

JBuzz Newsletter

Friday 5th March 2021

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

News from across our community

We are really looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Monday. We will be continuing with year group bubbles being kept separate from each other and frequent handwashing, along with staff being regularly tested through lateral flow testing.

We want to keep our bubbles open, therefore, we ask that you:

- 1) DO NOT send your child to school if ANYONE in the household is unwell with Covid-19 symptoms
- 2) DO NOT send your child to school if they have been in contact in the last 48 hours with anyone that you know is unwell with Covid-19 symptoms
- 3) DO NOT send your child to school if they have been in contact with anyone that has booked a PCR test or has undertaken a PCR test and waiting for the results
- 4) DO NOT send your child to school if they have any of the enhanced Covid-19 symptoms listed below, identified by Lewisham public health. Please call the school if your child has any of the enhanced Covid-19 symptoms listed below.

- Loss of appetite
- Diarrhoea
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Extreme tiredness
- Headaches
- Joint pain
- Muscle ache
- Runny nose
- Sore throat
- Sneezing

World Book Day

It was lovely to see some of the children dressed up for World Book Day, and of course some of our teachers too, and although it wasn't the same without all of our children in school, it was nice to see the enjoyment it brought.

As part of our World Book Week celebrations, you still have the opportunity for a piece of your writing to be included in an online John Ball library! Your work could be any piece of writing from a short poem, a story, a joke a piece of non-fiction etc. Mr Lewins will upload it to a WordPress "virtual library" for the school. You can choose to submit your writing to your class teacher via Google Classroom or email it directly to Mr Lewins at glewins1.209@lgflmail.org.

Parent Governor Election

We have had two candidates come forward for election as parent governors. You will find an anonymous statement from each of them to help you to consider who to vote for, on our website under Our School/Governance tab and via the Google form on Wednesday 10th March at 9.00am.

Voting period - Wednesday 10th March from 9.00am to Wednesday 17th March at 4pm

Please click on the link below to vote [Parent Governor Election online voting form](#)

Candidate One

I would love to take on the role of parent governor for John Ball School.

I have a lively son in year 2. I have got to know the school well over the past few years as a parent and through volunteering to listen to Y3 and Y4 pupils reading. It has been really rewarding to help develop literacy skills and confidence in young readers. I have also helped regularly at various events organised by the Friends of John Ball.

I am keen to support the excellent work carried out by the school as well as assist with the challenges faced by pupils, the staff, and parents and carers.

I am a solicitor by training and have worked for twenty years in legal roles starting in a law firm before becoming in house lawyer. I would be happy to use my legal skills and experience to support the school. As a parent, I would be dedicated to representing the perspective of parents and carers on the board of governors.

Candidate Two

I have been working in education for over 6 years, 3 years in early years education and 3 years with adults. I have enjoyed a number of roles in the education sector and also as an experienced customer service provider.

I have been involved with the parent's relationship with the schools I have worked with, organising demonstration classes, managing teacher and parents complaints, problem solving, training teacher's assistants and managing payroll.

I am very involved in my child's YR1 class parent's community and would like to deepen my commitment to the school by joining the governor's team.

May I wish you all a restful weekend.

Regards

Jacqui Noakes

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Curriculum Vision at John Ball School

There are six curriculum drivers which underpin our curriculum. One of these is possibility.

Children cannot aspire to things they have never encountered. We will work to broaden our children's horizons, expanding their knowledge of the world by nurturing their interests as well as encouraging fearlessness of what is new or unknown.



Clothes donations

We are in need of extra clothes donations for children between the ages of 7-10 years, especially underwear and trousers. If you have any good condition items that have been outgrown, please donate to John Ball so that we can pass these on to our families in need.

Thank you



March

Wednesday 10th
Wednesday 17th
Wednesday 31st

Parent governor voting opens at 9.00am
Parent governor voting closes at 4.00pm
Last Day of Term finish at 1.30pm

Letters / E-mails

Back to school Monday 8th March
Governor parent election candidates
5G staffing update



Parent Tip: Myths and Facts snippet

Eye to Eye

Want to stop the argument?

Sit down next to your child. Sitting next to them (e.g. on the sofa) makes it easier to solve the problem together compared to facing each other, because it feels less hostile.

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

This week:-
Superkids flyer for Easter childcare
Blackheath School of Dance
Top tips for foster and adoptive families
Sedgehill Secondary School information

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.