

### News from across the school...

#### Friends Regular Giving

Last week The Friends launched a regular giving programme. If you would like to help there are two main ways to do so; you can use the Virgin Money Giving site. Alternatively, if your employer offers a payroll giving scheme you can make your regular gift this way. The Friends can even supply you with a letter to give to your employer, just email them at [John.ball.giving@gmail.com](mailto:John.ball.giving@gmail.com)

Thank you so much to everyone who has already started to support our school in this way - it is very much appreciated!

#### Free energy advice for vulnerable residents

Lockdown and the economic impact of the pandemic means many people may struggle to afford the cost of staying warm. South London Healthy Homes is an initiative offering free energy advice to help vulnerable residents cut the cost of keeping warm. To find out more about the support on offer in Lewisham [visit the South London Healthy Homes website](#) or call 0800 169 1779.

#### Rapid Covid testing

Rapid testing is coming to Lewisham soon. This is good news as more testing helps stop the spread of the virus and prevent the need for further restrictions. Take part in this three-minute survey so they can better target the COVID-19 rapid testing when it comes to Lewisham. Tell us whether you would take a test and if not, why?

The link to the survey is <https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/corporate-policy-and-governance/covid-19-rapid-test-su>

#### Year bubble closure

We had to sadly close a year bubble this week and ask the children to self-isolate at home. I appreciate this is something that has caused parents and carers concern, but as we follow Government guidelines, we cannot take a risk with our community's health and safety by keeping children in school. Please be understanding when these type of decisions need to be made by John Ball as we act in the best interests of your children and families.

I hope that you have managed to access the home learning via Google Classrooms. If you have any problems accessing this, please do let us know.

#### Last day of term

We have advertised that school finishes at 1.30pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December the last day of term for all pupils. However, we will need to stagger the finish time slightly to maintain the social distancing we have in place. Please note the following changes to the end of the day.

Nursery, Reception, YR1, YR3 & YR4 will finish at 1.15pm and YR2, YR5 & YR6 will finish at 1.30pm

Have a nice weekend

Regards

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**Our gorgeous online shop has been updated with more wonderful gifts and decorations.**



**Head over to the website for our raffle, messages from Father Christmas, Baby gifts & much, much more!**

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

The Friends of John Ball Christmas Raffle has moved online this year.

We have received some lovely donations for prizes and all the money raised will go to the school.

To purchase tickets, please click on the link below. Tickets are £1 each.

[Enter Raffle to Win Christmas prizes 2020](#)  
[Hosted by Friends of John Ball Primary School](#)



## December

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

Christmas dinner for children

Christmas Jumper Day

Last day of term - Nursery, Reception, YR1, YR3 & YR4 will finish at 1.15pm

Last day of term - YR2, YR5 & YR6 will finish at 1.30pm

## Letters / E-mails

Year 3 bubble closure

Update on closure

Nursery & 5Y Guardian Consultations in December



### **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.

### **Visions and Values at John Ball**

**Equality: "Treating others fairly.  
We are all part of Team JB"**



**Equality**

### ***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.

## **Accessing general support in the community**

### **Get support and advice over the phone or via self-referral/website**

The community response hub is now known as **Community Connections Lewisham**. The service can help you with access to food via supermarket slots, social support, advice and connect you with local services that can help you with whatever challenge you are facing. You can ask for help for you or for someone you know. The service is for anyone who is a resident of Lewisham.

### **Seek support by:**

Calling Community Connections Lewisham helpline on 0330 058 3464, Monday to Friday between 9.30am to 4pm.  
Visiting [www.communityconnectionslewisham.org/make-a-referral](http://www.communityconnectionslewisham.org/make-a-referral)

*Please note: Residents may also use Sainsbury's (0800 917 8557) and Morrisons (0345 611 6111) telephone shopping services.*

### **Advice Lewisham**

If you are experiencing financial difficulty and can't afford food, you can speak to a trained and independent Advice Lewisham agent for support and advice. The line is coordinated by Citizens Advice Lewisham who can also help with enquiries about benefits, housing, employment and a range of other advice issues.

The helpline 0800 231 5453 (freephone) operates from 9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 4pm Monday-Friday

### **Local Food Banks and Food Projects**

Lewisham Foodbank provided emergency food to residents in financial need as part of the Community Response Hub and will continue to do so. <https://lewisham.foodbank.org.uk/> There are a number of other foodbanks and food projects in the borough that have remained operational throughout the pandemic providing emergency food packages. Find your nearest food project here - <https://www.lewishamlocal.com/lewisham-community-meals-and-foodbank-provision-during-covid-19/>

### **NHS GoodSam Volunteers**

Residents seeking support from volunteers may refer themselves (or a family member) for help from the NHS Volunteer Responders programme by calling 0808 196 3646 or visiting <https://nhsvolunteerresponders.org.uk/services>.

### **Lewisham Mutual-Aid Groups**

Mutual Aid Groups are community-run groups organising support such as food and supply deliveries to neighbours who are self-isolating. Volunteers are organised by ward, and in some cases by smaller areas such as a street.

Join the [Facebook group](#) to find your local WhatsApp group and post requests for support such as food drop-offs if you are self-isolating. For a list of mutual aid groups please visit <https://www.lewishamlocal.com/lewisham-mutual-aid-groups/>

*Please Note: Mutual Aid Groups are volunteer-led groups so please always be very careful about sharing your personal details with people you don't know online and do not give people you don't know access to your bank cards.*

### **Medication advice**

Please only order the medicines you need at the usual time, to help keep supplies of medicines available for all patients during the Coronavirus pandemic and beyond. Please do not over-order medicines - this causes additional supply pressures in the healthcare system which in turn disadvantages other patients. There are currently no significant supply issues reported for most medicines and none that have been as a result of the pandemic.

GP practices might issue repeat prescription to your usual pharmacy by electronic prescription (known as EPS) where appropriate. To arrange collection of electronic repeat prescription, please contact your regular pharmacy. If you wish to opt out or change your nominated pharmacy, please call your GP practice.

If you're self-isolating and need help with delivery of medicines, please ask a neighbour, friend or family member to collect on your behalf in the first instance. Your pharmacy has limited ability to deliver medicines. If you still need help accessing your medicines, contact your usual pharmacy.

If after exhausting the options above and you're really struggling with accessing your medicines, please contact the Community Connections Lewisham helpline Monday-Friday, 9:30am-4pm, on 0330 058 3464 or visit [www.nhs.uk/medicines](http://www.nhs.uk/medicines) for general medicines information and answers to common questions or speak to your local pharmacist

### **Support during the Christmas period**

A number of support services including emergency food for those in need are available during the Christmas period, please check the Lewisham Local website for updates. <https://www.lewishamlocal.com/>

You can also contact the Crisis Mental Health Line on: 0800 731 2864 to speak to the South London and Maudsley 24 hour

**Superkids Club Newsletter**  
December 2020

Contact: 07769 263144  
Email admin@superkidsclub.co.uk



**December Festive Events**

**Festive Film Nights**

**Tuesday 8th December (Y1-Yr6)**

**Nativity Rocks**

**Wednesday 9th (Reception - Yr6)**

**Dr Seuss The Grinch**

**Christmas Jumper Day**

Lets spread the Christmas cheers this year  
and put on your jumpers;  
the more sparkly the better!

On **Friday 11th December** the children  
and staff can wear Christmas jumpers.

**Winter Wonderland Party**

On Wednesday December 16th we will be  
hosting a winter wonderland party. The  
children will be immersed in festive  
games, music ,prizes and party food.

The children can dress up in a festive  
jumper or headpiece.

**Friday 18th December  
(Early Closing)**

Superkids will collect children at 1:30pm  
for the early school finish.

The session will last 3hrs. Please collect  
your child from Superkids by **4:30pm**  
to allow a small staff-only celebration.

If your child is not attending their  
Superkids session on 18th December,  
please notify us in advance by text.

If you would like to book-in your child for  
an extra session please contact us.



**Superkids Messages**

We continue to make your children's safety our highest priority. Children will remain in their year group bubbles during all our events.

- **Intercom buzzer:** Please press the buzzer and announce which child you are collecting so that your child can collect their belongings to go home. Please do not follow another person through the gate, as we will not know you are waiting. Sometimes the buzzer takes a moment to reset—please bear with us; your patience is greatly appreciated. If Superkids has not answered the buzzer, you can call us directly on 07769 263144.

**Merry Christmas from Superkids!**

After such a challenging year, we would like to thank you all for your kindness and continuous support. We hope that your Christmas will be filled with joy and laughter; and we wish you health, happiness and a New Year that's better than ever!

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

**This week: Festive online courses**

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.*