

JBuzz Newsletter

Friday 23rd April 2021

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

News from across our community

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed some sunshine, along with the easing of some of the lockdown restrictions.

Taking your child out of school

Can I please remind parents that if you need to take your child out of school for any medical/dentist or any other appointments these should be sent to our Attendance Officer, Sharon Windham sharon@johnball.lewisham.sch.uk

Red Nose Day Fund Raising

I would like to say a huge thank you to Debbie Parish for setting this up and to our community for contributing to the JustGiving page for Red Nose Day. We were in the top 15% fundraisers of that month!



Communicating with the school

May I please remind parents that if you receive a text message from John Ball, please do not reply to it by text as we do not see these messages. Please call the school or e-mail the appropriate person.

Change of some dates for the summer term

Please note that there have been a few tweaks and changes to the summer term so I have attached an updated termly planner. These include the induction meetings for our new parents for September and our current reception pupils to YR1 meeting.

How to keep children safe online

Safeguarding both adults and children is about preventing the risk of harm from abuse or exploitation or having the ability to reduce it by raising awareness.

Online abuse is a major area of concern and The Police Digital Security Centre offers advice to parent/carers on how to ensure children remain safe whilst online.

In partnership with the ChildSafeVPN, infographics have been created to share that advice and we will feature one poster per week over the next few issues of JBuzz.

This week, the infographic is about TikTok, which is a video sharing social network app that should NOT be used by children under the age of 13 years old:

Please also see the link below for more tips on online safety for your children.

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May I wish you a restful weekend.

Regards

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May

Monday 3rd	Bank Holiday – No school
Tuesday 4th	School photos by class
Wednesday 5th	Guardian Consultations from Nursery to YR6 - 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Thursday 6th	Guardian Consultations from Nursery to YR6 - 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Friday 28th	INSET DAY (No children)

Monday 31st May to 4th June HALF TERM

June

Monday 28th	INSET DAY (No children)
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July

Monday 5th	New parents for Nursery induction meeting 5.00pm – 5.45pm in the nursery building
Tuesday 6th	New parents for Reception induction meeting 5.00pm – 5.45pm - main school
Wednesday 7th	Current Reception pupils transition to year 1 meeting 5.00pm – 5.45pm - main school
Monday 12th	Current pupils meet their new teacher
Monday 12th	New reception children 'stay & play' session 1.45pm – 2.30pm
Tuesday 13th	Nursery & Reception Sports Day - (details to follow nearer the time)
Wednesday 14th	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day - (details to follow nearer the time)
Tuesday 20th	YR6 Production - (details to follow nearer the time)
Wednesday 21st	YR6 Production - (details to follow nearer the time)
Thursday 22nd	Nursery children last day of term
Friday 23rd	New nursery children 'stay & play' session 9.30am – 11.30am
Friday 23rd	YR6 Leavers Assembly - (details to follow nearer the time)
Friday 23rd	Last day of term – early finish – (time to be confirmed from 1.00pm)

Letters/E-mails

Guardian Consultations
 SRE lessons for YR1 to YR6
 Roots of Empathy for YR3 & YR4
 YR6 Leavers Book consents
 Friends of John Ball planning for 2021-2022



TIKTOK

TikTok is a video-sharing social networking service, formerly known as Musical.ly. You must be aged 13 or over to use TikTok.

01

Video Sharing

Users can share short videos with their followers, coupled with a caption and hashtags. Profiles can be public (default setting), which means any TikTok user can view your videos and post comments, reactions, or duets to engage with the content you've created and shared. If videos are set to private, other TikTok users are not able to view them.

02

Comments & Likes

Users can comment on videos and 'like' them by clicking the heart icon. Users can report comments which are unpleasant or make them feel uncomfortable.

03

Direct Messages (DMs)

You can send direct messages to friends – users you follow who follow you back. The direct message function can be turned off in settings. Users must provide a mobile number in order to send and receive direct messages.

04

In-App Purchases

TikTok has a coins system for purchasing additional content such as exclusive emojis and virtual gifts. The in-app purchases range from 99p to £99.99, and purchases can easily be made within the app.

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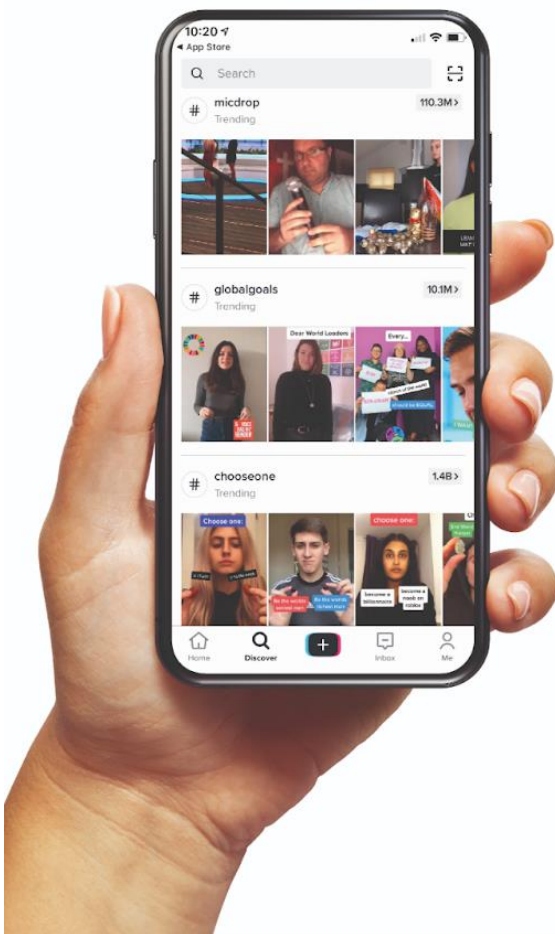
Online Predators

User accounts are set to public as default, meaning anyone can see and comment on your videos. Users can also download your video content from within the app. This means it is possible for strangers to have access to children's content and comment and share freely.

06

Concerns

Inappropriate song lyrics on videos. Sexualised content. Viral 'Challenge' videos can encourage children to participate in dangerous activities. Effect of 'influencers'. Concerning comments on videos of underage users.



Getting Help:

If social media has left you feeling depressed and anxious, or you have experienced any form of cyberbullying, you can talk to someone at ChildLine, a free confidential 24/7 helpline for children and young people. You can call 0800 1111 or chat online at www.childline.org.uk

(ChildLine is run by the NSPCC.)





A big thanks to Angela East for donating the Playhouse to the KS1 playground.

And to the premises team for a new roof and a lick of paint for the interior design.

The children love it!



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.

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

**This week: - Friends 2021-2022 Planning
Summer term planner – amended**

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.