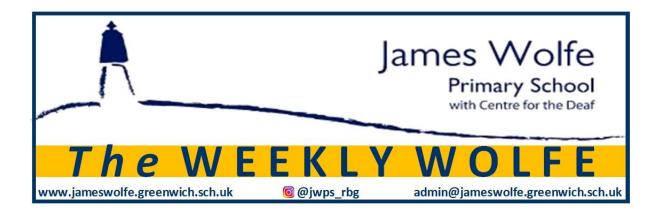
# Thursday 10th February 2022



## Dear Parents,



This week's introduction builds on the Welcome written last week by Mrs Curtis.

I am writing this from the safety of my office space at Randall Place which, fortunately for me, has not been affected by the recent arrival of the mystery bookshelf. From my desk, I am lucky to see and hear our children as they explore the books and whatever else this bookcase holds. I have asked numerous children what they have seen but I have found nothing out. They have all politely told me that they cannot share their experiences and I am left wondering what caused the excited voices and sounds of amazement that I hear from my desk.

I do know that the excitement is linked to books, stories and libraries -- a theme that I will explore in tomorrow's assembly.

My opening question will be: "Do we go to libraries, or do libraries come to us?" To answer this question, I would suggest a quick Google of the phrase "My Librarian is a Camel", which will bring up pictures that help us explore the concept of a library. And, of course, maybe our mystery bookcase also invites us to think about libraries and their potential to amaze us!

I will finish the assembly by telling the story of "Bats at the Library", which ends with the line:

"For now, we'll dream of things we've read a universe inside each head."

This is the power of libraries and books – they bring different universes to our imagination. This Half Term, I hope everyone finds time to read a good book, where they go on exciting adventures, meet fantastic characters and visit different universes.

I wish everyone a book-filled Half Term.

# Kind regards, Mr Harris

P.S. I happen to be writing this from my office at Randall Place but I also know that a similar bookcase has been sighted at Royal Hill!

If your child receives a positive test result for COVID-19, please contact <a href="mailto:admin@jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk">admin@jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk</a> as soon as possible, giving the child's name, class, date of test.

Please can parents ensure that, if a child is sent home with COVID symptoms, they are given a full PCR test and the result emailed to the school before they return.



#### **BOOK WEEK**

We are excited to share that we will be celebrating World Book Day in the week beginning Monday 28th February, during which there will be exciting activities and events for the children that will celebrate books and why reading matters.

During that week, children will be able to dress up as a book character on Friday 4th March. They are welcome to dress up as a character from any book they have enjoyed reading -- the more home-made costumes are often the most fun and creative, so please start to collect items that you already have at home in order to create a costume. We look forward to seeing which characters turn up on the day!



# **AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

Parents may now book as many activities as they would like for their child(ren), so long as they are for the correct year group, and we would encourage parents to do so, as take-up for some of the activities has been disappointing, meaning they are at risk of being withdrawn.

Copies of the letter and rota, with details of how to set up your account and book, can be found at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p8ndh89">https://tinyurl.com/2p8kmnkh</a>. Parents of children eligible for the benefit Free School Meals, who are entitled to one free activity, should contact us after setting up their account but before booking.



# **SPRING PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

As Winter starts to fade and we look towards Spring, it's time for another photographic competition! Find inspiration in our local area and show us how it springs to life at this special time of year.

Photos can be submitted digitally to <a href="mailto:admin@jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk">admin@jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk</a> using the subject line "Photography Competition" or dropped into the office at Randall Place - please make sure all entries are named. The closing date for you to show us what Spring means to you is **Friday 18th March**.

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

# Spring Term 2022

Monday 7th February to Thursday 10th February -- Parents' Evenings
Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February -- Half Term
Tuesday 22nd February to Thursday 24th February -- 5M Parents' Evenings
Monday 28th February to Friday 4th March -- Book Week
Wednesday 2nd March -- Girls' Football League Fixture Day (Meridian Sports Club)
Thursday 3rd March -- World Book Day
Thursday 3rd March -- Football Team League Fixture Day (Meridian Sports Club)
Friday 4th March -- Book Week Dress-Up Day
Friday 4th March -- FJWS Meeting (9am RP)
Friday 11th March -- Year 1 Fir & Silver Birch Trip to Maritime Museum
Friday 18th March -- Red Nose Day
Friday 18th March -- Year 1 Willow & Hazel Trip to Maritime Museum

# Friends of James Wolfe School

Hi everyone,



Thank you to all those that attended our first face-to-face meeting for a very long time! It was great to see faces old and new. One of the subjects we discussed were plans for a new outside classroom -- lots of amazing ideas were put forward and we are so excited to see if these plans will come to fruition.

Our Second-Hand Uniform Sale was a huge success, as always. Thank you to everyone who either donated or purchased, or both! All proceeds will go towards future school projects.

Stay tuned for information on our Spring Fair! We will, of course, need help with ideas, as well as volunteers for the day.

# Please note that tomorrow (Friday) is not a Non-Uniform Day.

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

**Facebook:** <a href="https://en-gb.facebook.com/FJWSGreenwich">https://en-gb.facebook.com/FJWSGreenwich</a> **Twitter:** <a href="https://twitter.com/fjwsgreenwich">https://twitter.com/fjwsgreenwich</a>



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Venue: James Wolfe Primary School, Royal Hill, Greenwich SE10 8RZ. Dates: w/c 14th Feb, plus every school holiday in 2022

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Camps bring together the very best of music and childcare to engage and inspire
your child every school holiday.

Each day is wonderfully different and includes our "Learn Together, Play Together" morning lessons. Choose from either guitar, violin and ukulele (dependent on location and dates). Free hire of an instrument for every child too!

Afternoons include our **carefully-created workshops**, designed by our experienced Head Office team and based on the theme of the week. Workshops range from dance and music, to art and sport.

Don't miss out on our End of Holiday Camp Grand Concert too!

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- You: a 10% off voucher for your next booking with us.
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#### Why Consider Us?

- . Our passion in offering only the best in childcare and music
- EYFS Ofsted-registered so we can welcome children aged 4 all day
  - Free hire of an instrument
  - . £50 per day plus 10% sibling discount
  - Qualified, experienced, <u>fully DBS checked team</u>
  - Standard hours and Extended Hours available
     Childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare accepted

10% off for James Wolfe families -- parents must call them to redeem this extra-special offer.





SUNDAY 8 MAY 2022 ROYAL GREENWICH PARK

Inspired by the world-famous London Marathon, the Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice Mini Marathon is a fun running event for children aged between 5 and 16 years old. Children can walk, run or jog the 2.62-mile course around Royal Greenwich Park. It's a great way to get children active, inspire them to think about how they can help others in their community, give them an opportunity to show off their achievements (every child gets a medal) and be part of the one of the largest running events that is just for children.

Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice gives very special care to people who are facing life-limiting illness, giving both the patient and their family practical and emotional support, so that they are not alone. By raising sponsorship, your child will be part of the team helping to support local families.

The Hospice Mini Marathon is also a great day out for all the family, with live performances by the Rock Choir, a Meet and Greet with Owly, the Hospice Mascot and the Pearly People, an energetic warm up by Ellie from Greenwich Runners, plenty of fun fancy dress with prizes for the best costume, a cheering squad around the 2.62-mile route and a medal and JLL Goody Bag for every runner (children only)!

For more information and to register, please

visit https://www.communityhospice.org.uk/support-us/events/mini-marathon/.



# WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

SUNDAY 13TH MARCH 2022

**Enquiries:** 

applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk



#### **PART ABSENCE**

Can we remind parents that they must inform the **school office** in advance and provide evidence if their child is going to be arriving late or out of school for part of the day due to an appointment. This information is required so that we may organise the school day, such as dinner numbers.



# **JEWELLERY, EARRINGS AND NAIL VARNISH**

We would like to remind parents about our school uniform policy linked to jewellery and nail varnish. We do not allow the wearing of jewellery at school, as it can easily become accidentally caught by another child during playtimes or other physical activities. In addition, jewellery items may get lost at school, so they are safer left at home. The only exception to this are single stud earrings (no hoops or dangly earrings, please) and watches. Children cannot wear nail varnish to school, so please remove this the night before.



# **PARENT CONCERNS**

If any parent has a concern about anything that has happened in school, please talk to your class teacher. The school does not support parents directly talking to other parents about incidents that may have happened in school. This can be unsettling for some parents and the best way to resolve any issue is for the school to look into what may have happened.

If any parent wishes to talk about something that is worrying them, then please call the school office, who will be happy to make an appointment with Mrs Curtis (Randall Place) or Mrs Simpson (Royal Hill).



#### **AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS**

The school works with two independent providers of after-school clubs -- One World, who are based within the school, and Smarteenies at The 10 Centre, which is adjacent to the school. You can contact One World at oneworldclub.uk@gmail.com or Smarteenies at smarteenies2009@hotmail.co.uk.

# Breakfast Club

#### **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 <a href="https://jameswolfe.schoolactivity.co.uk">https://jameswolfe.schoolactivity.co.uk</a>. 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 for Breakfast Club 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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