

News from across the school...

I hope you all had a lovely half term break and managed to spend some time with loved ones, especially ahead of this week's lockdown! Whilst many places will be closed, schools are remaining open and with this in mind, I want to reassure you that at John Ball we will be adhering to Government advice and will be implementing extra precautions across the year group bubbles, thus ensuring maximum protection for all staff and children. These include extra plastic protective screens; track and trace for all year groups with any adult that may need to cross over, and, of course, the same stringent measures we already have in place. We do ask that all parents and carers wear a mask when dropping off or picking up children around the school. Members of staff may encourage you to do so if you do not have a mask on.

We were pleased to have received 15 entries to the 500 words Black History Month writing competition and I am pleased to say that each child who entered will be receiving a copy of 'Young, Gifted and Black'. We really are enjoying reading these and I look forward to announcing the winner soon!

Although this year will be very different for Firework night celebrations, if you decide to have some at home, please see the guidance below for adults and children.

Young people should watch and enjoy fireworks at a safe distance and follow the safety rules for using sparklers. Only adults should deal with firework displays and the lighting of fireworks. They should also take care of the safe disposal of fireworks once they have been used.

Firework Top Ten Safety Code for Adults

1. Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable.
2. Keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time.
3. Read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary.
4. Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back.
5. Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks.
6. Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
7. Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them.
8. Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators.
9. Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
10. Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.

Please be reminded that we still have a number of winter coats that you can take. Please do pop along to the atrium and take one if you need something for the coming winter.



The Friends will be selling Christmas Trees again this year, look out for more details soon.

Have a nice weekend

Regards

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November

Friday 27th

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

Friday 13th

Children in Need Day

December

Wednesday 9th

Christmas dinner for children

Letters / E-mails

Nursery morning arrangements

Reception children NHS health assessment letter



Children in Need – Friday 13th November

Children are invited to wear spotty or rainbow-coloured clothes and bring in a donation.

These can be given to teachers in class.

Thank you for your support.



We would like to say a big thank you to the John Ball Eco Committee & Penny Ashcroft, for funding the replacement of inefficient lighting with LED fittings which will save energy, and has improved the lighting in the Year 6 and music Blocks.



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.

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Personal Excellence

“Always trying the best we can”



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Parent Tip: Myths and Facts snippet

Night Night

Did you know? Children, who regularly miss good quality sleep, perform the same as school children who are two years younger than them. A consistent bedtime will help.

There are lots of tips and advice on the LGfL website for parents to access. Please follow the link below to have a browse through the available subjects such as video chat, gaming, online safety, screen time and many more valuable pieces of information.

<https://www.lgfl.net/online-safety/resource-centre?s=16>



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:-

Video of the English Touring Opera & composed by Noah who teaches choir at the Blackheath Conservatoire.

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