

Thursday 18th November 2021



Dear Parents,



*"I think a hero is any person really intent on making this a better place for all people."*  
- Maya Angelou

The weeks seem to be flying by in school, with our children and staff working hard in all areas of their learning. Currently, we are especially considering two important themes: Road Safety Week and Children in Need.

Throughout this week, we have been thinking about road safety and the ways in which we can all be a hero by sharing responsibility for making our roads safe. This includes ensuring our children **respect** other users by walking calmly along our roads or, for example, by not using their mobile phones when walking near or crossing roads. They can also take the **opportunity** to travel by cycling or scooting, ensuring they wear a helmet so that they are safe. We do, of course, ask that adults remain vigilant by driving at safe speeds and not parking outside the school.

The theme for Children in Need this year is '*Together we can change lives*' and I believe, as school staff, we have the power to make a difference to the lives of future generations. I also believe the children in school have power in that future, well illustrated by the profiles of young adults such as Greta Thunberg or Marcus Rashford. As the children enjoy a fun non-uniform day on Friday, we will be talking to them about the everyday heroes who make a real difference to young lives, such as by enabling food banks, being adult role models to support children's wellbeing or providing hearing dogs for deaf children. The many charities that are supported by Children in Need reflect our values of **perseverance**, **understanding** and **democracy** by looking to improve the lives of vulnerable children and their families. You might want to talk to your children about what this means and, of course, enjoy watching the telethon together.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Simpson

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**If your child receives a positive test result for COVID-19, please contact [admin@jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:admin@jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk) as soon as possible, giving the child's name, class, date of test.**

**08/11/21 to 12/11/21 overall Year 1 to Year 6 attendance: 96.0% (Target 97%)**

**RP Attendance Winner - YEAR 1 WILLOW TREE CLASS (98.9%)**

**Year R:** Cherry 97.2%, Lime 88.2%, Mango 97.2%, Peach 96.3%  
**Year 1:** Fir 95.7%, Hazel 87.6%, Silver Birch 96.3%, Willow 98.9%  
**Year 2:** Beech 96.8%, Elm 98.8%, Maple 98.5%, Rowan 97.6%  
**Year 3:** Ash 94.8%, Cedar 98.3%, Oak 96.7%, Poplar 98.5%

**RH Attendance Winner - YEAR 6 GALAXY CLASS (98.9%)**

**Year 4:** Mercury 92.0%, Pluto 95.4%, Sun 94.6%, Venus 95.4%  
**Year 5:** Earth 95.5%, Jupiter 98.5%, Mars 97.5%, Neptune 92.7%  
**Year 6:** Galaxy 98.9%, Moon 94.4%, Saturn 97.0%, Uranus 93.1%



### CHILDREN IN NEED

To raise money for Children In Need, children are welcome to wear their own clothes tomorrow, Friday 19th November. To celebrate the day, we ask that children wear something yellow or spotty, or dress up as Pudsey himself! We will be collecting a voluntary donation of £1 for the charity.



### NURSERY START DATE

Current Nursery children will start back after their Christmas break on **Thursday 6th January 2022** (not Wednesday 5th, when the rest of the school starts). New Nursery children will start the next week -- parents should check their starter paperwork for the exact day.



### APPLYING TO START SCHOOL

If your child was born between 01/09/17 and 31/08/18, you will need to apply to the borough for a Reception place to start next September. Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/2vjzdz8t> to start the process. The deadline for applications is Saturday 15th January 2022.

### UNIFORM PRICING

School Trends, who supply our uniform, are, like many businesses, subject to the current volatility in global manufacturing, transport and currency exchange, largely caused by the global pandemic. Whilst over the last year they have absorbed a number of price increases from suppliers, they now have to once again spread some of these increasing costs across their product range. This means that their range of products will see a slight increase (average 5%) in price from Monday 22nd November 2021.

**FESTIVE MENU!**

**Chartwells**  
So much more than Fantastic Food

**MAINS**  
Roast Turkey or Roasted Vegetable & Cranberry Slice

Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli, Stuffing, a Mini Sausage and Gravy

**DESSERTS**  
Sticky Toffee Pudding served with Custard  
Christmas Chocolate Brownie

**DON'T FORGET! SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 OR YEAR 2.**

**PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP TODAY!**

On Wednesday 15th December, the catering team will be providing a festive menu meal option. Please inform the school office if your child usually has a packed lunch and would like a school dinner on this day (at the usual meal price of £2.75). Allergen sheets for this meal will go up on our website shortly.

## FEEDBACK FROM VIRTUAL MEETING WITH THE CATERING CONTRACT MANAGER AND EXECUTIVE CHEF FROM CHARTWELLS -- OUR NEW CATERING CONTRACTOR

As previously notified, the virtual meeting with Chartwells regarding school meals was held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November. It was attended by David Westerby (Headteacher), Gill Sax (School Business Leader), Lyn Randall (Social Emotional Mental Health Lead), Yordan Yordanov (Chartwells Contract Manager for Greenwich Schools), Dominic Honeysett (Chartwells Executive Chef for Greenwich Schools).  
Six parents also attended the meeting.

Two questions were received in advance of the meeting. These are below, with responses from Chartwells:

Question: *Their menu looks good, but unfortunately my child says that the food actually doesn't taste very good. I promise, my child is not a fussy eater. Is there any way to improve the food to make it appetising? Healthy and nutritious food can be tasty too. I know this is only a school meal, and Chartwells is not some fancy restaurant, but it will be good to improve the taste of the food so that the children can be encouraged to finish their whole plate of food (to avoid wastage).*

Answer: We absolutely agree. Healthy and nutritious food is TASTY and we meticulously refine our recipes to be as delicious as they can be. We would very much appreciate feedback of any meal item a child is not happy with. Our recipes closely follow School Food Standards. We do not include any added salt, but use different cooking techniques to bring out the natural flavour in produce. It maybe the unit chef requires some training in cooking techniques to ensure the dish is served at its best.

Question: *Unhealthy food, such as Southern Fried Chicken, still appears on the menu. Why?*

Answer: The Southern Fried Chicken Goujons are actually a breadcrumbed product which we cook through the oven. We do not fry any of our food items on the menu. The chicken is made from whole pieces of chicken fillet. Thanks to the feedback we have received from Greenwich schools, the Southern Fried Chicken has now been taken off the menu.

Parents in attendance had the opportunity to ask any additional questions, which included a discussion about the pricing of school meals and how the continued progress of the contract would be monitored. The current price of school meals will remain as it is for the foreseeable future -- however, changes in the cost of food supplies could, in the future, impact on the price. Chartwells advised that, as much as possible, they absorb many increases, which they are able to do as they are part of a larger organisation (Compass Group), but cannot guarantee this will always be possible. The school is confident that the initial issues experienced at the start of the contract are now resolved and regular contact between the school and Chartwells enables the continued development of the contract.

You can read more about Chartwells and school dinners in their informative *All you need to know about school meals* document, which can be found on our website at <https://tinyurl.com/m67xj8dc>.



# Friends of James Wolfe School

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Hi everyone,



## **\*\*AGM 2021\*\***

Thank you to all those who joined us to eat all the amazing cake we had at AGM last Friday. We are pleased to announce that our new committee is as follows:

- Tiffany Flynn - Chair
- Helena Threfall - Treasurer
- Kerry-Ann Francis - Chair of Diversity
- Katey Hearn - Secretary

We are sad to see our previous co-secretary Charley Webb step down; she has been amazing and we thank her for all her hard work.

## **\*\*CHRISTMAS FAIR -- 3:30pm - 5:30pm in the Randall Place Playground on Friday 3rd December!\*\*** ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!***

Volunteers are still needed to help at the Christmas fair. Please let us know if you can spare some time to help out before, during or after. We can't do it without you.

We are also on the lookout for prizes. Loads of local business are already involved -- but the more prizes, the more money we raise for our lovely school. We would love to accept donations of small prizes - candles, chocolates, bottles of wine, new toys, unread books etc. - all are hugely appreciated. If anyone would like to donate, please email [karen.salem@gmail.com](mailto:karen.salem@gmail.com).

We can't wait to put on a wonderful Winter celebration for our whole James Wolfe community!

## **\*\*BAKE SALE -- Friday 19th November\*\***

Please join us for our Bake Sale after school tomorrow (Friday). Please can Year 2 and 3 parents bring their donations of cakes/bakes to the RP office after drop-off, or to the table in the playground after school. Thank you!

## **\*\*LIBRARY FUNDRAISER!\*\***

Please join us in raising funds for our libraries! Our suggested donation is £2 and a £5 donation will mean a dedication inside a book. Please see the posters and QR codes outside school or click on <https://friends-of-james-wolfe-school.sumup.link/> to donate and help us climb the ladder to our target of £1000 (which will be matched by an anonymous donor!).

Please follow/like us on Twitter/Facebook to find out more about what we do, as well as about upcoming social/fundraising events. All are welcome!

**Email:** [friendsofJWS@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofJWS@gmail.com)

**Facebook:** <https://en-gb.facebook.com/FJWSGreenwich>

**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/fjwsgreenwich>



# IMPORTANT DATES

## Autumn Term 2021

Friday 19th November -- Children in Need / Non-Uniform Day  
Friday 19th November -- FJWS Bake Sale (RP)  
Wednesday 24th November -- Girls' Football Fixture Day (Meridian Sports Club)  
Monday 29th November -- Year 5 Earth Trip to Leake Street Tunnel  
Monday 29th November -- Year 2 R & M 'Christmas Story' Trips to St Alfege Church  
Tuesday 30th November -- Year 5 Jupiter Trip to Leake Street Tunnel  
Tuesday 30th November -- Year 2 E & B 'Christmas Story' Trips to St Alfege Church  
Wednesday 1st December -- Randall Place Advent Window Opening (3:30pm)  
Friday 3rd December -- EFL Kids' Cup Tournament (Charlton Ath. Training Ground)  
Friday 3rd December -- FJWS Christmas Fair  
Monday 6th December -- Year 4 Christmas Concert (Chapel at the ORNC)  
Tuesday 7th December -- Royal Hill Advent Window Opening (3:15pm)  
Friday 10th December -- Class Virtual Christmas Cards Uploaded  
Monday 13th December -- Year 5 Mars & Neptune Trip to Leake Street Tunnel  
Tuesday 14th December -- Centre Trip to Christmas Market & Deaf Coffee Shop  
Wednesday 15th December -- Christmas Dinner  
Thursday 16th December -- Last Day of Term / FJWS Non-Uniform Day



**DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND OUR  
GREENWICH BRANCH  
IS OPENING A NEW AFTERNOON SCHOOL**

**ANNA FIORENTINI  
THEATRE & FILM SCHOOL**

**SINGING | DRAMA | DANCE**

**FOR 7 - 18 YEARS**  
James Wolfe School, SE10  
Saturdays | 10am-1pm OR 1.30pm-4.30pm  
Sign up for a taster day: 5th February

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**020 7682 1403 | [hello@afperformingarts.com](mailto:hello@afperformingarts.com)**

James Wolfe pupils get 20% off their first term's fees and 10% off thereafter. The theatre school also has a bursary scheme, meaning it is possible they could offer a student who may struggle to afford fees a scholarship.

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# CHRISTMAS SHOW



Friday 17th December

10.45am

The Bob Hope Theatre  
Wythfield Rd, London SE9 5TG

Tickets  
£10 per seat  
Under 1's free on laps

To Book Visit: <https://www.boppinbunnies.co.uk/shows>

Festive outfits welcome so dust off those Christmas jumpers!

The **BOB HOPE THEATRE**

## School Crossing Patrol - James Wolfe School (12-month contract)

Organisation  
Royal Borough of Greenwich  
Reference  
REC 21 00702  
Additional Allowances  
£11.52 per hour, 38 weeks a year (term time only)  
Location Postcode  
SE10 8RZ  
Job Term and Hours per Week  
Fixed Term (external); 10  
Closing Date  
26 November 2021

School Crossing Patrol Attendant - James Wolfe School

Part Time: 10 hours per week (annualised to 8.45 per week and term time only)

Scale 1 £11.52 per hour

Lollipop People come in every flavour, here in Greenwich, you will find parents, grandparents, carers, ex-military and everyone in between. But, to us, it doesn't matter how old you are or what your background is. All we care about is your mature and responsible approach, plus your passion for getting children to and from school safely.

We have a vacancy for a patrol at James Wolfe School, Royal Hill Greenwich London SE10 (campus for Year 4, 5 and 6) for a 12 month contract

Applicants must be reliable and punctual. The essential duties of the role require you to be fit and active, with good hearing, eyesight and mobility. You will have good communication skills and be able to judge speed and distance of traffic.

We are looking for applications from residents local to the school in SE10  
ONLY Applicants should be able to walk to the sites or use local transport.

The hours are usually 8.20-9.20am and 3-4.00pm but these may also vary slightly. Uniform and training are provided and you will require an Enhanced DBS to work with children.

To stop traffic, save lives and make a difference - please apply below.

Alternatively call Ann Grant on 0208921-8411 for an application pack.

Please note to apply for the School Crossing Patrol role you must be a Royal Borough of Greenwich Resident.

For an informal discussion about this opportunity, please contact Ann Grant; [ann.grant@royalgreenwich.gov.uk](mailto:ann.grant@royalgreenwich.gov.uk) 0208 921 8411

If you require any assistance in viewing or accessing this opportunity, please contact [recruitment@royalgreenwich.gov.uk](mailto:recruitment@royalgreenwich.gov.uk) or call 020-8921-8977

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NHS Foundation Trust

### TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 11

It is not too late for your child to receive the flu vaccination

If your child did not receive the nasal flu vaccination at your school session and you would now like them to receive this, or you would like the alternative, injectable flu vaccine, which does not contain porcine gelatine clinics, will be available on the following dates:

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November at Lee Fire Station SE12 8ES**

from 10.00am to 2.00pm

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November at Bostall House, Goldie Hill, Lodge Hill**

Abbey wood SE2 0AS

from 10.00am to 2.00pm

If you are interested and would like more information or would like to book an appointment, please call the immunisation team on

0208 320 5741/42/21.

Protecting your child can stop flu spreading and infecting those around them who maybe more vulnerable.

Oxleas NHS Immunisation Team can be contacted by email at

[oxl-tr.immunisations@nhs.net](mailto:oxl-tr.immunisations@nhs.net)

For more information on the flu vaccination programme, please go to [www.oxleas.nhs.uk/immunisation](http://www.oxleas.nhs.uk/immunisation) also [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)



## PUPIL ASSET

Parents are able to edit their own details in Pupil Asset, so, if you have switched phone numbers or even spot a mistake, there is now no need to make a request from the school office, you can just log in and make the change yourself.

To log in to Pupil Asset, parents can either download their Parent App or log in to their ParentPortal. To create a password for the ParentPortal, please go to <http://parents.pupilasset.com/> and select Login Via ParentPortal, then First Time Login. Alternatively, you can download their app, either for iPhone from <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/pupil-asset-parent-app/id1490994393>, or for Android from <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.rnparentapp>. Tap First Login then enter the email address we have on record for you. When you tap Submit, PA will send you an email which will allow you to set your password. **Your password will need to be at least eight characters long and include a number, or you will be unable to log in.** Please inform us if your email address has changed. Once you have created login details you will be able to sign in with them on the Login screen. Full instructions can be found at <https://www.pupilasset.com/help/how-to-guide/parental-communication-contactemailsmspattr-/parents-app-overview-a-guide-for-parents>. The app/portal will initially only be used for dinner payments -- you will not, for example, be able to select meals as demonstrated in the guide and, indeed, our rules regarding this will remain the same.



## GDPR SIGN-UP

The school office regularly hears from parents/carers who are not subscribed to the Weekly Wolfe mailing list and so are not up-to-date with school information. Due to GDPR regulations, any parent/carer who has not given specific permission for us to use their email address to circulate school notices (including the Weekly Wolfe) will not receive them. If you are reading this on our website or are aware of anyone who is missing out, please use/forward them our sign-up form at <http://eepurl.com/duVNNr>.



## REPORTING ABSENCES

When reporting your child's absence by phone, please could all parents/carers ensure that the message they have left is clear, as the office staff will often find it is difficult to make out what has been said. Messages need to also state the specific reason for the absence, not just say, for example, "my child is unwell".





## EMAIL SETTINGS

Please can parents make sure they check their email settings, as some of our official emails appear to be diverting to parents' spam/junk folders. Please can all those who do not recall receiving any emails from us this term check their spam/junk folders to see if they are there and make sure their settings allow emails from 'James Wolfe' and 'jameswolfe' through the filter. All letters to parents that are for whole year groups or more can also be found on our website at <https://www.jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk/stream/newsletters/headline/1/-//>.



## TRAVEL TO SCHOOL

We are committed to making travel to school safe, comfortable and sustainable. We encourage children, parents and teachers to walk, cycle or scoot to school, in order to help free up more space on public transport for others. If you travel on the public transport network, we recommend travelling in line with current guidance, wearing face coverings over both mouth and nose for the full duration of journeys.



## BREAKFAST CLUB BOOKING

Breakfast Club is available for booking via our online booking system, with bookings by the day, week or term available. Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis and are limited. To book, please go to the SchoolHire website at <https://jameswolfe.schoolactivity.co.uk>. If you would like to cancel a booking, please request this from the school office, who will generate an automatic refund for any session that has not yet taken place. Please note, however, that only whole bookings can be cancelled, not individual days from a booking -- we would have to cancel the whole booking and you would then have to re-book for just the days you require.

**Please can we remind parents that pupils must arrive by 8:30am.**

The charge for the week remains at £12.50 (£2.50 per day), which must be paid when making the booking. **Parents with Pupil Premium children or those who wish to pay with childcare vouchers must contact the school office before setting up a SchoolHire account, or they will be charged as normal.**



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