

JBuzz Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2020

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



News from across the school...

School Streets:

A quick reminder that school streets starts on Monday 21st September. You will be able to drive down Southvale Road and have access to the car park. However, from 8.30am to 9.15am and 2.40pm to 3.30pm, Baizdon Road from the crossing where the lollipop lady used to stand down to the end of the KS2 playground will be closed to traffic. This will allow for more social distancing to happen at drop off and pick up times. In addition, Hurren Close will be closed from beyond the car park entrance. Residents of Hurren Close will have access. We understand that this may cause some families extended journeys but feel that for the majority, it will provide a safer environment.

Hands, Face, Space:

As we all work hard and learn to adapt to keeping ourselves and our community safe from Covid-19, we would request that when dropping off and collecting children, you maintain a 2 metre distance from other families and where this is not possible, you wear a face mask. We do understand that some people may be exempt for health reasons.

Super Kids:

We are pleased that Super Kids have been able to make adaptations and offer wrap around care for the pupils of John Ball. Earlier today, you would have received their risk assessment and newsletter. If you are interested in a breakfast club or after school place for your child/ren, please contact admin@superkidsclub.co.uk

Guardian Consultations:

Some families will be invited to a virtual guardian consultation in the last week of September. This is to ensure that any provision missed in the summer term is appropriately planned for autumn. Your child's teacher will email you to make arrangements.

Have a good weekend.

Jacqui Noakes

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Please look on our website for adverts if you wish to view these. They will be alongside the newsletter.

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.



September

Monday 28th INSET DAY – Staff only

October

Friday 16th School individual photos – (no siblings)

Monday 26th to Friday 30th October: Half Term

Letters

Super Kids news

Primary School Applications for 2021

- Applications open (apply online): Tuesday 1st September 2020 <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>
- Closing date for applications: 15th January 2021

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-primary-school>

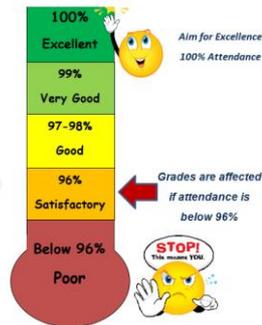
Secondary School Applications for 2020

- Applications open (apply online): Tuesday 1st September 2020 <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>
- Closing date for applications: Saturday 31st October 2020 (we recommend that you submit your online application by Friday 23rd October 2020)
- Closing date for supplementary forms (if required) to be returned to the school directly: Saturday 31st October 2020

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-secondary-school>



ATTENDANCE



How to improve your child's attendance

You can support your child's regular attendance at school by making sure:

- medical and dental appointments are outside school hours, such as during school holidays
- your child is organised for school the night before by having their bag packed, PE kit ready, homework completed and lunch packed
- your alarm clocks are set in good time.

Children who miss school because of family holidays can miss essential lessons. You must get holiday requests authorised before you book a holiday, otherwise you risk your child being marked as having an unauthorised absence.

We can prosecute you if:

- your child attends less than 90% of sessions over a set period of time
- your child is regularly late for school.

Why attendance matters

We are ambitious for all children and our aim is for them to:

- enjoy their experience at school
- succeed
- have the best possible start to their adult life.

By attending school regularly, children can:

- reach their full academic potential
- develop and sustain relationships
- demonstrate to future employers they are reliable
- reduce their risk of becoming a victim of crime or abuse
- reduce their risk of becoming involved in antisocial or criminal behaviour.

The link between irregular school attendance and poor academic achievement and limited life outcomes have been well researched. Children may suffer anxiety, tummy aches and headaches if they are worried they will be late for school.