

News from across the school...

500 words winners

I am delighted to announce the 500 words competition winners who will be our first John Ball Writing Ambassadors. They are, YR2 – Antoni & Pregith, YR3 - Artemis & Krisha, YR4 – Charlotte and YR5 Chukwuneye & Martha. Thank you again to all who took part, we really enjoyed reading your stories.

Parking

We have received a complaint from one of our residents in Collins Street about parents using this road to park in when dropping off or picking children up. This has not only caused some residents being unable to park their own cars, but has also caused some unfortunate confrontation when asking a parent not to park on this street. May I politely remind you that this street requires a permit and that parking illegally puts the children of our community at risk and does not reflect the John Ball community spirit.

Playhouse Donation

We have a JB parent who is looking to kindly donate a playhouse in good condition to another family in our community. Should you be interested and want more information, please contact andrew@chase.abel.co.uk

Packed lunches

If your child is bringing in a packed lunch to school, we have set out the guidelines for these in our Food Policy. Please refer to Section 8. This is to help our children develop healthy eating habits and ensure they get the energy and nutrients they require to help them cope with the school day. Children are encouraged to use good table manners and are reminded how to use and hold cutlery. Often they need to be shown how to hold and use their cutlery, so please support your child at home as this will help them to be more independent in school.

KS2 snacks – May I please remind parents that only a piece of fruit or vegetable should be brought in to school. Please do not send children in with cereal bars, fruit substitutes such as Bear Yoyo types of products or any item containing nuts.

Have a nice weekend

Regards

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On the 11th November 1918, the 1st World War ended. A truce between both sides ended the bloodshed and brought peace. And, even now, 102 years later, that day is still being remembered.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month was this week, and everyone gave two minutes of silence in memory of those who died in all conflicts. And in those two minutes, a fantastic recital of the 'Last Post' was played by music teacher, Mr Broom. It enabled the children to reflect on the plight of those affected by war.

The recital was certainly memorable, and deepened our respect for those who, around the world, are caught up in conflict.

Martha Brown, 5Y

If you have the means to play a VLC media player file, please do have a look at Mr Brooms' video on our website alongside JBuzz. This will also be shared on Twitter.



November

Friday 27th

Friday 13th

Inset Day – Staff only – no children in school on that day

Children in Need Day

December

Wednesday 9th

Christmas dinner for children

Letters / E-mails



Christmas Jumper Day

John Ball will be doing Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11th December so please come dressed in your most festive tops. No donations needed, just for fun!

Please do not buy one especially, try to decorate and upcycle an old jumper, create something from an old top, and go wild with your imagination! Bear in mind sustainability and being eco-friendly with your creations.

We would love to accept donations of any outgrown Christmas jumpers as well; so if you have any spare outgrown jumpers/tops, please drop them in to the atrium for other families to use for this day from Monday onwards.



Christmas Hamper donations

More than ever before, donations of non-perishable food items, toiletries and other suitable Christmas items are being requested to make up hampers. We hope to give out hampers to those inside and outside our school community as the effects of the pandemic have been so devastating.

We really do appreciate your help and how our community comes together, especially in times as challenging as these.

Please drop items off onto the special table and boxes that will be set up in the atrium from Monday 9th November.

Visions and Values at John Ball

Respect:

“Treating others as we would like to be treated ourselves”



Respect

Parent Tip: Myths and Facts snippet



Bright Star

Encourage your child to burn up excess energy by doing something physical before their homework, like 20 star jumps. This should make them calmer and able to concentrate for longer.

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>

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

This week:- Local cake maker in Blackheath

Local tutoring service

Royal Academy of Dance advert

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.

WHY DOES GOOD ATTENDANCE MATTER?

Above 97%	Less than 6 days absence a year	Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best grades they can, leading to better prospects for the future. Pupils will also get into a habit of attending school that will help in the future.
95%	10 days absence a year	These pupils are likely to achieve good grades and form a habit of attending school regularly. Pupils who take a 2-week holiday every year during term time can only achieve 95% attendance.
90%	19 days absence a year	Young people in this group are missing a month of school per year; it will be difficult for them to achieve their best.
85%	29 days absence a year	The Government classes Young People in this group as "Persistent Absentees", and it will be almost impossible to keep up with work. Parents of young people in this group could also face the possibility of legal action being taken by the Local Authority.

WHY DOES GOOD PUNCTUALITY MATTER?

Being late to school can have a considerable impact over the whole school year. The table below shows you how much time can be missed over a year by being late to school every day.

5 minutes late every day = 3 days of school lost a year
10 minutes late every day = 6.5 days of school lost a year
15 minutes late every day = 10 days of school lost a year
20 minutes late every day = 13 days of school lost a year
30 minutes late every day = 19 days of school lost a year

School mornings can be very busy but when your child is late for school they are missing out on vital parts of their education and in particular the start of the school day. It is also disruptive for the whole class if pupils arrive at different times throughout the morning. If your child arrives 30 minutes after the register has been taken, they will have an unauthorised absence for the whole session.