

JBuzz Newsletter

Friday 25th June 2021

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

News from across our community

Kick-Start Scheme

John Ball has taken on several young people under the Government 'Kick-Start' scheme which has been set up for young people to help 'kick-start' their careers in areas that they would like to work in, or need to gain experience in. They will be covering areas such as Admin, IT, Premises and Family liaison so we are delighted that they have joined us and hope they enjoy being part of our community as well as gaining valuable skills along the way. It is always nice to give back and train the future generation.

Thank a teacher week

This week is national 'thank a teacher' week, and on behalf of the leadership team I would like to extend a thank you for the commitment, dedication and skill of the John Ball staff in supporting the children and families in our school community. I feel incredibly proud to work as part of such a dynamic and hardworking team.

As part of Pearson's 'Thank a Teacher Day', we received a very special certificate in the post for Mrs Noakes. We are delighted to share that Mrs Noakes has been awarded a certificate of excellence for her leadership of the school. We are all incredibly proud of Mrs Noakes and know that you will share our congratulations towards her for this special achievement.



Safeguarding news



Children are growing up in an increasingly complex world, living their lives seamlessly on and offline. COVID-19 has made all families work and learn online more than they ever have done in the past. This presents many positive and exciting opportunities, but also brings new challenges and risks.

It is our job as a school to equip the children with the knowledge needed to make the best use of the internet and technology in a safe and respectful way. We deliver online safety content within our safeguarding curriculum and recently, have provided lots of information about how to ensure internet safety is carefully considered in the family home.

Below offers some links to further resources that empower parents and carers to keep children safe in the digital world:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://parentinfo.org/>

<https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/>

If you need to share any concerns around E-Safety, please contact the DSL (Mrs Cassey Kiely).

Don't forget Monday 28th June is an INSET day so all children will be back in school on Tuesday 29th.

I wish you a pleasant weekend.

Regards

Stephen Mitchell
Deputy Head

Chefs in school

Last week we were visited by 3 individuals who were keen to become the new Head Chef and Food Educator at John Ball School. We were guided through the process by Chefs in Schools who have a wealth of experience in recruiting chefs into this sector. As part of this process we invited the potential candidates to bring along a dish that they had prepared and share it with the children. A few of our pupils were lucky enough to try out a range of dishes which included Vietnamese Summer Rolls, Chickpea Pancakes with Roasted Vegetables and Toasted Orzo with spinach and herb pesto. The children were excited to be part of the process and after tasting the food and chatting with the candidates they gave each of them a score out of 5. The candidates were then asked to share a menu that they would like to see implemented at John Ball followed by a formal panel interview.

Both the children and the panel were excited by the candidates and the food that they shared. We are delighted to say that we have appointed an individual who is passionate about fresh, seasonal and healthy food who we know will bring a new lease of life to school lunches at John Ball. With the help of Chefs in Schools we will be introducing a new ethos to school lunches. We will share details of the successful candidate and their plans in the coming weeks.

@chefsinschools_uk



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 in the classrooms
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 13 th	Sports Week all year groups
Friday 16 th	Friends Pizza Night – see attached flyer
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

Nursery Covid letter



As we sadly still can't all be together this year, instead of our annual Summer Fair, Friends of John Ball are holding a Pizza Night on Friday 16th July.

Pre-order your kit at <https://friendsofjohnballscool.co.uk/collections/pizza-night>, collect from the school at pick-up on 16th July, make your pizza at home (get creative as you like with your toppings!) and share your pictures with us on social media using #JBPizzaNight!

Please see attached flyer for further details.

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

This week:-

Friends Pizza Night
John Ball's Green Screen Funding
Friends on Amazon Smile
Free workshops for accessing technology
Managing fighting and aggression
My child refuses to eat certain foods flyer
Activity Ideas
Superkids BBQ
Superkids Summer Club

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.