

JBuzz Newsletter

Friday 23rd July 2021

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



News from across the school...

Dear Parents and Carers,

As today is the last day of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and encouragement throughout what has been an extremely difficult year for us all. There have been many decisions that we have had to make that I know have not always been popular, but I can assure you that every step we take has involved long and careful thought, and is not always the easy option.

Unfortunately, for some of our children they have not experienced the end of year as we would have planned. We can only hope as this term passes, we will see these disruptions end.

We are delighted that we have been able to give our Year 6 pupils the experiences that have become synonymous with leaving John Ball. High School Musical was enjoyable, energetic and on-point. Their day trip visits captured the essence of what they missed by not having their planned residential, although the less said about the Vampire ride the better! We wish them well as they move onto the next step in their education, and we know that they will benefit from the experiences their new schools will offer because of the strong foundations John Ball has given them.

As well as Year 6 pupils, the end of a year means that we need to say goodbye to staff who are leaving John Ball. As explained earlier, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Tribble who has consistently been an outstanding teacher in the school. We are very jealous as she starts to enjoy the non-working life in Stroud.

We are also sad to say goodbye to Anna Townsend, the mother of Heath for Health - although her legacy will live on through the community event, which she established, and the eponymous Townsend Trophy. Anna is currently deciding what values will earn the Townsend Trophy in future years.

After 24 years of dedicated service, we are sad to be saying goodbye to Julie Joyce – our school business manager – as she takes on an exciting new role in Bromley. Julie has been a key part in the school transitioning to a three-form entry; including her significant contribution to overseeing the substantial building works to allow this growth to happen. Through her years of meticulous management of the budget she leaves the school in a healthy position which will allow it to continue developing rich and exciting opportunities for the children in years to come.

We also say goodbye to Frieda Rommel who has supported our Early Years phase during the pandemic. During this time, Frieda has got to know our children incredibly well; supporting them with great care, dedication and insight. We will miss all of those leaving us, but wish them the best of luck as they move towards exciting and new opportunities.

I would like to extend my thanks and admiration to the children for showing resilience, determination and maintaining the spirit of childhood despite the backdrop of the pandemic. We recognise that these excellent attributes in our children are a reflection of the care, attention and support that the family unit provide. As a school, we are grateful to work with such dedicated and committed families who have also shown resilience and adaptability – sometimes at very short notice!

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the many positive emails and comments I have received in the last few weeks and months complimenting and thanking members of the excellent John Ball team. As the Headteacher, I share these sentiments and feel incredibly privileged and lucky to have such an amazing team of skilled experts.

I hope that you all have a free and safe summer and I look forward to seeing you at 9am on Thursday 2nd September.

With best wishes,

Jacqui Noakes
Headteacher

Please do take a look at the website where you will find many flyers advertising summer activities as well as a list of places that offer activities under the Lewisham Free School meal summer scheme.

**Visions and Values at John Ball
Curriculum Vision at John Ball School**

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Determination:

“Trying our hardest to overcome challenges”



Determination

Parent Tip:

Night Night

Did you know? Children, who regularly miss good quality sleep, perform the same as school children who are two years younger than them. A consistent bedtime will help.

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

This week:-

Munchkin Sports Summer Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Lewisham Free School Meal Summer Programme Activities

Volunteering Opportunities

Beat the Heat information for parents

JK Performing Arts Summer Club

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