

## JBuzz Newsletter

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

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



Dear parents and carers

Thank you to all the parents that attended our PTIs this week. I hope that you found the information received succinct and helpful in supporting the continued learning of your child. If you weren't able to attend this week, please contact your class teacher who will be able to ensure that you receive this feedback on your child's attainment and progress during the spring term.

Each year we send out a parent questionnaire and this year we will be sending this out via survey monkey. If you are unable to access the questionnaire via this platform, please let the office know and we can arrange for access to school resources to complete the survey.

You will be aware that we have stopped using ClassDojo. In the absence of ClassDojo, you are able to contact your class teachers via email. Your teachers email address is on the curriculum information sheet that you received at the beginning of the year. Although communication was an important part of ClassDojo, what we haven't yet been able to provide is an alternative for the class feed. We have looked at Twitter but feel it is too public so have decided to not give classes a Twitter account. Currently we are looking at the capability of the systems we use, as well as other packages, and hope to be able to replace the class feed element of ClassDojo by the new academic year.

We are incredibly proud of Mr Lewins who ran the London Marathon in 4 hours and 14 minutes. He also met his sponsorship target of £2000 For Royal Marsden Cancer Trust. He is hoping that his feet and legs will have recovered in readiness to challenge Jonny's 'Fastest member of staff' title at the Heath for Health run on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May. If you haven't yet signed up, do so quickly to avoid the late fee and ensure you get a place.

It is good to see that our summer term trips are underway already with Year 1 visiting the Albany Theatre to watch a play of Hansel and Gretel as part of the 'every child counts' free ticket scheme. Reception also travelled to the Natural History Museum this week to engage with a 'Super Stegosaurus' workshop where they were being palaeontologists ready for their Dinosaur topic this term. As always, we are incredibly grateful to have so many volunteers that can help us provide these trips and would like to thank you for the time and support that you dedicate to the school.

Have a restful weekend.

Jacqui Noakes

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Thank you to all those who have registered for Heath for Health. Running numbers and race information will be sent home via your eldest child the week before the race so look out for the pack the week of the 13th May.

You can still sign up for the run but there will be a £5 late fee per registration. You will find our volunteers outside the Atrium most mornings and afternoon to help. They also have raffle tickets for sale at £1 each and we have some great prizes.

If you have any questions you can contact Angela or Anna at [heathforhealth@live.com](mailto:heathforhealth@live.com). All race information is updated on Facebook page Heath for Health or Twitter @heathforhealth.

Look forward to seeing you on the 19th May!

Angela

## Tasty Tester Day – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May



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 as well as a selection of side dishes, salads, bread, and a choice of desserts and water/milk to drink.

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

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](mailto:sharon@johnball.lewisham.sch.uk) by end of school on Thursday 9th May so that numbers can be given to the kitchen.

### John Ball School Summer Fair

Sunday 9th June - Time: 12-3pm

Come and join us for fun and games at this year's fair!

We are looking for volunteers to help us! If you can help, please email us at:

[friendsofjohnball@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofjohnball@hotmail.com)

We cannot run our events without you!



### May

#### Monday 6th

Tuesday 7th  
Thursday 9th  
Monday 13th  
Friday 17th  
Sunday 19th  
Thursday 23rd

#### Bank Holiday

Nursery application deadline  
School Photos  
SATs week  
YR6 Chessington World of Adventures  
Heath for Health  
RE Day

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

### June

Monday 3rd  
Sunday 9th  
Monday 10th  
Tuesday 12th  
Monday 17th  
*Thursday 20th*  
Monday 24th

YR6 school journey to Swanage  
Summer Fair  
Phonics test week  
Open Morning 9.30-10.30am  
Sports Day – KS2 (am) and KS1 (pm)  
*Alternative sports day if bad weather*  
New Nursery parents induction meeting  
9.30 am – 10.30am  
New Reception parents induction meeting  
2.00-3.00 pm and 5.00-6.00pm  
RE Day

Tuesday 25th

Thursday 27th

**parentgym**  
FOR PARENTS WHO CARE

<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>9.15am - 10am</b>	<b>Taster session</b> – 45 mins – Get to know Parent Gym
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.10am</b>	<b>Chat</b> – 2 hours – Help your family talk and listen to each other
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.10am</b>	<b>Love</b> – 2 hours – Build self-esteem & independence through secure attachments
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.10am</b>	<b>Behave</b> – 2 hours – Bring calm and order to your home
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.10am</b>	<b>Care</b> – 2 hours – Looking after ourselves and our families
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>9.10am</b>	<b>Discover</b> – 2 hours – Support your children to learn and explore
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>9.10am</b>	<b>Together</b> – 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.



Are you inspired by the London Marathon? As you watch the runners challenge themselves while proudly supporting the charities they love, do you wish you could do the same? Great news! We have space on Kidscape's team for the Royal Parks Half Marathon this autumn.

You'll be running a 13 mile course through some of London's iconic royal parks in our team led by *Casualty* star George Rainsford. You'll be given a Kidscape running vest to raise awareness of the help we provide with bullying and raising vital funds to help us change more young lives. Every step you run could make a huge difference to a child who is going through bullying right now.

We have limited space in the team, so if you'd like to get involved, please express your interest as soon as possible.

If you're watching from home, why not cheer on one of our Royal Parks Half Marathon team? Our CEO Lauren Seager-Smith is stepping out of the office and onto the streets to run with our team. Give her some moral support!

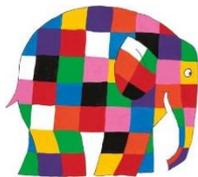


### **Could you be Spectacle Wearer of the Year 2019?**

Specsavers are hunting for 2019's Spectacle Wearer of the Year, and *Strictly* star Oti Mabuse is helping them. Oti loves her glasses, but used to be bullied for it.

***"Kids used to call me 'four eyes' but I always say four are better than two. To anyone who is experiencing bullying I would say 'own it' - love yourself and your glasses. They are cool and of course they are there for a reason, so you can see. You are beautiful because of who you are not what you look like."***

Want to join Oti and show off your specs appeal? Specsavers will donate £1 to Kidscape for every eligible entry, and you could be in with the chance to win £10,000 and a £1000 wardrobe of new glasses.



### **Elmer Day**

Elmer the patchwork elephant is turning 30 in May, and as the official charity partner, Kidscape encourages you to organise or take part in parties up and down the country at schools, nurseries, bookshops and libraries! Join in the celebrations with the Elmer Day party pack, featuring fun activities, crafting and how you can make your very own patchwork elephant ears.

For lots more information, please visit:- <https://www.kidscape.org.uk/>



**GREENWICH JUNIOR CRICKET ACADEMY**  
**GIRLS COLTS/JUNIORS**  
**2019**



**GIRLS**

**All Age Groups                      WEDNESDAY 5.30pm—7.00pm**  
**BLACKHEATH PREP SCHOOL,**  
**4 ST GERMAN'S PLACE, BLACKHEATH SE3 0NJ**  
**Starting 24th April 2019**

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Boys' cricket is available as well on Friday evenings at Blackheath Prep  
and Sunday mornings at John Roan Sportsground



**RARE TUMBLE TOTS VACANCY**

Tumble Tots need your help!! We are recruiting for a new member of staff to help us in our Blackheath and/or Dulwich centres 1 or 2 mornings a week.

It would suit someone whose children are at school or their children are off hand or someone who needs a part-time job to fit in with their other work.

Contact Julia at [Julia.forrest@tumbletots.com](mailto:Julia.forrest@tumbletots.com)

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