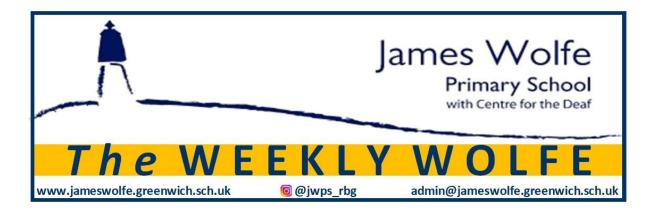
#### **Thursday 9th February 2023**



**Dear Parents**,



They say that time flies when you are having fun and I can confirm that this half of term has flown by! The children at James Wolfe are amazing and I love to hear them talk about their learning. From discussions in assembly to reading pieces of writing, every day I have a moment where I feel really proud of their achievements.

You may have noticed that this week is Place2Be's Children's Mental Health week. We are fortunate to have a wonderful partnership with the charity Place2Be, who work in our school. Place2Be is a national charity working in James Wolfe to improve the confidence and emotional wellbeing of children. They help children to develop resilience by supporting them when they are experiencing challenging life issues and helping them to develop self-confidence and life-long coping skills. There are times when children feel particularly sad, confused, fearful or angry, due to, for example, family challenges such as separation or illness, or even the death of a much-loved pet. Some children may become withdrawn; others may become demanding or challenging in their behaviour; that's when having Place2Be in school is especially helpful.

Throughout the week, children have been discussing and learning about children's mental health in their assemblies and classrooms, as well as taking part in class activities. Tomorrow, we will be holding a Dress to Express day, where children can include an added accessory or two to their uniform in order to express themselves.

Below is a link to some ways to support your child with their mental health -- but if you would like to speak to someone, Place2Be also run A Place for Parents, offering adults counselling support for any issues they may have.

https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/supporting-your-child-smental-health/

Miss Parry, who teaches Year 3 Cedar class, will be running the London Marathon in April in aid of Place2Be, so that they can continue to support thousands of children around the country and in our school. Should you wish to donate, please visit <u>https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sophie-parry10</u> -- a huge thank you in advance on behalf of Place2Be and James Wolfe School.

I am looking forward to seeing many more of you in and around the school in the next half of term -- but for now, enjoy a restful half term break.

Kind regards, Ms Gallagher



#### DOGS

Please note that, although we have introduced a school dog into school, dogs are not allowed on the school premises. The school dog has had training and a risk assessment completed. It is so lovely to see our families walking to school. It supports children's wellbeing and helps them get some light exercise before they start school. As a result, we have noticed more families are walking their dogs and some have been bringing them into school. Please remember that not all children are comfortable with dogs and you are not allowed bring them onto school premises.



#### **BOOK WEEK**

We will be celebrating Book Week during the week beginning Monday 27th February, with exciting activities and events for the children that will celebrate books and why reading matters.

Children will be able to dress up as a book character on Friday 3rd March. They are welcome to dress up as a character from any book they have enjoyed reading, although the more home-made costumes are often the most fun and creative! We look forward to seeing which characters we have turning up on the day!

Letters regarding Book Week activities and Book Week dress-up were sent out to all parents this week and can be found at <u>https://www.jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk/school-newsletters-and-parent-letters</u>. Please check your spam/adjust your settings if you think you did not receive them, or contact the school office if your email address has changed.

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#### **MISS THOMPSON vs THE MARATHON**

Miss Thompson, class teacher of Year 1 Willow, will be running the 26.2 miles of the 2023 London Marathon on Sunday 23rd April! She will be running in aid of Shelter and is holding a raffle in order to help her reach her fundraising target of £2000, with prizes that include:

- A treatment, cut & blow dry at German Sercovik Hair Salon, London Bridge worth up to £100.
  - A £50 meal and drinks voucher for Japanese restaurant YAMA MOMO East Dulwich.
    - A £50 meal and drinks voucher for The Herne Tavern, East Dulwich.
      - A cut and blow dry at Headmasters.
      - A £50 voucher for Ganapati South Indian Kitchen, Peckham.
        - A cut and blow dry at DKUK, Peckham.

To buy a ticket, please donate £5 to her fundraising page

at <u>https://2023tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/kathryn-thompson-e9e53</u>. You can buy multiple tickets by donating as many multiples of £5 as you like (you can do this all in one transaction), so the more £5 donations you make, the more chances to win! Please ensure you leave a comment called 'London raffle' with your donation, so she knows to enter you.

She is very excited to take on this challenge and hopes to see as many of you as possible cheering her on next month!

# Friends of James Wolfe School

Hi everyone,



Save the date! Our Spring Fair will be on **Friday 24th March** -- and with this date fast approaching, as usual, we need volunteers. If you can spare any time before, during and/or after the fair, then please get in contact using the address below.

We will also need donations of Easter eggs for our ever popular Egg Tombola, so if you are out picking some up then please bear us in mind.

Our raffle master Nigel will be in the Randall Place playground tomorrow (Friday) morning to collect any raffle donations, so please seek him out if you can help with that in any way -- for example, if you have any new, unwanted Christmas gifts then we will happily take them off your hands! Alternatively, you can contact him on nigel65au@gmail.com or text on 07979 702177.

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: <u>friendsofJWS@gmail.com</u> Facebook: <u>https://en-gb.facebook.com/FJWSGreenwich</u> Twitter: <u>https://twitter.com/fjwsgreenwich</u>

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### Spring Term 2023

Monday 30th January to Friday 10th February -- Year 5 Earth Daily Swimming Monday 6th February to Friday 10th February -- Place2Be Mental Health Week Thursday 9th February -- Year 1 Fir & Willow Trip to Greenwich Islamic Centre Thursday 9th February -- Boys' Football Tournament (CAFC Training Ground) Thursday 9th February -- Parent Consultations (not 30 & 4S) Friday 10th February -- Dress to Express Day (accessories only) Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February -- Half Term Monday 20th February to Friday 3rd March -- Year 5 Jupiter Daily Swimming Wednesday 22nd February -- Year 6 Trip to Chislehurst Caves Wednesday 22nd February -- Girls' Football Fixture Day at Meridian Sports Ground Thursday 23rd February -- Book Fair Starts (TBC) Thursday 23rd February -- Boys' Football Team Fixture Day Monday 27th February to Friday 3rd March -- Book Week Wednesday 1st March -- Girls' Football Fixture Day at Meridian Sports Ground Thursday 2nd March -- Boys' Football Team Fixture Day Friday 3rd March -- Book Week Dress-Up Day Wednesday 8th March -- Barclay's Girls' Football Partnership Tournament (TBC) Thursday 9th March -- Year 5 Biscuits and Books (9am) Friday 17th March -- Year 1 Trip to Maritime Museum Friday 24th March -- FJWS Spring Fair



We are looking to recruit:

## **Cleaners**

for immediate start

Hours will be between 10.0 and 15.0 per week (dependent on shift), Monday to Friday, all year round. Duties to include general cleaning of classrooms and communal areas, toilets etc. The successful candidate will be required to work at either our Randall Place or Royal Hill Campus.

#### Scale 1 Point 2 (£12.95 per hour)

#### Hours may be worked either early morning or after school.

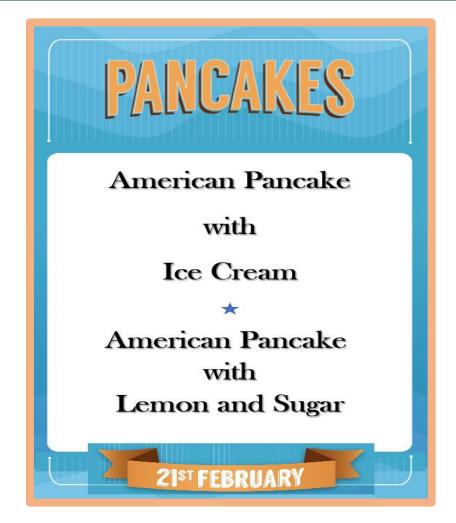
Further information and application form can be downloaded from the school website at <a href="http://www.jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk">http://www.jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk</a> or collected from the school office at either campus.

Closing date for applications is midday on Friday 10th February 2023.

Completed application forms should be emailed

to sao@jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk or delivered to the school office.

James Wolfe is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children attending the school. The successful applicant will be required to complete an enhanced DBS check.







Due to popular demand, the award-winning Anna Fiorentini Theatre & Film School is expanding in Greenwich. In addition to the current morning sessions, in April 2023 brand new classes will be launching from 1.30pm to 4.30pm every Saturday in term time. Students will explore singing, acting and dance, all whilst building confidence, self-esteem and having fun!

Children at James Wolfe get a discount of 20% off their first term and 10% thereafter -- all you have to do is mention the school when you get in touch to book. A limited number of scholarships are also available.

For more information and to book your taster day, please visit <a href="https://www.afperformingarts.com/theatre-and-film-school/schools/greenwich">https://www.afperformingarts.com/theatre-and-film-school/schools/greenwich</a>.



#### SUNDAY 14 MAY 2023 ROYAL CREENWICH 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 -- and this year it celebrates its tenth anniversary! 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 -- last year there were 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 <u>https://www.communityhospice.org.uk/support-us/events/mini-marathon/</u>.





## 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







#### FREE HOLIDAY MEALS

Any child in Royal Greenwich can get a free lunch this Half Term, as the Council's holiday meal scheme returns to libraries and leisure centres. Grab a healthy, nutritious packed lunch throughout the week, with no forms or fuss -- just turn up and tuck in! Serving times vary, so please check their website for details at <a href="http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidaymeals">http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidaymeals</a>.



#### AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

The school has recently started working with Bree's Little Stars, who are accepting children into their childcare provision at Royal Hill. This is open to all pupils attending Royal Hill and, in addition, places can now be offered to pupils attending Randall Place. Children will be collected by staff from Bree's Little Stars and escorted to Royal Hill to join the provision there. Parents would then collect their child from Royal Hill before 6pm, when the club ends.

As numbers grow, it is hoped that Bree's Little Stars will be able to open a provision at both campuses.

Bree's Little Stars can be reached at info@breeslittlestars.co.uk.



#### 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.

### 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 <u>https://jameswolfe.schoolactivity.co.uk</u>. 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 have to re-book for just the days required.

# 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.** 



#### **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).

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**REPORTING ABSENCES** 

When reporting your child's absence by phone, please could all parents ensure they speak clearly and slowly, so there is no confusion regarding the message they have left, as the office staff will often find it is difficult to make out what has been said. Please can parents also be specific about the reason for an absence and not just say, for example, that their child is "unwell".

If your child has an appointment in the morning, please leave a message on the attendance line stating if they are returning or not, so that a dinner can be booked if required. Please can parents make sure they inform the **school office** (rather than the teacher) 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.

Parents can call the school, then press 1 to leave a message for the Attendance Officer.



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Website



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