

Dear Parents,



This week, as you may know, is Science Week across the school. Our theme for this is 'Growth' and the children have been set the challenge of seeing what they can grow from food scraps. This is a timely project, given the international focus on sustainability and how we can build a healthy environment. It's wonderful to hear the children's ideas for what to grow and the best conditions for this. I wonder if you have successfully grown anything at home? I know that I could do with some tips on growing my own food from scraps, so all ideas are welcome!

This week is also Sign Language Week. You can find more information at https://signlanguageweek.org.uk/. We are so proud to be a signing school, with all children having the opportunity to learn British Sign Language. The week will culminate with the Centre children taking part in the British Deaf Association rally in Trafalgar Square, part of which is to back the BSL Bill currently working its way through parliament. March 18th is a significant date for the rally, as it marks the 19th anniversary of the date BSL was first recognised as a language in its own right by the UK government. The current bill will build on this by giving legal status to BSL and putting guidance in place for public services. This is an important moment for our d/Deaf community and we hope to celebrate the bill's success very soon.

And a final note in our busy week -- Friday is Red Nose Day. This is a normal school uniform day but children are welcome to wear their red noses to school.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards, Mrs Simpson

> If your child receives a positive test result for COVID-19, please contact <u>admin@jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk</u> 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.



PUPIL ASSET

Due to changes in financial regulations regarding the security of online transactions (that you may have noticed with your banking apps recently), Pupil Asset need to make some amendments to their app; particularly the area that parents use for making payments. This work will take two weeks, meaning that you will not be able to use the app to make payments between 14th and 27th March. You will, however, still be able to make payments by logging into their ParentPortal via a PC/laptop.

Please see the guide to using the ParentPortal emailed to parents on Thursday 10th March for help -- and remember that to log in to Pupil Asset, parents must now use the address <u>https://secure.pupilasset.com/</u>, as the previous link will no longer work. If you require any further assistance, please contact the school office. We apologise for any inconvenience that this work may cause.



RED NOSES

Your last chance to buy red noses from the children of Year 4 Pluto will be in the Royal Hill playground today (Thursday 17th March) at 3:15pm. Noses are sold for a £1.50 minimum donation, with payments made in cash only, and once they're gone, they're gone!

Red Nose Day is tomorrow, Friday 18th March.



UNIFORM ORDERING

School Trends have made some changes to improve the system for supplying our uniform. You can now order and pay for school uniform online by visiting <u>https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/JamesWolfePrimarySchoolSE109LA</u>. There are no minimum order quantities and your uniform will be delivered directly to your chosen address. As well as our approved decorated school uniform, you are also able to order plain items, such as trousers, skirts and shirts. Other ordering information, including sizes, delivery information and the returns procedure is also available online.

> We hope you will find using this new service an improvement in our school uniform supply.



APPOINTMENTS

Please can parents ensure they inform the office rather than the teacher if their child has an appointment and will be in later that day. If you call the school, please press 1 and leave a message.



PLAY IN THE PARK

During the Easter holiday, if you go down to Greenwich Park, you're sure of a big surprise... That's right, the teddy bears will be having a picnic play session -- and you and your bears are invited! Children can come along with their teddies and packed lunches to Greenwich Park on the afternoon of Wednesday 6th April to join the Easter Teddy Bears Picnic. To register your interest, please visit <u>https://shop.royalparks.org.uk/teddy-bears-</u> picnic?dm_i=1EGE,7RWVC,V0H11W,VPMEI,1.

Their magical afterschool sessions celebrating freely chosen play will be back after the Easter holidays, taking place fortnightly on Fridays (22nd April / 6th May / 20th May) from 3;30pm in Greenwich Park. Working in collaboration with local organisations, the aim of these play sessions is to ensure that the newly-refurbished Greenwich Park Playground is known about and well-used by the local community. To register your interest, please visit <u>https://shop.royalparks.org.uk/play-ingreenwich-park--sessions-2022?dm_i=1EGE,7RWVC,V0H11W,VPMEI,1</u>.

NSPCC

ONLINE SAFETY BLOG

The NSPCC have started a blog relating to online safety -- you can find posts regarding online gaming, age ratings, Roblox and more at https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog.





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. Please note that you will only be charged for the remaining sessions, not the whole term.

Copies of the letter and rota, with details of how to set up your account and book, can be found at <u>https://tinyurl.com/2p8ndh89</u> &

https://tinyurl.com/2p8kmnkh. Parents of children eligible for the benefit Free School Meals, who are entitled to one free activity, should contact the school office 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 <u>admin@jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk</u> 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 **tomorrow, Friday 18th March**.

SCHOOL TRIPS

TRIP PAYMENTS

At James Wolfe, we like to offer pupils the opportunity to experience a variety of enrichment activities that support the curriculum. These include trips to museums, theatres, farms and the like, as well as visits by authors, workshops etc.

We ask parents to help make this happen by contributing £20 for the academic year. Without these contributions, we may not be able to offer such a variety of experiences.

If you have made your £20 contribution for this academic year, thank you very much! If you have not yet made the contribution, we would be very grateful if you could make the payment as soon as possible. Thank you.



GREENWICH TITANS

Greenwich Titans Basketball would like to invite children and their parents to their next home game this Saturday, 19th March, and the best news is that it is completely free with the promo code! With over 200 supporters attending their last game, the atmosphere was fantastic, and this is a great opportunity for you to watch one of the top basketball teams in the country, who are on our doorstep.

Titans Basketball Club is community-based and aims to make basketball for juniors fun, whilst helping children of all abilities develop. If you would like your child to be part of their wonderful legacy, then please speak to one the coaches at the game, who will provide you with more details.

You can get your tickets for the game at <u>https://greenwichtitans.ticketco.events/uk/en/e/solent_kestrels_ii</u>, using the promo code "titansnation".

IMPORTANT DATES

Spring Term 2022

Friday 18th March -- Red Nose Day

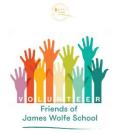
Friday 18th March -- Year 1 Willow & Hazel Trip to Maritime Museum Monday 21st March to Thursday 24th March -- Year 6 Mock SATS Week Thursday 24th March -- Football Team League Fixture Day (Meridian Sports Club) Friday 25th March -- FJWS Spring Fair Tuesday 29th March -- Drumming Concerts (10:15am RH, 2:00pm RP) Wednesday 30th March -- Girls' Football League Fixture Day (Meridian Sports Club) Thursday 31st March -- After-School Activities End Friday 1st April -- FJWS Non-Uniform Day Friday 1st April -- FJWS Meeting (9am RP) Friday 1st April -- Last Day of Term

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19th April -- First Day of Term - INSET Day Wednesday 20th April -- Pupils Return to School Monday 25th April -- Royal Hill Class Photos Thursday 28th April -- Randall Place Class Photos

Friends of James Wolfe School

Hi everyone,



The FJWS Spring Fair is fast approaching! We are desperately in need of volunteers and need all hands on deck, otherwise we have to drop some of the exciting things we have planned. If you could spare an hour on the day we would greatly appreciate it. All our volunteers will be given a wristband and a ticket for some free food!

We also still need donations for our Egg Tombola. Please donate any sized eggs -- we need a table full to be able to do it.

On the afternoon of the fair, we also welcome donations for our cake table. Please bring any baked goods to our table at the fair or to the school office in the morning at drop-off.

We really do need your help to pull off a great fair and raise money for the school.

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: https://en-gb.facebook.com/FJWSGreenwich Twitter: https://twitter.com/fjwsgreenwich





Let us inspire your child through music at our award-winning Holiday Camp

/enue: James Wolfe Primary, Royal Hill, Greenwich SE10 8RZ. May Half Terr r Holiday - October Half lay

Rated 5* by parents on Netmums and Feefo, our Ofsted-registered Holiday Camp brings 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). There's 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!

Recommend to a Friend for 10% Off - For Both of You!

You: a 10% off voucher for your next booking with us.

Your Friend : your friend can also claim 10% off their booking with us

Visit www.thestringsclub.org or call our Head Office team on 0121 296 9204.

Why Consider Us?

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 Fore hire of an instrument
 E50 per day plus 10% sibling discount
 Qualified, experienced, fully DBS checked team
 Standard hours and Extended Hours available

 - Childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare accepted

We look forward to seeing you soon!

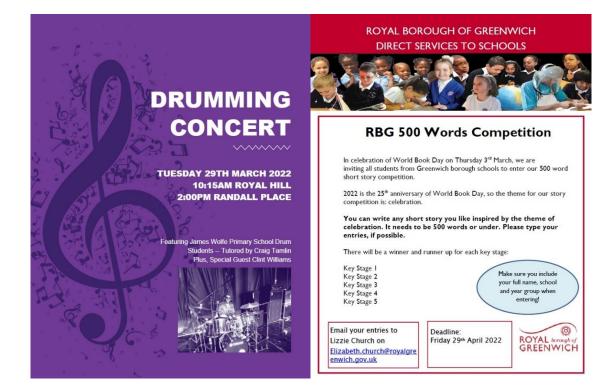
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Calling all young artists!

Submissions for the Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show are now open. You have until Wednesday 30th March to submit your artwork (details above).

James Wolfe is registered with the RA, so if you would like us to submit your child's artwork for them, please hand it to the office for the attention of the Arts Team.

Artwork will be displayed at the Royal Academy throughout the Summer, so this is an amazing opportunity to have your talents seen!



DOGS

Please note that dogs are not allowed on the school premises. If you walk to school with a dog, please make sure they are on a lead, as some children are very frightened of dogs -- and, they do bite. Please also ensure they are not left alone -- for example, tied to a lamp post.



Please can parents ensure their child(ren) bring a coat to school, as many pupils are still not doing so, despite the cool and wet weather. Please can parents also make sure their child takes the correct coat at the end of the day and, should the wrong coat end up at home, it is returned to school the next day.



ABSENCE DUE TO ILLNESS

Please can parents ensure they are specific about a child's illness when reporting their absence -- i.e. not to use general terms, such as "unwell", but to explain how it is their child is ill.



ROAD SAFETY

Concerns have been raised by members of the community regarding how children are crossing roads on the way to and from school, particularly running into the road after their friends and even encouraging each other to do so. The dangers of this behaviour need no explaining and if your children walk to and from school unaccompanied, please talk to them about the importance of road safety. Thank you for your support in this.

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Email



<u>Website</u>

