

JBuzz Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2020

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



News from across the school...

Wear Red to stand against Racism

On Friday 23rd October, children are invited to wear red as a stand against racism. This is not compulsory and children do not need to wear red.

Black History

This week in assembly, I shared information about Pablo Fanque; he was a British equestrian performer and circus proprietor, the first recorded non-white British circus owner in Britain. He was an entrepreneur, circus performer who also ran a social enterprise supporting disadvantaged people through his profits. He also inspired The Beatles to write the song "Being for the Benefit of Mr. Kite!" on their album Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band (1967). Quite an inspiration!

Dogs

A polite reminder that dogs should not be brought onto the school site. It is lovely to see the dogs that make the journey to school to drop off or collect children, but could we ask that if dogs that are more nervous or less tolerant of other children touching them, you might want to consider dropping or collecting from a short distance from the school as it is a busy time. In addition, if your child does like to see and touch dogs, please do remind them to check with the owner first. This way we can prevent any unfortunate events for both children and dogs.

Facemasks

Please be reminded of the need to wear a facemask when coming on site to collect children, or when you cannot keep 2 metres apart outside the school. Please leave the vicinity of the school as quickly as possible when you have collected your child to disperse the high number of people in the area.

Street Closure

Despite the school street closure, please do be vigilant when in the closed road area, as it has come to our attention that some drivers have driven around the sign or moved the sign to travel along the road.

Spare Clothes Donations

We would like to ask for any donations for our medical room for children who may have the odd 'accident'. We particularly need KS1 underwear, mostly girls, and small sized trousers for both boys and girls. It would be very much appreciated that if your child does come home in a change of clothes, that these are washed and returned to school. If you feel that you would prefer to send your KS1 child in with their own spare clothes, please do so.

Have a good weekend.

Regards

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Lost coat

A child in YR3 has lost a coat, it is a Navy blue lined one with "Bench" written in white letters on one arm. It has a name tag inside with the child's name on.

Can you please keep an eye out for it, and if you find it return it to the school office.

Thank you



October

Friday 23rd

NHS team in for flu vaccines – after school from 2.45pm

Monday 26th to Friday 30th October: Half Term

Letters / E-mails

Nursery newsletter

More top tips for applying for secondary school for 2021

Share your COVID-19 experiences – From Lewisham

An open invitation for headteachers, teachers, school staff, parents and students to share their experiences throughout the pandemic so far, from the initial lockdown to the return to school this autumn.

We want to capture a broad range of people's views including what you have found difficult, helpful and uplifting.

The findings will be incorporated into a borough-wide project, which aims to record and learn from Lewisham residents' experiences of the pandemic.

We are really interested in hearing from children and young people, including very young children and from parents. If any of your staff are interested in interviewing your pupils (transcript or video, with usual permissions) please let us know. You might also consider interviewing a group of parents for us (we can help with questions).

If you are interested in sharing your experiences or for more information then please get in touch with James Bravin via email james.bravin@lewisham.gov.uk by 2 November 2020.

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.

Primary School Applications for 2021

Our virtual open morning videos are now on the John Ball website. Please follow this link to view these

<https://www.johnball.lewisham.sch.uk/our-school/virtual-open-morning/>

- 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>

Don't forget you can also look at the John Ball website for links and some schools virtual tour information. This will be updated as and when we receive information.

<https://www.johnball.lewisham.sch.uk/nursery-and-reception/secondary-transfer/>