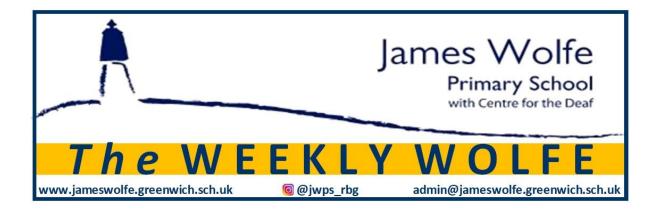
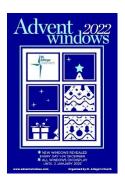
## **Thursday 1st December 2022**



Dear Parents,



Today, Christmas traditions have begun and I am excited to be a part of them this year at James Wolfe. Greenwich Christmas Trees have kindly donated Christmas trees to the school, which will be decorated by some of the children ready for the Christmas Fair. The Friends of James Wolfe have been working tirelessly to bring a fantastic fair to all the children and I am so grateful for everyone's help. You will see me selling donated Christmas jumpers (please bring in any you no longer need and leave them with the school office) and calling out the raffle prizes!

Another Christmas tradition at James Wolfe is the presentation of our Advent Windows. Shops, homes and schools use their imagination and artistry to produce the living Advent Calendar. A newly-decorated window will be revealed, or "opened", on each day of Advent (1st to 24th December) in different parts of Greenwich. Once all twenty-four Advent Windows have been opened, seeing all of them usually takes around three hours on foot. You can view a programme of the window locations, or read about the window openings <a href="here">here</a>. The theme for this year's Advent Windows is 'Tidings of Comfort and Joy'. Our Randall Place window will be shared on Friday 9th December, then Friday 16th December for Royal Hill. I feel so privileged to work in the Royal borough of Greenwich, where they organise such amazing events for schools, like this or the Lantern Parade.

Next week, we have both Nursery and Reception performing, as well as dress rehearsals for Years 1-6, which I am so looking forward to. If you need to find out any more information about events taking place before the break, please take a look at the Winter Newsletter (link below).

Finally, with all the festivities I wish you all wonderful weekend, whether that be relaxing at home, off exploring or taking part in any family traditions.

Kind regards, Ms Gallagher



## **CHANGE TO YEAR 6 SATS DATES**

An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8th May 2023. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 Key Stage 2 (KS2) test week in England, a change to the KS2 test schedule next year will be necessary.

Ministers have considered the situation carefully and have decided that KS2 tests will take place in the same week, with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned. As such, the new schedule will be:

- Tuesday 9th May: English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS)
   Papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
  - Wednesday 10th May: English Reading paper
- Thursday 11th May: Mathematics Papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
  - Friday 12th May: Mathematics Paper 3 (reasoning)



#### **PLAYGROUND**

Whilst we encourage parents and children to socialise after school and enjoy the large physical equipment after school hours, please remember it is a parent's responsibility to remain with their child at all times to supervise their safe play. Children should be discouraged from climbing on the house roof at all times and are not allowed to take the bikes, scooters, balls or equipment from the Randall Place playground. These resources are used for teaching-related activities provided during the day and we do not want them to be damaged or lost.

Please be aware that a member of the Senior Leadership Team and Mr Price will be asking all parents and children to vacate the playground from 3:45pm daily from next week onwards. Please help us by sharing this with your children in advance to prepare them.

Many thanks for your support.



#### **LOST SCOOTER**

Please can everyone keep an eye out for a scooter that went missing at some point in the last week from the rack outside 3P. It is a tall (7+) black scooter with white writing and light-up wheels. If anyone has seen it, please can they contact the school office.



## **NUTS AND SESAME SEEDS**

We remind all parents that ours is a nut-free school, including packed lunch boxes, and that chocolate spread is often nut-based as well. This includes sending in chocolates such as 'Celebrations', 'Roses' or 'Quality Street' for birthdays or the end of term, as these include the likes of 'Snickers', 'Hazelnut Swirl' and 'The Purple One', all of which contain nuts. We also ask that sesame seeds are not brought in to school. It is very important that this policy is adhered to at all times.

# Friends of James Wolfe School

Hi everyone,



## It's Fair time!

Please join us tomorrow afternoon (Friday 2nd) for our spectacular Christmas Fair, between 3:30pm and 5:30pm in the playground at Randall Place. There will be plenty of craft activities, food, drink -- and maybe even a visit from the man in red himself! Wristbands are £2 a child and are available on the gate, if you haven't already purchased one. It promises to be a fab afternoon!

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

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

## **Autumn Term 2022**

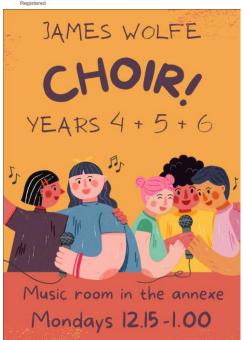
Monday 21st Nov.to Friday 2nd December -- Year 4 Pluto Daily Intensive Swimming Monday 21st Nov. to Friday 2nd Dec. -- Year 4 Venus Daily Intensive Swimming Friday 2nd December -- FJWS Christmas Fair Monday 5th Dec. to Friday 16th December -- Year 4 Sun Daily Intensive Swimming Monday 5th Dec. to Friday 16th Dec. -- Year 4 Mercury Daily Intensive Swimming Monday 5th December -- School Choir Singing at ORNC Carol Service Tuesday 6th December -- Nursery Christmas Performance Tuesday 6th December -- Centre Trip to Canary Wharf Christmas Market Thursday 8th Dec. to Friday 9th December -- Reception Christmas Performances Friday 9th December -- Randall Place Advent Window Opening (3:30pm) Monday 12th Dec. to Tuesday 13th December -- Year 1-6 Christmas Performances Wednesday 14th December -- Randall Place Christmas Dinner Thursday 15th December -- School Choir Carol Singing Trip to Canary Wharf Thursday 15th December -- Royal Hill Christmas Dinner Friday 16th December -- Royal Hill Advent Window Opening (3:15pm) Friday 16th December -- Class Parties - Children May Wear Party Clothes Friday 16th December -- Last Day of Term

## **Spring Term 2023**

Tuesday 3rd January -- First Day of Term - INSET DAY
Wednesday 4th January -- Years R-6 Return to School
Wednesday 4th January -- Nursery Closed
Thursday 5th January -- Nursery Children Return to School
Friday 6th January -- Year 5 Rugby Gala (Hervey Road Sports Ground)









Children and young people who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals can get a free holiday club place this Christmas. The Royal **Greenwich Holiday Food and Fun programme is** back, offering families free holiday club spaces over the festive break. Every club will provide a healthy lunch, as well as activities ranging from coding to gymnastics - and everything inbetween. Children aged between 4 and 16, and receiving or eligible for benefits-related free school meals, can claim a spot. Clubs are inclusive to children and young people with SEND, and some clubs can provide additional support such as small groups, 1:1 or specialist support. Holiday Food and Fun will run between **December 19th and December 30th -- families** should contact clubs directly to book their space. For more information, please

visit http://royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidayfoodandfun.









## Young Education Services

Working with local children in the heart of Greenwich since 1992 At YES we can help pupils fulfil themselves academically.

Now booking small group and 1:1 tuition at our James Wolfe Royal Hill Campus location

> Not sure of your child's ability? Book a formal assessment with us.

## SECONDARY ONLINE TUITION, HOLIDAY COURSES AND MOCK EXAMS AVAILABLE

To book or find out more about YES please call or visit us online at www.youngeducationservices.co.uk Call: 07935 422 553 or 07850 132 904 James Wolfe Campus, Royal Hill, London, SE10 8RZ













## Winter Newsletter 2022

## WINTER NEWSLETTER

Our Winter Newsletter, which gives details of school events running over the Christmas period and links for booking performance tickets, can be found at <a href="https://www.jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk/s/Year-N-6-Winter-Newsletter-Nov-2022.pdf">https://www.jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk/s/Year-N-6-Winter-Newsletter-Nov-2022.pdf</a>.



## NO PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

We remind all parents not to park in the restricted areas on the roads surrounding the school, particularly the roads surrounding our Royal Hill Campus. Please walk to school with your children if at all possible, but if you must drive, please do not park in restricted areas. This is for the safety of all children arriving at and leaving the school, and is more important than ever due to the current road closures and road works taking place in the area.



## **REGISTER FOR FREE/SUBSIDISED MILK**

School milk is FREE for children under the age of five, FREE to children entitled to Free School Meals and subsidised for all other children in primary education, meaning parents will pay around £15 per term. To register your child to receive milk in school daily, please go to <a href="http://www.coolmilk.com">http://www.coolmilk.com</a>. If you wish your child to receive milk, you must register, even if your child is under five.



## LINK CHINESE ACADEMY

Founded in 2006, LCA is the leading brand of children's Chinese education in London, focusing on providing professional Chinese language education to 1-14-year-olds. They offer their students' a choice of several locations in London, including here at James Wolfe (<a href="https://www.linkchinese.co.uk/greenwich-2/">https://www.linkchinese.co.uk/greenwich-2/</a>), as well as online, with weekly classes during term time and holiday camps during school holiday time! In addition, they are the leading specialist provider of Mandarin teachers to London's prestigious nurseries and schools. For more information and contacts details, please visit <a href="https://www.linkchinese.co.uk/">https://www.linkchinese.co.uk/</a>.



## **BIKES & SCOOTERS**

It is great to see so many children cycling and scooting to school. In order for bikes/scooters to be stored safely at Royal Hill, we ask that children bring a lock with them. Please note that the school is not responsible for the loss or theft of bikes/scooters.

## Breakfast Club

#### **BREAKFAST CLUB BOOKING**

Breakfast Club is available for booking via our online booking system, with bookings by the day 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 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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Remember, you can donate to our parents' association when doing your shopping at no extra cost to yourself!

When you shop online, please access your accounts via their associated charity portals. If you visit your Amazon account via <a href="http://smile.amazon.co.uk">http://smile.amazon.co.uk</a> and assign 'Friends of James Wolfe School' as your chosen charity, Amazon will then make a donation to us for every purchase you make. For online shopping with thousands of other retailers (such as Argos, John Lewis, Sainsbury's and many more), please begin via <a href="http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk">http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk</a> and follow the directions to link the FJWS, so that each retailer will make a donation.