore something red to school on the day. During each of the two assemblies, several budding comedians stood before their friends and told some very funny and witty jokes.

Members of Pupil Voice took part in a 'John Ball Does Strictly Come Dancing' where children danced together and performed a cheeky 'Cha Cha Cha.' This received tremendous applause from all - so scores of 10 all round for them! In addition, some very brave members of staff took to the floor for a well-rehearsed Rumba which, if the children had had voting paddles, might have even scored a SEVEN!

Well done to all who took part in what was a fun and exciting day. The total raised for Comic Relief is £400

## **Polite Requests**

### **Absences**

Can we please ask all parents and carers to call the absence line and leave a message every day your child is going to be off school. Please leave your child's name, class and the reason why.

### **Choose option 1 for absence.**

This is in line with safeguarding so our attendance officers will continue to call all contact telephone numbers if we do not get a response from a parent or carer. The last resort would be a home visit.

### **Dinner Money**

### **Price Increase from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

We will be moving over to online payments via Arbor soon, so you will be able to check your balance and pay for dinners without needing to come into the office. Please ensure that outstanding dinner money is paid for your child as soon as possible.

Daily £2.30 and Weekly £11.50  
23<sup>rd</sup> April – 24<sup>th</sup> May £52.30  
3<sup>rd</sup> June – 19<sup>th</sup> July £80.50

Please note if you have already paid you will be a short amount in debit due to the increase



### **April**

Monday 29th

YR1 Albany Theatre trip

### **May**

Wednesday 1st

Reception trip - The Natural History Museum

Wednesday 1st

PTIs 3.30-6.00pm Nursery to YR5

Thursday 2nd

PTIs 3.30-6.00pm Nursery to YR5

**Monday 6th**

**Bank Holiday**

Tuesday 7th

Nursery application deadline

Thursday 9th

School Photos

Monday 13th

SATs week

Friday 17th

YR6 Chessington World of Adventures

Sunday 19th

Heath for Health

Thursday 23rd

RE Day

**Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May - Half Term**

Please note that we do not check text messages sent to John Ball / Arbor or reply so please communicate only by telephone to the office or by e-mail.

### **Letters**

Parent Gym  
YR5 London Zoo  
YR5 Science topic  
YR6 Chessington World



**parentgym**  
FOR PARENTS WHO CARE

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** 9.15am - 10am

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June** 9.10am

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June** 9.10am

attachments

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June** 9.10am

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June** 9.10am

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** 9.10am

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** 9.10am

**Taster session** – 45 mins – Get to know Parent Gym

**Chat** – 2 hours – Help your family talk and listen to each other

**Love** – 2 hours – Build self-esteem & independence through secure

**Behave** – 2 hours – Bring calm and order to your home

**Care** – 2 hours – Looking after ourselves and our families

**Discover** – 2 hours – Support your children to learn and explore

**Together** – 2 hours – Look to the future and recapping key techniques

**Free refreshments will be available and young babies can attend but ideally please arrange alternate care where possible.**

To **confirm** your place, please email Debbie Parish at school – [dparish4.209@lqfmail.org](mailto:dparish4.209@lqfmail.org) or ask at the office.

## **OPAL Playground Project**



**As you will be aware, John Ball School is looking to develop our playground.**

**We are looking for your help in providing any unwanted or broken (but not dangerous!) plumbing equipment such as: pipes, connectors, guttering, down pipes, taps, watering cans etc.**



**We are looking for your help in providing any unwanted sand play equipment such as: buckets, spades, sieves, sand mould toys, rakes and scoops.**



**We are looking for your help in providing any unwanted tyres. If you need new tyres, please don't pay to have them disposed of, please bring them into school as there are many ways in which we can use them in the playground.**



**Please place any donations in the green wheelie bin by the atrium.**

Starting next week with both pre-school (Forest Sprite) and after-school sessions.

Running up until the 12th of July.



**FORRIES EDUCATION**  
**FOREST SCHOOL**

**Booking now open  
for the Summer  
Term!**

Book now at:  
[www.forrieseducation.co.uk](http://www.forrieseducation.co.uk)

 **Forries Education**  
 **@forrieseducation**  
 **Jamesatforries**  
**M: 07895608431**

*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. The ad will run for 1 week and we only run one ad half termly.*

*Advert disclaimer: Please note we take advert requests from outside sources in good faith. We hold no responsibility for these and they are not necessarily recommended by John Ball School.*