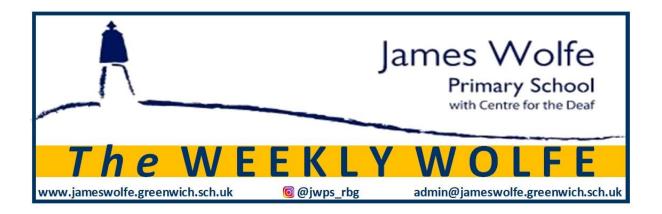
Thursday 16th June 2022



Dear Parents,



As you are all very aware by now, here at James Wolfe we have five school values, which form the acronym PROUD – Perseverance, Respect, Opportunity, Understanding and Democracy.

This week, I have been beyond proud of our children and staff in Year 3, as they presented their class assemblies. In last week's newsletter, Mrs Simpson highlighted that this week would see the start of class assemblies at Randall Place. With the bar having been set extremely high by the performances at Royal Hill in previous weeks, Year 3 most definitely had a job on their hands -- but I am sure you will not be surprised to hear that they absolutely smashed it! The audience were blown away, not only by the sheer amount that the children have learned this year, but also by the confidence with which they shared their knowledge and experience, particularly considering this is the first time our children have performed for an audience in two years. It really was incredible. For those of you whose assemblies are still to come, you really are in for a treat!

Of course, with all of this talk of assemblies, Sports Days and the like, it is inevitable that we start to think about this year coming to an end, which may stir emotions of sadness or anxiety for what is to come next year. We, as adults, can often be too quick to dismiss the here and now in an attempt to prepare for the future, but in doing so we miss the value of today's lessons. So, if you or your child finds yourself questioning what the next academic year may look like, I urge you to stop and think - do I really need to know that right now? When introducing our assemblies this week, Mr Westerby made a point of telling the audience that the performances were being recorded, so they didn't need to worry about capturing the assembly through a lens and instead could experience it for themselves. This is the message that we need to be giving our children at this time of the year. Whilst they may be becoming curious about new teachers and classrooms, or even new schools for our Year 6 pupils, that curiosity should not be at the expense of their experiences in the here and now. After all, when reading a novel, you would not move onto chapter 2 until you had finished chapter 1 -- who would want to know the ending of a story before reading the middle? They would miss out on the wonderful experience of getting to know the characters and the twists and turns of the storyline.

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Let's help our children to make the most of everything this final half of term has to offer. Not only will this be fun and create everlasting memories, but it is the best way that we can help them prepare for the next chapter.

Kind regards, Mrs Curtis If your child receives a positive test result for COVID-19, please contact admin@jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk, giving the child's name and class. Children with a positive result should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five further days if symptomatic, or three days if asymptomatic.

IMPORTANT DATES

Summer Term 2022

Thursday 16th June -- Year 3 Poplar & Oak Class Assembly Thursday 16th June -- Year 5 Jupiter Vikings Trip to National Maritime Museum Thursday 16th June -- Football Team League Fixture Day (Meridian Sports Club) Friday 17th June -- Football League Medal Presentation (Meridian Sports Club) Monday 20th June to Wednesday 22nd June -- Year 6 School Journey Group 1 Monday 20th June -- Year 3 to Year 4 Transition Meeting for Parents (9:30) Tuesday 21st June -- Year 1 Fir Trip to Mudchute Farm Tuesday 21st June -- Year R to Year 1 Transition Meeting for Parents (9:30) Wednesday 22nd June to Friday 24th June -- Year 6 School Journey Group 2 Wednesday 22nd June -- Year 4 Venus Hygiene & Nutrition Trip to Pizza Express Wednesday 22nd June -- Year 2 Rowan & Maple Class Assembly Thursday 23rd June -- Year 2 Beech & Elm Class Assembly Thursday 23rd June -- Year 5 Neptune Vikings Trip to National Maritime Museum Friday 24th June -- Year 5 Earth Class Assembly Tuesday 28th June -- Year 1 Hazel Trip to Mudchute Farm Wednesday 29th June -- Year 4 Mercury Hygiene & Nutrition Trip to Pizza Express Wednesday 29th June -- New Reception Welcome Meeting for Parents - Class 1/2 Thursday 30th June -- New Reception Welcome Meeting for Parents - Class 3/4 Thursday 30th June -- Year 3 Trip to Unicorn Theatre Thursday 30th June -- Year 4 Trip to Theatre Royal Stratford East Friday 1st July -- FJWS Meeting (9am RP) Saturday 2nd July -- FJWS Summer Fair Wednesday 6th July -- Year 4 Sun Hygiene & Nutrition Trip to Pizza Express Wednesday 6th July -- Open Evening

Thursday 7th July -- Year 1 Silver Birch & Fir Class Assembly
Friday 8th July -- Year 1 Hazel & Willow Class Assembly



UKRAINE APPEAL

The school is now collecting donations of babies' and children's Summer clothes to assist one of our parents, who has spent the last three months volunteering with families arriving from Ukraine. The children are arriving without Summer clothes, as they left Ukraine during the Winter.

We are collecting clothes for children aged 0-16 and will set up collection areas in both the Randall Place and Royal Hill playgrounds during drop-off and pick-up, starting next Monday, 20th June, and running until 1st July. Donations will then be washed (mended, if needed) and delivered to the Ukraine Hub.

If you would like to help in another way, a small donation (any spare change) would be greatly appreciated -- please place it in a sealed envelope marked for Ukraine.



SINGING LESSONS

We are planning on starting singing lessons in September. These will cost £75 per term for individual lessons for pupils in Years 4-6, or £40 per term for group lessons for Years 1-6. Please contact Mrs O'Neil in the school office if you are interested.



SUPERBLOOM

You may have noticed a number of up-cycled pallets around the playground at Royal Hill. These have been planted by pupils with seeds given to the school as part of the 'Superbloom' project, celebrating HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Soon, we should see some of the same flowers as can be visited by families in the moat at The Tower of London throughout the Summer (https://www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london/whats-on/superbloom-at-the-tower-of-london/#gs.35ulcl).

Friends of James Wolfe School

Hi everyone,



Our Summer Fair is fast approaching, but we are still in desperate need for volunteers! We need help on the stalls, such as the Coconut Shy, Splat the Rat and Hook a Duck. If you can help us, please let us know. We offer vouchers for food and drink for all helpers. It's great fun and would really help us out. Unfortunately, if we do not get the volunteers we need, we will have to drop some of the stalls.

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



DRUM LESSONS AT JAMES WOLFE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Craig Tamlin



Craig is an experienced performer, recording artist and educator, who has performed across the UK and internationally at festivals, events and radio shows, with reggae, funk, electronic, dance and jazz bands.

Craig has tutored many students over the years, assisting with grade exams, and entrance/scholarship auditions for secondary schools. Highlights include having a student successfully audition for the drumming role on Andrew Lloyd Webber's School of Rock in the West End. In addition to this, Craig has been instrumental in directing and leading our annual drumming concerts and has worked closely with our Centre for Deaf Children.

There are limited spaces and therefore, to avoid disappointment, please register you interest as soon as possible.







The award-winning Anna
Fiorentini Theatre & Film
School's Summer School takes
place in East London this July
and August. Young people
aged 7-16 years old will learn
and develop performing
techniques, including singing,
dance and drama skills, from
top industry professionals.

July's session will explore the music of Lin-Manuel Miranda, from 'Encanto' to 'Hamilton', whilst August's session delves into favourite musicals. Each week ends with a musical performance for friends and family. The sessions compliment each other, so you can do both or just the one week.

If you book before 15th June, you'll get an Early Bird Discount! So, for more information and to book, head to

www.afperformingarts.com/theatre-and-film-school/holiday-courses.





These tours are for current Year 5 parents. You can book

at https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/principals-tours-at-the-john-roan-school-tickets-328738043337.

There will be 30 spaces on each tour only, so advice is to book early.



REPORTING ABSENCES

When reporting your child's absence by phone, please could all parents 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/school-newsletters-and-parent-letters.



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 the mouth and nose for the full duration of journeys.



BSL CLASSES

If you would like to start or continue learning British Sign Language as part of our Community Classes for parents, please email admin@jameswolfe.greewnich.sch.uk and let us know, marking your email for the attention of Ms Begum.



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-communicationcontactsemailsmspattr-/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.









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