

### News from across the school...

#### Drop off in the morning

Could all parents and carers who bring their child(ren) to school, please remain with their child until he or she has walked onto the school site. If two children need to be in school at the same time, but use different gates, please take the older child first and wait for the gate to open before you take the other child to their specific entry point.

Children should not be left waiting on their own unless they walk to school independently.

#### 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.

Thank you to everyone who donated for Children in Need, it was lovely to see so many bright colours, spots and Pudsey ears! We raised a fantastic £336.30, so well done to all who took part!

Please note that we have a revised INSET day on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May, new holiday dates are attached for your reference.

#### New menus

Attached to the JBuzz email this week, you will find the new Chartwells menus that will take us through to March 2021. These are on a rolling monthly basis for all three, and have been named the Julia Donaldson, Roald Dahl and Eileen Browne menus. These tie in with the literature reading and authors that some children have been learning about. Please see the dates at the bottom of the menus for your information. Reception parents have been sent a slightly different version in a separate correspondence.

You can also find these menus on the website under the parents/school dinners tab.

#### Year 5 & 6 bikes/scooters

Lastly, please be aware, pupils from years 5 & 6 have been asked to put their bikes and scooters into the KS2 bike shed on arrival and then go back to Baizdon Road until their year group is due to enter, this is to prevent collisions and injuries.

Have a nice weekend

Regards

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<https://friendsofjohnballschool.co.uk/collections>

**Our gorgeous online shop has been updated with some of our Christmas crafts.**

**Head over to our shop for Christmas Trees, Christmas crafts  
Concrete gifts and Homemade crafts**





### **November**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

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

### **December**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Christmas dinner for children

### **Letters / E-mails**

Christmas dinner



### **Christmas Jumper Day**

John Ball will be participating in Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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**

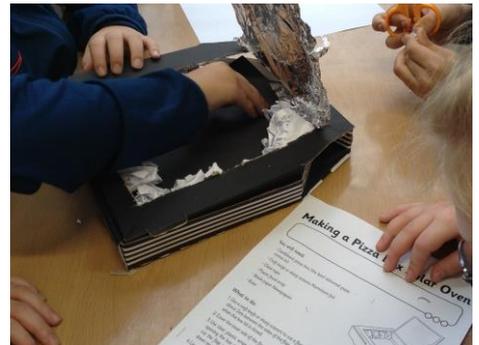
More than ever before, donations of non-perishable food items, toiletries and other suitable Christmas items are being requested to make up hampers. We hope to give out hampers to those inside and outside our school community as the effects of the pandemic have been so devastating.

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 9<sup>th</sup> November.

On the 17th November, 5T made Pizza Box Solar Ovens as part of our geography topic 'Enough for Everyone'.

The pizza boxes work by getting sunlight to reflect from the foil, which is on the lid of the oven, onto the black paper at the bottom. We insulated our boxes with paper too. Sadly, the ovens only work on hot days. 5T will use the ovens in June. It will be great to see solar energy in action.



### **Heath for Health 2020**

We can confirm that all our charities have received the money you helped us raise over Lockdown #1, though your incredible efforts during our Virtual H4H.

The Norrie Disease Foundation have received an incredible: £1,468.72 (Including direct donations and Gift Aid)

Lewisham Foodbank have received an amazing: £1088.60 (Including Gift Aid)

Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust have received an impressive: £1,355.60 (Including direct donations and Gift Aid)

And John Ball Primary School have received a spectacular: £1,088.60 (Including Gift Aid)

That means that despite the challenges of COVID, you all came together (virtually) to make a difference and raised a total of £5001.52 which is absolutely phenomenal!

Thank you all so much. We know the charities will be so incredibly grateful for their donations. We will let you know how John Ball decide to use our share in due course.

## Visions and Values at John Ball

### Innovation and Creativity:

“Thinking outside of the box. Creating solutions to problems”



Innovation  
and  
Creativity

### *Parent Tip: Myths and Facts snippet*



### *The most precious present of all.... Time*

**Did you know?** 19% of children said they never spend any fun time with their parents. 92% of children want to spend more time with their parents.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>
- Closing date for applications: 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Nothing this week**

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.*