

# JBuzz Newsletter

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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

## News from across our community

### Duke Award

I have had some positive feedback about the Duke Awards and can see that many of you have signed your child up for this scheme. However, it seems there may be some confusion over the sign up and dates. The three dates that show as sessions are not the dates the scheme is running, it is just three random dates to allow for the pricing options to be chosen. This scheme will run throughout the entire academic year so you are not signing up for sessions, just choose whichever option you wish so that you can pay.

### Reporting Absences

Can I please remind parents when leaving a message on the absence machine that you state the reason for your child's absence and not that they are just unwell. We need to mark the register with a reason, and it is especially important during these times with Covid.

### Safeguarding

This week's social media guide is on 'Snapchat'. Did you know that children have to be aged 13 and over when using this APP in the United Kingdom?

Below is a poster outlining information about what 'snapchat' is, the functions it performs and things that parents should be aware of. This includes:

- Snap map (this should be turned off via settings. 'Ghostmode' needs to be ticked)
- 'Quick Add'-this should be disabled so that children DO NOT appear in other people's searches

Other tips:

- In 'My Story' make sure stories are only viewable to 'my friends' and NOT everyone.
- In Memories (found in settings), please ensure you are comfortable with the default settings which save photographs. Please be aware there is a 'save to my eyes only' setting that you might want to put in place.

I wish you a restful weekend.

Regards

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## Friends of John Ball - vacancies

We urgently need to recruit 2 to 3 new trustees in order to run the charity effectively. The particular skills we are looking for are:

- Marketing/communications
- Meetings and compliance
- Event management

The average time required would be 30 hours per year, at your own convenience, unless for an AGM or specific meeting.

If you would like to know more about the role of a trustee, please look on the Gov website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3>

Please email [friendsofjohnball@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofjohnball@hotmail.com) if you are interested.



# Donations needed!

We are asking for fabric for Year 5 to use in a weaving project they are doing after half term.

We'd love enough for every class, so if you have any old clothes or fabric you would like to get rid of, please recycle by bringing them in to school for Year 5 to use in their Bow Arts weaving project.

If they can be torn into strips beforehand please do, that would be extremely helpful!



## SNAPCHAT

Snapchat is a photo and video sharing messaging app.  
You must be aged 13 or over to use Snapchat

### 01

#### Photo & Video Sharing

Photos (Snaps) and videos can be sent privately between users, or can be posted to a user's story, where they can be viewed for 24 hours. Photos and videos shared privately on Snapchat 'expire' after viewing. Images can be screenshotted, and users receive a notification that this has happened.

### 02

#### Messaging

Users can privately message each other using Snapchat's chat function. These expire after viewing, unless the user chooses to save them. Chat messages can be screenshotted, and users receive a notification that this has happened.

### 03

#### Snap Map

The Snap Map feature shows your friends your exact location. This function can be turned on for all, off completely (ghost mode), or viewable to select friends only.

### 04

#### Our Story

Users can upload snaps to 'Our Story', a shared community collection of location or event based photos and videos. User locations can be seen when they share a snap in Our Story, regardless of location settings. Users can report inappropriate content in Our Story.

### 05

#### Filters

Filters are design overlays that you add on top of your Snaps and are a popular feature of Snapchat. Filters enable you to display your location, time, speed, or temperature, add colour tones to your photos or change your face. Users can add their own filters and share them via the Lens Explorer.

### 06

#### Screenshots

Snapchat's expiring images feature gives some users a false sense of privacy when sending compromising images. However, images & messages can be screenshotted, with users receiving a notification that this has happened.

### 07

#### Snapstreaks

When 2 users send snaps back and forth to each other for over 3 consecutive days, they build a 'Snapstreak'. If a user doesn't send a snap within 24 hours, the Snapstreak is broken and resets. Snapchat rewards users who achieve high Snapstreaks, further encouraging daily use of the app.

### 08

#### Concerns

Skewed body image ('perfect' selfies, filters). Addiction (reinforced by features such as Snapstreaks). Sexting (sending compromising images and messages, often with the belief they will disappear).



### 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](http://www.childline.org.uk) (ChildLine is run by the NSPCC.)





## May

Friday 28th INSET DAY (No children)

## Monday 31st May to 4th June HALF TERM

## June

Monday 28th INSET DAY (No children)

## 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

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



### **Break the record**

Set a timer (or ask your child to time you on a mobile phone) Tell your child that s/he has 5 minutes to do what you've asked (e.g. put their toys away). Add a playful "I bet you can't beat the clock!"

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

### **This week: - Free creative opportunity for young people aged 13-17 - May half term 2021**

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.*