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



Message from the Headteacher

I hope you enjoy reading this end of year newsletter.

And what a year it has been! Throughout all the challenges and disruption, two things have always impressed me: the amazing commitment and resilience of the children at James Cambell and your unwavering support for them. It has been a privilege for all of us at the school to work with you and your children throughout this year.

Despite all the challenges, the children have still achieved so much. To pick out just a few achievements:

- the great progress all the younger children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 have made with their phonics and reading;
- the incredible times table results achieved by the children of year 4 – their constant practice means they have scored higher than the borough and national averages; and
- the results of our year 6 children in their tests which were significantly higher than those achieved in previous years. This provides them with an excellent foundation to go forward into their new schools.

I would like to thank you for all the help you have provided the children at home in making this progress, not least from January to March when the school was closed to most children.

Since returning to school, the children have been able to enjoy a variety of events and activities, including International Week, Sports Days and the re-introduction of swimming for year 5 children.

The progress made this year means that we can look forward to a successful future and the opportunity to provide all the children of James Cambell with the opportunities they deserve. Most of all, I am looking forward to being able to invite you to events at the school and I am hoping (subject to Covid restrictions) to be able to hold a greeting event early next term so you have the opportunity to meet the teachers from your year group.

Finally, we would all like to say goodbye to the children of year 6 and wish them all the best in the next stage of their education at secondary school. And a special shout out for the children of 6C who unfortunately needed to miss their last days at James Cambell through needing to self-isolate. We know you will all be great in your new schools and we hope you will come back and visit us in the future!

On behalf of all the staff at James Cambell, I wish you all a happy and relaxing summer – and look forward to seeing you on Thursday 2nd September 2021.

Best wishes,

Joe Wilson

2021 – 2022 Start Times and Entry / Exit Points

Year Group	Start Time	End Time	Entrance	Exit
Nursery	9:00 am	12:00 pm	Nursery Gate	Nursery Gate
Reception	8:45 am	3:00 pm	Reception Gate	Reception Gate
Year 1	8:45 – 8:55 am	3:10 pm	Year 1 Gate	Year 1 Gate
Year 2	8:45 – 8:55 am	3:10 pm	Year 2 Gate	Year 2 Gate
Year 3	8:40 – 8:50 am	3:20 pm	Year 3 & 4 KS2 Gate	Year 3 & 4 KS2 Gate
Year 4	8:40 – 8:50 am	3:20 pm	Year 3 & 4 KS2 Gate	Year 3 & 4 KS2 Gate
Year 5	8:40 – 8:50 am	3:20 pm	Year 5 & 6 KS2 Main Gate	Year 5 & 6 KS2 Main Gate
Year 6	8:40 – 8:50 am	3:20 pm	Year 5 & 6 KS2 Main Gate	Year 5 & 6 KS2 Main Gate

Playground improvements for Key Stage 1

During the autumn term, we will be making some exciting improvements to our Key Stage 1 playground. We will be constructing a new sand pit and also installing a climbing structure.

This is how the new climbing structure should look after installation:



This should make play times much more fun for the children of years 1 and 2!

Arc Theatre Group

The Arc Theatre Group came into the school and performed an amazing play based on hate crime in World War 2. After the play, they also discussed the importance of inclusion and diversity. During their discussions, they talked about working as a community and raising public awareness to tackle racism.

Here are some thoughts from year 6 children:

"I found it really interesting because in real-life some people get accused and blamed for things they did not do. This play reminded me of these things." Tolani

"It was really good and interesting because it taught us about hypocrisy in World War 2. The actors were really good and the brother with the trim was really hilarious." Joshua

"I enjoyed how they acted out The Blitz to suit our age group instead of acting it out to adults as it would have made it boring. It was really informative and I learnt a lot more about The Blitz, which helped me to write my Non-chronological Report in English." Menaal



Parent survey results: your views matter!

Thank you to everyone who completed the recent parent survey and gave us your views on what you think the school does well and how we can improve.

Here are some of the results:

- 97% of parents said that their child felt happy at school
- 90% said that the school had high expectations of their child
- 95% said that their child does well at the school
- 92% said that there was a good range of subjects available at the school
- 82% said that they would recommend the school to another parent

And a few of your comments:

'My children are happy and content to attend the school.'

'Very supportive and a good environment for pupils'

'Kind teachers and patient'

'Effective communication between the school and parents'

'The messaging system is excellent. If I have any concerns or I just need to give the class teacher a message they are read promptly and acknowledged very quickly'

'The values which are taught'

'School staff are very friendly'

'It is a well-structured school'

There are obviously ways we can improve and we are aiming for 100% of parents wanting to recommend the school to other parents. Here are a few of the suggestions that we are now taking forward:

- Some of you said that you would like the school to provide more clubs. As well as the after school and breakfast clubs, next year we will be providing a range of other clubs – you will have already seen a letter about some sports clubs and we will provide you with details of other opportunities in September.
- We will be running more events and workshops to which parents are invited.
- We are looking to improve play times so that there is more for the children to do. You can see our plans for equipment in Key Stage 1 in this newsletter; in addition, we are working on a project called OPAL to enhance the activities available to children at playtimes.

If you would like to discuss one of the ideas you raised in the survey, please do not hesitate to contact the school in September and we would be happy to speak to you.



Year 6 Careers Week



During Careers Week, the children of year 6 had an amazing time listening to different speakers talk about their careers.

We had a journalist, a neurologist, a TV producer, an accountant and a solicitor visit the school and we are very grateful to them for giving up their time to speak to the children.

It made the children really think about what career they would choose when they grow up and all the opportunities that could be available for them after leaving school.

Here are some of the comments from the children:

"I wanted to become an accountant after listening to the talk because I'm good with numbers and, I now know that it's interesting - it's something I would like to do when I grow up." Kajani

"I found listening to all the different careers interesting. It made me think about what I wanted to be when I grow up - I'm thinking about becoming a doctor or going into the medical field when I eventually choose a career." Akanksha

"It made me think about my career when I grow up. I enjoyed the accountant's talk and realised that I was good at numbers when I was the first one to complete the maths challenge and win the prize." Harley

"I enjoyed the journalist's talk as well as the accountant's because I see myself doing one of these careers when I grow up." Neidas

"I really enjoyed listening to the neurologist and was inspired by him - when I grow up I'm aiming to become a doctor." Aleena



Speak Out Stay Safe Assemblies – NSPCC

In the week beginning 5th July all classes took part in the NSPCC Speak out and Stay Safe Virtual assemblies.

These were designed specifically for Key Stage 1 and 2 children and took place in classes.

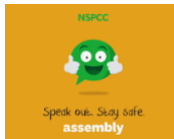
The purpose of the assemblies was to highlight what children should do if they feel worried or scared about something. The assembly reminds children that things have been harder this last year due to being in and out of school, being in different classes or not being able to do some of the things they did before.

The last year has led to some children feeling worried and unhappy or scared and they need to know what their rights are: to speak out and be heard, to be safe and to get help when they need it. Using an illustrated story it showed children how telling an adult in school can help improve things for them.



International Week

This half term we celebrated International Week. We enjoyed learning about the different cultures within our school. As part of the celebration, different year groups decorated their classrooms with flags, learned songs and dances from other countries - and some children even showed off clothing from their own cultures in a fashion show! At James Cambell we are lucky and very proud to have such a diverse community!



Year 5 visit Jo Richardson to see 'Wonderland'

Jo Richardson Community School invited the Year 5 students to attend a matinee performance of their production "Wonderland" based on Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*. It was an excellent performance combining drama with dance and singing. It was superb to see so many of our ex-pupils thriving.

All the children were really buzzing with excitement after the performance. "I didn't think I was going to enjoy it but it was great" and "better than watching a film" were just two of their comments!



Year 6 visit to Valence House

Two year 6 classes had an amazing visit to Valence House. It helped them to learn more about World War 2 which is their topic this half term.

The children learnt about rationing; cooked a vegetable soup together with some bread; picked herbs from the herb garden to go in our soup and bread; made propaganda posters and took part in drama about evacuation.

At the end of the day we tasted our soup and bread. It was delicious - a lovely end to a lovely day!



Staff changes

This term we are saying goodbye to a number of teachers – Ms Davies, Ms Allen, Mr Kvak, Ms Coupland and Mr Budden. We would like to wish them all the best for the future and thank them for all the work they have done for the children at James Cambell.

In September, we are excited to be joined by a number of new staff, some of whom will already be known to you:

- Ms Mulenga in year 1, who will be in class with Mr Konis
- Ms Osei in year 2, who was a trainee here this year
- Mr Rahman in year 3, who was previously at Eastbury Primary School
- Ms Seth in year 3, who acted as a mentor for many of our year 5 children this year
- Ms Ahmad in year 6, who is an experienced teacher from Elmhurst Primary School in Newham

We warmly welcome them to James Cambell and look forward to them teaching your children in the years ahead.

Sports Days



Over the last two weeks every class from nursery to year 6 enjoyed a range of events at their Sports Days. It was great to see them competing and hopefully some of them will go on to being successful athletes in the future.

Next year we very much hope we will be able to invite parents to our Sports Days!



Term Dates for next year



Thursday 2 nd September 2021	Start of the School Year
Monday 25 th October 2021	Half Term
Friday 17 th December 2021	Last Day of the Autumn Term
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	First Day of the Spring Term
Monday 14 th February – Friday 18 th February 2022	Half Term
Friday 1 st April 2022	Last Day of the Spring Term
Tuesday 19 th April 2022	First Day of the Summer Term
Tuesday 3 rd May 2022	May Day Holiday
Tuesday 31 st May 2022-Friday 3 rd June 2021	Half Term
Wednesday 20 th July 2022	Last Day of the School Year

JAMES CAMPBELL PRIMARY SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2021/2022

2nd September 2021 = First Day of Autumn term
20th July 2022 = Last Day of Summer Term

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For pupils:
Autumn term: Thursday 2nd September 2021 – Friday 17th December 2021
Spring term: Wednesday 5th January 2022 – Friday 1st April 2022
Summer term: Tuesday 19th April 2022 – Wednesday 20th July 2022

For staff:
2 aggregated days to be delivered as twilight: 21st & 22nd July 2022
2 discretionary days holiday: 20th - 21st December 2021

Bank holidays
School holidays
Staff Inset Days – non-pupil days

FREE SUMMER EVENTS

Black and White Ball- Year 6 Leavers Party



In keeping with Cambell tradition, we were able to celebrate with the year 6 children by having the Black and White Ball. Fun was had by all who attended; the effort the children put into their appearance was mind-blowing! It was truly amazing to see all of the children have such a wonderful time, after such a tough year.

A huge thank you to the devoted members of staff who dedicated their time to help prepare such an unforgettable event - Jay Dance, Irena Duro, Julie Nelson, Molly Dance and Rita Campbell. They really did a brilliant job decorating the hall and transforming it into a palace of elegance and sophistication! Also, a huge thank you to all the staff who attended the event to ensure the children had a fantastic time.

Free Summer activities

The Government's Holiday Activities and Food Programme is funding FREE summer activities with lunch for children and young people that are eligible for Free School Meals.

Please visit <https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/free-summer-activities> for details of what's on offer.

There are some truly fantastic opportunities available through high quality providers, with around 3000 places available across the summer holidays.



Covid-19: Advice from Director of Public Health

The Director of Public Health has written to all parents/carers of primary school children to encourage you to have a PCR test before you return to school in September. This will help reduce the risk of people spreading the virus at the beginning of the new term.

His letter explains how you book a test. You can find a copy of the letter on the home page of the school website.

Moving to secondary school in September 2022

If your child was born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011

This move is not an automatic process. You will need to apply online for a place at the secondary-phase schools you would like your child to go to if they were born between the dates shown above.

Apply online from 1 September 2021 and the closing date for all applications is 31 October 2021.

- Look out for our 'quick guide', which your child's Barking and Dagenham school will give you the first week your child returns in September.
- The admissions process is explained in full within the e-booklet 'Moving to secondary school in 2022' which will be available on our website from 1 September 2021.
- Find out what our 12 secondary-phase schools have to offer at their open evenings or mornings. Due to the social-distancing rules in place because of the Covid-19 pandemic, please book your tour in advance online. Links will be available from each school's website from 1 September 2021. You may have a long wait if you do not pre-register.
- Watch our presentation about the admissions process on YouTube. The presentation gives you important information about applying for a place at a secondary-phase school and is available on our website.



**Apply
Online**

from 1 September 2021
[www.lbld.gov.uk/
admissions](http://www.lbld.gov.uk/admissions)

All Saints Catholic School

Website: www.allsaintsschool.co.uk
Open evening: Wednesday 6 October 2021,
5.30pm to 8.30pm.

Barking Abbey – a specialist sports and humanities college

Website: www.barkingabbeyschool.co.uk
Open evening on both sites:
Wednesday 29 September 2021, 5pm to 7pm
Please visit the site closest to your home
address.

Dagenham Park Church of England School

Website: www.dagenhampark.org.uk
Open evening: Tuesday 21 September 2021,
4.30pm to 7.30pm or
Open morning: Friday 24 September 2021,
9.30am to 12.30pm.

Eastbrook School

Website: www.eastbrookschool.org
Open evening: Thursday 16 September 2021,
5pm to 7pm.

Eastbury Community School

Website: www.eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk
Open evening: Wednesday 22 September
2021, 4pm to 7pm.

Goresbrook School

Website: www.goresbrookschool.org.uk
Open evening: Monday 27 September 2021,
6pm to 8pm.
Open morning: Wednesday 6 October 2021,
9am to 10.30am.

Greatfields School

Website: www.greatfieldsschool.com
Open evening:
Monday 13 September 2021, 7pm or
Open mornings:
Wednesday 15 September 2021, 9am or
Thursday 16 September 2021, 9am.

Jo Richardson Community School

Website: www.jorichardson.org.uk
Open evening:
Thursday 9 September 2021, 6pm to 9pm.

Riverside School

Website: www.riversidecampus.com
Open evening:
Wednesday 8 September 2021,
5pm to 7pm.

Robert Clack School of Science – a specialist college

Website: www.robertclack.co.uk
Open evening: Thursday 23 September
2021, 6pm to 8.30pm on Green Lane site.

The Sydney Russell School

Website: www.sydneyrussellschool.com
Open evening:
Monday 20 September 2021, 7pm.
Open mornings:
Wednesday 22 September 2021, 9am or
Thursday 23 September 2021, 9am.

The Warren School

Website: www.thewarrenschool.net
Open evening:
Thursday 30 September 2021,
5pm to 7pm.

Options when your child reaches Year-9 (13 and 14 year olds)

When deciding which secondary schools to apply for, please keep in mind that children can change to another type of school in Year-9 called Technical training or studio schools. For full details, see the e-booklet 'Technical and training schools' which is published on our website from 1 September 2021.

We have a UTC school in this borough called Elutec in Dagenham. Please see ELUTEC's website in August for the date and time of their open day event.

ELUTEC – East London university technical college, Yew Tree Avenue, Rainham Road South, Dagenham East, RM10 7FN
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