

# James Cambell Primary School

## Monthly Primary Newsletter



*We believe to achieve for a brighter tomorrow.*

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

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It has been great over the last three weeks to start to see children returning to school, as well as seeing their parents and carers before and after school. It is amazing how quickly and happily the children have adapted to being back at school – and how positive they have been about getting stuck into their learning.

There are now more than 100 children back at James Cambell with 'bubbles' for nursery, reception, year 1, year 5 and year 6. The school has also remained open for children of key workers as well as vulnerable children.

Of course most of you are still supporting your children's learning and wellbeing at home. This is vital work: you have helped to reduce the spread of the virus and save lives, for which all of us at James Cambell are very grateful. We will continue to provide work with all year groups on the website and will also provide you with ideas for summer holiday activities before the end of term.

The Government has made it clear that it is not compulsory for parents in any year group to send their children into school this term and it remains your decision whether to do so. If you have a child in one of the returning year groups and would like to discuss the possibility of them coming back to school, please get in touch with us.

In September, the Government has said that **all** children should return to school. In this issue of the newsletter, we therefore provide you with information on your child's class for next year.

In this newsletter, we also have:

- tips for continuing to support your child's learning at home
- a gallery of some of the great work that children have completed
- information on the food voucher scheme during the summer holidays
- information on coronavirus and keeping safe
- feedback from the February Ofsted report (which I wrote to you about last week)

Wishing you and your families all the best,

Joe Wilson

Headteacher

# Classes Next Year 2020-2021

## Your child's class next year

We are really looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school in September. Last week we therefore wrote to parents and carers about their children's classes and teachers for next year.

The new classes and teachers are set out in the table below. Parents/carers of children who are currently in nursery will receive a separate letter about their Reception class for next year.

Current class	New class	Teacher(s)	Current class	New class	Teacher(s)
RA	1A	Ms Davies	3A	4A	Ms Maddox
RB	1B	Mr Konis	3C	4B	Mr Budden
RC	1C	Ms Joyce	3B	4C	Ms Lobb
1A	2C	Ms Canary	4A	5A	Ms Thompson
1B	2A	Ms Allen	4B	5B	Ms Nyoni
1C	2B	Ms Hennelly	4C	5C	Mr Murray
2A	3B	Ms Crome and Ms Ali	5A	6C	Mr Eastick
2B	3C	Mr Kvak	5B	6B	Mr Hood
2C	3A	Mr Cheung	5C	6A	Ms McCullagh

Most of these teachers are already at the school. However, we are delighted to welcome three new teachers to the James Cambell team in September: Ms Canary, Ms Maddox and Mr Eastick. Ms Maddox and Ms Eastick are both experienced teachers who will further strengthen our teaching staff, while Ms Canary is a newly qualified teacher who has completed a successful placement at another school in Barking and Dagenham.

## Phone Calls are coming!



The teachers and teaching assistants are looking forward to everyone returning to The James Cambell Primary School in September.

Before the end of the summer term, your child will receive a phone call (where possible) from their new teacher introducing themselves.

The call will come from a withheld number. The teachers will also be able to answer any questions you may have.

# Supporting your child at home.

## Supporting your child's learning at home

All the work you do with your child at home will help them to be ready for the return to school in September. We appreciate that it isn't always easy and these tips may help you:

- Be realistic about what you can do. It's fine if your child doesn't complete every task: doing something is better than doing nothing
- Keep to a timetable wherever possible - and stick the timetable up on the wall
- Distinguish between weekdays for school work and weekends which are for relaxation
- Make a working space for your children if possible
- Change the routine if it isn't working
- Build in breaks for exercise
- Focus on developing the core skills that your child will need – such as times tables and spellings – and try to read with you child every day

We are continuing to provide weekly work for children from all year groups on our website (on the 'children' page under 'home learning'). Printed work packs are also available on request for those parents who cannot access the website.

If you have any questions about your child's home learning – or about suggestions for summer holiday activities – then please email your child's class teacher on the relevant email below:

Nursery	nursery@jamescambellprimary.org.uk
Reception	reception@jamescambellprimary.org.uk
Year 1	year1@jamescambellprimary.org.uk
Year 2	year2@jamescambellprimary.org.uk
Year 3	year3@jamescambellprimary.org.uk
Year 4	year4@jamescambellprimary.org.uk
Year 5	year5@jamescambellprimary.org.uk
Year 6	year6@jamescambellprimary.org.uk
Cambell Primary Centre (CPC)	cpc@jamescambellprimary.org.uk

## Food Vouchers over 'Summer 2020'

Eligibility for the scheme: Any child currently in receipt of benefits-related free school meals or who becomes eligible during the summer term is eligible for the Covid Summer Food Fund.

**The school will be in touch with those families who are eligible over the next few weeks.**

Supermarkets available



Aldi  
Asda  
M&S  
McColl's  
Morison's  
Sainsbury's  
Tesco  
Waitrose



# Ofsted Report



## Ofsted report

In February this year Ofsted inspected James Cambell. Their inspection report was published today and you can read the full report on both the school and the Ofsted websites.

Although the overall grading is 'requires improvement', Ofsted highlight the significant progress that the school has made recently. The report states that:

- the teaching of reading and mathematics has been improved quickly
- leaders have set high expectations for behaviour
- children say that they feel safe at school
- the nursery and Reception classes offer well-planned and engaging activities for children

The report provides two recommendations for further improvement. These are:

- to ensure that pupils achieve well in every subject across the curriculum
- to ensure that all staff apply the same high expectations of pupils' behaviour

We are now putting in place a plan to address these recommendations and to build on the school's existing strengths. We are determined that every child at the school should receive an excellent education in every subject, as well as feeling happy and safe at school.

The support of parents and the wider school community will be vital to the school's success and we would welcome any comments from you on how the school can continue to improve.

## Coronavirus and staying safe

Although the Government is now starting to lift the lockdown, we all need to continue to be careful to minimise the risk of the infection spreading.

At school we are continuing take precautions, such as having small 'bubbles' of children rather than whole classes, having different break times, and a staggered start to the beginning and end of the day. We also have hand sanitiser available at entries to the building.

At home, you have been working to stop the virus spreading by following guidelines on hygiene and social distancing.

### **Handwashing advice**

It remains essential that everyone washes their hands more often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Hand washing with soap loosens bacteria and viruses from the skin, rinsing them into the drain. Drying hands afterwards makes the skin less hospitable to the virus. Hand sanitiser can be effective if soap is not available (i.e. when outside).

The latest guidance and video on hand washing can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>

## ***Department for Education coronavirus helpline***

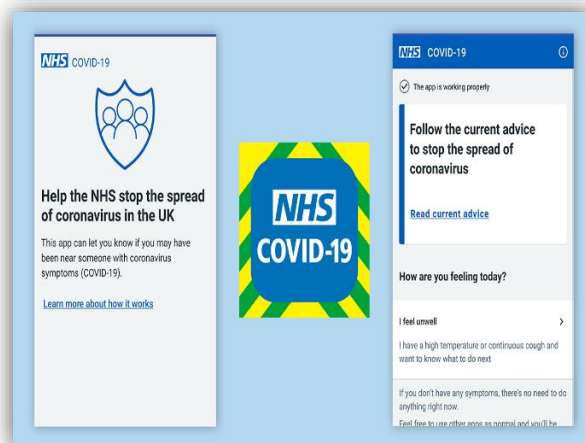
The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care.

Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm – Monday to Friday

10am to 4pm – Saturday and Sunday





# Amazing Work



Today my family and I cooked paella together. It was really tasty – Vanessa Year Four.



Aistis - Year Three enjoying his lava lamp experiment!



Muhammad Yusuf Nazir from Year Three is now a Roman legionary