

James Cambell Primary School



Weekly Primary Newsletter

We believe to achieve for a brighter tomorrow.

Friday 6th March 2020



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Our school values: **R**espect. **H**onesty. **R**esponsibility. **E**quality. **R**esilience.

A message from our new Head teacher

I have now had two weeks as Headteacher of James Cambell and have enjoyed meeting many of you at the school gate in the mornings and at last week's parent meetings. Many of you will also have met Mrs Masters, the new Deputy Headteacher.

It has been great for Mrs Masters and me to start to meet the children at the school. We have been really impressed by their respect, their friendliness and their positive attitude to learning. As I said at the parent meetings, all the staff are here for your children and are entirely committed to their education.

My objective is to ensure that all the children make great progress, not only in the core subjects (reading, writing, maths and science), but also in all the other areas of the curriculum. This means providing them with a wide variety of opportunities and experiences that make their time at school exciting and ensure they are ready for secondary school and beyond.

Your children's welfare is of central importance. I want to ensure that all the children feel happy and safe at the school. I believe in promoting a culture of respect, with all the staff having high expectations of children's behaviour, and praising and rewarding children for taking responsibility for doing the right things.

At the moment, I am finding out about the school and listening to the views of children, staff and parents on what is working well and what could get better. We also have the report from Ofsted which will be published shortly and will provide recommendations on how the school can improve.

Your views are hugely important to me. At the parent meetings, you said how you would like communication with parents to improve. This will therefore be a monthly newsletter to parents providing information on all the things that are going on around the school.

On the basis of your suggestions, we are also setting up a new parent forum to discuss the school - there are further details later in this newsletter. I am also hoping to see many of you at the Parents' Evenings at the beginning of April.

Children succeed best when the school and their families work closely together. I am very much looking forward to my time at James Cambell and working in partnership with you to make this a great school.

Best wishes

Mr J Wilson

Parent Forum

At James Cambell, we are committed to working in partnership with families and the wider community to ensure the best possible learning experience for all our children. As part of this, we are pleased to re-introduce 'Parents Forum'. This is a monthly meeting held by the deputy head, for parents and carers. This is an opportunity for parents to find out more about what is happening at James Cambell Primary School and can also have their voice about how to give your opinion of improvements to the experience that we offer children at the school. If you would like to contribute to the experiences your child receives at James Cambell, then please come along to the next Parent Forum.

Our next Parent Forum meeting will be held on:
Thursday 19th March 2020 at 2:30pm

At this meeting we will be discussing:

What is working well at the school?
What needs to be improved?
Any new ideas?
Summer Fayre

Kindest regards
Mrs Masters



Gold Awards

Amir 1A

Ryan 1B

Elizabeth 1C

Lucas 1C

Kitra 3A

Toluwalase 3A

Venessa 4A

Favour 4C

Jayden 5B

Sophie 6B

Sawon 6B

WELL DONE!

Coronavirus

Information from the Department for Education:

The Department for Education DfE has launched a new helpline to answer questions about the coronavirus related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email:
DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Attendance for February 2020

A	95.9%	3A	97.3%
B	95%	3B	92%
C	100%	3C	92.4%
1A	92.6%	4A	96.4%
1B	96.5%	4B	97.3%
1C	93.2%	4C	93.9%
2A	98.1%	5A	95.6%
2B	96.8%	5B	97.2%
2C	93.4%	5C	96.7%
		6C	96.2%
		6A	98%

Well done to Classes Reception C and 2A - amazing attendance in February 2020!

Well done to 6A - fantastic attendance for February 2020!

Our overall ATTENDANCE FOR February was 95.7 % slightly below our target of **96%**.

Secondary School Transfers-Year Six

If you applied for a place online, see your results at the admissions website where you made your application.

Login using your username and password you received when you registered to make your application. If you have forgotten your details, you can enter your email address and get a reminder sent to you.

Select 'My school admissions' page.

Select the 'View outcome and respond' option.

HAPPY WORLD BOOK DAY



Children celebrated World Book Day in style by dressing up as their favourite literary characters, sharing stories with their friends and having lots of fun. It was inspiring seeing the effort the children made and the enthusiasm showed by all.

Let's keep the passion for reading from World Book Day going. Reading develops the brain, fires the imagination and helps children do better in every subject!

"If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books." - Roald Dahl



Parents please come and join us for 'The Big Read' on:

Friday 13th March

9am - 9.15am (Year One)

Friday 20th March

9am - 9.15am (Year One)

Friday 27th March

2.45pm - 3pm (Year Two)

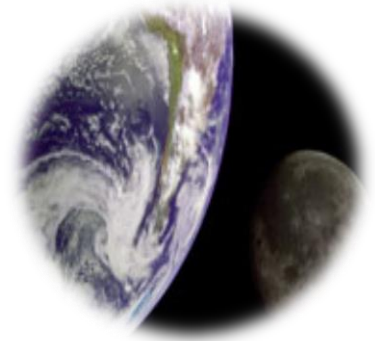
Friday 3rd April

2.45pm - 3pm (Year Two)



Space...the Final Frontier

Captains Log: Star Date 28-2-2020



In Year Five this half term the children had hands on activities and demonstrations in the 'Stardome', exploring where light comes from, how it moves and why it is so important to us. They also had the opportunity to follow the life of a star from birth to death as they discovered different types of stars. As part of this amazing adventure the children looked at how the stars and planets interact with each other. They discussed why we have different seasons, why the Moon looks different throughout the month, explored the Solar System by visiting the planets and other objects and learned worldwide star stories by looking at star mythology from around the world using stories from the Ancient Greek, Egyptian, Native American and Hindu stargazers.



Article by Lydia Wang.

Today we went to space! We entered the 'Space Dome'. Feeling very excited, Mr 'G' then told us that the sun was made out of lava, fire and gas. Mars actually has some water on it and it isn't that hot on the planet's surface. Venus is way hotter than Mars - Venus is about 130 degrees centigrade. We also talked about how long it took each planet to go around the sun. The word planet was named after a Greek word- it means 'wonder'. Also, Jupiter has many moons on it and the planet that took the longest to create is called Uranus. Neptune is the coldest planet in our solar system.

Spring Term Parent's Evening 2020

You will have received a letter this week about Parents' Evenings in the **week beginning 30th March**. We would strongly encourage all parents to sign up for an appointment and take the opportunity to discuss their child's progress at school.

If you are unable to make either of the evenings, please speak to your class teacher to meet on a different day.



Bikes and Scooters



Please could we kindly remind parents that children **should not** be riding bikes and scooters in the school playground before or after school. This is to avoid accidents. Thank you for your co-operation.