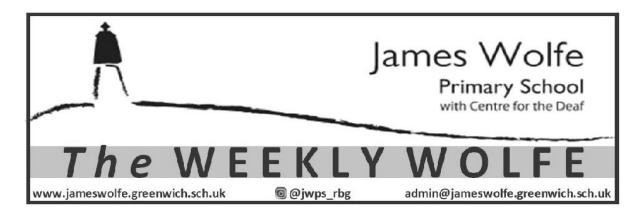
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Thursday 15th September 2022



Dear Parents,



Welcome to the Weekly Wolfe.

For those of you who are new to James Wolfe, I would like to welcome you to our school! Every week, I will send you the Weekly Wolfe with updates and any key information or dates. I am so pleased to share that our Reception and Nursery children have settled in beautifully. The start of a new school year is always exciting as we think about the new challenges that are ahead of us and I have already been excited to hear and be involved in plans for this term.

It was brilliant to see so many of you attend the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions, where teachers were able to share key information with you all. I hope that this meeting was useful and you enjoyed meeting the teacher, as well as seeing your child's classroom. We will share the slides on the website for those of you who were not able to attend.

I have led a few assemblies and visited every class to see the children's learning and I have to say, I am so impressed with all the children and their learning behaviour. I can't wait to see the progress that we make this year!

This week has been a sombre one for many, mourning the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We marked this in school with an assembly and will check in with children following the funeral. Buckingham Palace announced that the State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will take place on Monday 19th September. This day is a bank holiday and the Department for Education have confirmed that schools will be closed. This is to allow everyone to pay their respects to Her Majesty and commemorate Her reign, while marking the final day of the period of national mourning.

I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 20th September.

Kind regards, Ms Gallagher



TOY DONATIONS

Our Early Years team are looking for donations of a range of indoor and outdoor toys, such as trains and transport vehicles, baby dolls and accessories, small world toys and accessories, dress up clothes, home corner accessories and building toys, such as children's construction hats, toy tools, Duplo and Lego. The toys should be clean, in good condition and age appropriate.

Please place any donations in a bag labelled for Miss Nutley and drop them off at the Randall Place school office. Many thanks.

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HELP FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

The Royal Borough of Greenwich are concerned that many families do not know that they can access extra help and entitlements (such as free school meals, school clothing/journey grants and social security benefits) because they don't know they can claim. There are also local and national schemes to help residents struggling with rising living costs. We encourage everyone to read the leaflet on our website at https://tinyurl.com/549d3ksx and to contact the Welfare Rights Service to check that they are not missing out on extra help and support.

GDPR

GDPR SIGN-UP

The school office regularly hears from parents 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 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.

Friends of James Wolfe School

Hi everyone,



We hope you have all enjoyed your first week back at school - plus a big welcome to all the new parents that have joined our school this week.

We will be meeting in person this Friday (tomorrow) in the Training Room at Randall Place straight after drop-off, where we will be discussing the year ahead -- please join us.

On Friday 30th September, we will be hosting a Coffee Morning aimed at new parents, where they will get a chance to hear about what we do and how they can help -- however, it will be open to all and we would love to see you there.

Our Annual General Meeting will be in October. The current committee are stepping down, so this will be an exciting opportunity to shape the future of the Friends of James Wolfe and get involved in decision-making that will have a real impact on your child(ren)'s future. Committee roles can be done individually, but also work well as a job share, so please consider coming along to the AGM and putting yourself (or you and a friend) forward! The current roles are Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Chair of Diversity.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

<u>Chair</u>

The Chair takes overall responsibility for the FJWS. As well as the practical elements, such as oversight of events, spend, communications etc, the Chair also ensures that the committee upholds the constitution, that the FJWS represents the school in an appropriate manner and that the group runs smoothly. While not a formal PTA, the FJWS looks to represent the voices of parents and pupils in the enhancement of the school, and the Chair is instrumental in this relationship. It is a role that can be shared across several individuals, who work together and share responsibility. Roles listed here can be shared with the wider committee, while the Chair retains overall accountability.

<u>Key responsibilities</u>: ensure that the FJWS is run in accordance with its business and charitable objectives; act as first point of contact with the school; ensure the FJWS is visible and known to the James Wolfe community; ensure the group is inclusive and welcoming to all parents and contributors; sign-off significant spend and act as signatory on the FJWS bank account; devise and act on fundraising and spending plans.

<u>Meetings</u>: draft agenda for each meeting; chair meetings, ensuring they are effective and the decisions taken are carried out; chair AGM.

<u>Communication</u>: develop/sign-off marketing materials, e.g. posters, letters to school, newsletter content, flyers, Facebook content etc; represent the FJWS at open days, new parent inductions, FJWS welcome meetings and any other relevant events; ensure the voices of parents and pupils are represented, e.g. inviting contributions from the school council, run parent surveys on preferred fundraising spend.

<u>Events</u>: help with setting up and taking down events; manage/oversee spreadsheet of event roles and responsibilities; attend events and ensure they run smoothly; act as main point of contact for all volunteers and FJWS members.

Secretary

The secretary is responsible for written record-keeping and communications, including writing weekly copy for the school newsletter and emailing it to the school office; taking minutes at FJWS meetings, circulating them to the committee members and uploading them to Google Drive; communicating with the school office regarding texts to go out; collating the list of class reps and communicating with them about various fundraising issues; applying to the council for Temporary Event Notices for school fairs; updating FJWS Facebook and Twitter accounts with important information; organisation and delivery of fundraising events; meetings with school leadership team and school council; marketing of events where needed and relationship building with partner organisations.

Treasurer

The main duties of the Treasurer include: day-to-day management of accounts, including issuing bills and receipts on behalf of the FJWS and making payments; preparating and updating financial ledgers on a regular basis; completing banking transactions on a regular basis; organising floats for fundraising events; collecting and reconciling monies raised at these events and reporting the totals raised; preparing and reporting financial statements at FJWS Meetings; preparing a concise financial report for the Annual General Meeting and complying where necessary with charity registration and Gift Aid.

Chair of Diversity

This role aims to look at every activity, event and communication through a wide lens so as to ensure they encompass as much of the James Wolfe community as possible. For example, looking at the accessibility of events, making sure multiple celebrations and cultural events are recognised, involving the Centre for Deaf Children and encouraging participation from class groups. They will work with the board of governors on any diversity and inclusion initiatives that might overlap with the FJWS, support and collaborate on all FJWS activities and events, think creatively and have fun!

We would like to thank our previous Treasurer, Helena Threfall, whose family has now left the school -- she did an amazing job and will be very much missed.

And finally, a huge thank you to the Turnball family, who have made a very generous donation to the music department. This will mean a new bass pedal and drum thrones can be purchased, paving the way for future drummers of James Wolfe!

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

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IMPORTANT DATES

Autumn Term 2022

Wednesday 14th September -- 2x Year 6 Classes Trip to Migration Museum Thursday 15th September -- 2x Year 6 Classes Trip to Migration Museum Monday 19th September -- Bank Holiday - State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II - SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 20th September -- Year 5 Earth & Mars Trip to London Eye Tuesday 20th September -- After-School Activities Begin Monday 26th September -- Year 5 Jupiter & Neptune Trip to London Eye Friday 30th September -- FJWS Coffee Morning



TERM DATES 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022

Autumn 1: Thursday 1st September to Friday 21st October INSET DAYS (pupils do not attend): Thursday 1st Sept. and Friday 2nd Sept. BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 19th September Half Term: Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October Autumn 2: Monday 31st October to Friday 16th December Holiday: Monday 19th December to Monday 2nd January 2023

Spring Term 2023

 Spring 1: Tuesday 3rd January to Friday 10th February INSET DAY (pupils do not attend): Tuesday 3rd January PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL: Wednesday 4th January
Half Term: Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February
Spring 2: Monday 20th February to Friday 31st March Holiday: Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April

Summer Term 2023

Summer 1: Monday 17th April to Friday 26th May INSET DAY (pupils do not attend): Monday 17th April PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL: Tuesday 18th April BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 1st May Half Term: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June Summer 2: Monday 5th June to Friday 21st July Holiday: Monday 24th July to Friday 2nd September

Note: INSET training day 5 for the 2022-2023 academic year has not yet been set. This will be held in reserve so that it can be used if the school is used as a polling station in Summer 2023.



Students learn performance skills (including singing, dance and drama), with guidance from top industry professionals. Many of their students have won leading roles on TV, film and in the West End. However, they are just as interested in students who wish to increase in confidence and self-esteem in a friendly and supportive environment, where every child is free to express themselves and grow in their creative and technical abilities.

For more information and to sign up, please visit <u>http://www.afperformingarts.com/theatre-and-film-school/schools/greenwich</u>.





MISS SMITH vs THE MARATHON

Miss Smith, class teacher of Year 2 Maple, will be running the 26.2 miles of the 2022 London Marathon on Sunday 2nd October! She will be running for Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of her dad and would be really grateful for any donations you can give to help support this incredible charity. She is very excited to take on this challenge and hopes to see as many of you as possible cheering her on next month!

You can donate towards this worthy cause at <u>http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chelssmith</u>.



CLEANING POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Ashley Cleaning are looking for two Cleaning Operatives for our Royal Hill campus. The start time for cleaning is 4:30am, with a finish time of 7:30am. Cleaners will be paid the REAL London Living Wage of £11.05 per hour and will be employed by Ashley Cleaning.

Experience would be nice to have -- but if you think you have what it takes to clean, please do contact them.

As a first step, all applicants should email <u>office@cleanedbyashley.com</u> with a summary of their interest and experience and/or a CV, or applicants can call Jenn on 07775 625026



FRENCH LEARNING AT HOME

To keep you having fun with French at home, James Wolfe has subscribed to Linguascope. Go to <u>https://www.linguascope.com/</u> and log in using the following details:

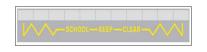
> Username: jwrandall Password: twenty22

Once you are signed in, click on the French flag in Elementary, then on any Galaxy you wish to explore. You can 'skip' the next part if you like, then click on a planet and get straight on with the activities. And remember, there's not just French available, but other languages too!



PROMPT ARRIVAL

A punctual, settled start to the morning makes a significant difference to the quality of children's learning and the safety of all those around. Please ensure pupils arrive on time for class.



KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

We remind all parents that the zig-zag lines outside our school buildings must not be parked on by parents for drop off or collection of children. We have had incidents outside both campuses and we ask all parents to help keep our children safe as they walk to and from our school. To this end, the Greenwich Road Safety Team have organised for police officers to patrol outside each campus.



CARS IDLING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We remind parents not to idle their vehicles outside the school, particularly in the evenings, when waiting for children to come out from after-school clubs or One World. The fumes contain a number of harmful gasses including carbon dioxide, which is bad for the environment and contributes towards climate change, as well as nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons, which are linked to asthma and other lung diseases.

Local authorities have the power to issue £20 fixed penalties for emission offences and stationary idling under The Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002.









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