

JBuzz Newsletter

Friday 28th May 2021

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

News from across our community

Thank You for fundraising

During lockdown, a group of supportive parents contacted us to look at ways to offer help to the John Ball Community. As a result of their efforts, £3,500 has been raised by our community by contributing to the John Ball Hardship Fund. These funds have been used to help members of our community access meals provision in school when required, alongside household items for some of our families in need.

As a school, we would like to say a huge thank you to all those who donated and a special thanks to Runa Lynch for taking the initiative to organise the fundraising. This generosity is to be remembered as not just because of Covid, when the world stood still, but for how amazing our community is and how people pull together in times of need.

Air Pollution – Green Screens

Over the past year, we have been exploring ways in which we can reduce the amount of air pollution around the school playgrounds. Through speaking to other schools and researching options, we have decided to fundraise to install a green screen made of ivy. Over time, this screen will cover the full perimeter of the site. Air quality research shows that green screens are one of the most effective measures to improve local air quality. The green screen will be placed along the roadside to absorb and block pollution, improving air quality on the walk to school and in the road-fronting classrooms and playgrounds. Pollution levels on the road and pavement itself will also be improved.

We are delighted that we have raised enough money to install the first section of our screen to go along the front of KS1. This is due to kind donations from some of our generous suppliers – a big thank you to Deku Solutions, Tower Cleaning, LTF Recruitment and Ethos. In addition to these donations, we were lucky to receive £5,000 towards the project from PureLeapFrog. This first section will be installed over the half term break.

Over the next academic year, we hope to fundraise to finish this project. This fundraising effort will be managed by a small (but mighty!) team of volunteers. If you feel that you would like to be involved in coordinating this fundraising effort, please speak to Mr Mitchell who will put you in contact with Penny and the TeamGreen volunteers.

I wish you a restful weekend and an enjoyable half term break.

Regards

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May

Friday 28th INSET DAY (No children)

Monday 31st May to 4th June HALF TERM

June

Thursday 10th YR6 Mote Park Water Sports Centre
Friday 18th YR6 Chessington World of Adventures

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

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

This week: -

Hermione's Cakes Advert
Healthy Walks Flyer
Circus Skills Flyer
Employment Surgery Flyer

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.