James Cambell Primary School

Weekly Primary Newsletter

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Partnership Learning

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Our school values: Respect. Honesty. Responsibility. Equality. Resilience.

Message from the Headteacher

It is great to see everyone back and to feel like a real school again! I would like to thank all the parents and carers who have sent their children back: attendance has been very good and we are aiming to make it even better.

The children have settled in really well and are showing real enthusiasm and commitment to their learning. It's also great to see them looking so smart in their uniforms.

However, this has certainly been a start to the school year like no other. We have all had to get used to the new procedures around drop-off and collection. I appreciate that it is hard to maintain social distancing around the school gates, but we would be grateful for your continued assistance and patience in getting this right. It may seem inconvenient, but we have made the changes to try and keep your children safe.

With the recent rise in coronavirus cases, social distancing has become even more important and I would encourage parents to wear a face mask at the school gates for the protection of yourselves and your children. We all have a duty to act responsibly at this time.

I also understand how many of you have missed being able to talk to your teacher before and after school. We have therefore kept the year group emails open (see details below) and will also be uploading information about the curriculum in every year group onto our website on Monday.

A reminder that there is no school tomorrow because it is a teacher training day. I would therefore like to wish you all an enjoyable weekend. Stay safe!

With best wishes,

Joe Wilson

Headteacher

Watch this space.

I am committed to improving our communications with parents and as a result MySchool App will be launched by Friday 18th September 2020. You will be sent a link to download the school app via text or email and the app will allow you to have up to date information about the school.

James Cambell will also be launching a brand new school Facebook page, where you will also find useful information regarding the school.

How to contact your class teacher

All our staff are committed to your children's wellbeing and learning. If you have any questions for your class teacher or your child needs any support, then please send a message to their year group email:

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

Alternatively, you can telephone the school office on 020 8270 4684.

Stay safe before and after school

It is really important that we work together to stay safe during drop-off and collection times.

Please do the following to help us avoid congestion and stay safe:

- Ensure that you do not arrive more than five minutes before the time for your year group
- Each child should only be brought to school and collected by one adult
- Leave as soon as you have dropped off or collected your child
- Wear a face mask
- Follow social distancing guidelines
- Wait at the side of the pavement until the school gate opens so the pavement is clear for others

Please could we also ask that bicycles and scooters are not brought into school at the moment because there is no way for children to put them away without mixing with other year group bubbles.

Thank you for your help in keeping the children safe.

Advice from Public Health England and NHS Test and Trace on testing

Any child with coronavirus symptoms should stay at home and you should book a test online or over the telephone through 119.

Children should only be tested if:

1) they develop one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms: **a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell;** or
2) they are recommend to get tested by a healthcare provider (e.g. GP or nurse)

If a child develops one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms above, only they should be tested. There is no need for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic.

Unless a child has one of the three main coronavirus symptoms, they should only be tested if instructed by a healthcare professional. Children may feel unwell, for example with a sore throat, stomach upset or headache. These children don't need a test, but may need to stay off school and seek medical advice through their GP or pharmacist as usual.

Handwashing advice

It is essential that everyone washes their hands more often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Hand washing with soap employs mechanical action that 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 or the situation makes using soap less feasible.

Water bottles

Please could you send in a water bottle labelled with your child's name. We are not able to supply cups at the moment.

Book bags for children

Please could all children bring a book bag to school. Children will be given a reading book on Mondays to return on Friday.

Children in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 2 cannot bring in backpacks because we have nowhere to store them.

Message for year 6 parents on admissions to secondary school

All year 6 children have received a guide explaining the admissions process for secondary schools.

It is very important that you read this guide because parents must apply online **no later than 31 October 2020** at either www.eadmissions.org.uk or use the link at www.lbbd.gov.uk/admissions

If you have any questions about the process, please contact the school office.

School Dates

School dates for this year are on the school website. You can find them at:
http://www.jamescambell.com/?page_id=4215