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

Message from the Headteacher



It has been great to see all the children back at school for the last four weeks. They have settled in really well, are working hard and enjoying their learning.

Much of the thanks for that goes to you, the wonderful parents and carers of James Cambell. The work you did with your children during the lockdown has helped to ensure that they continued to learn and were ready to return to school. I would also like to pay tribute to all the staff here for the excellent support they have provided to you and to the children in their home learning.

We all hope that there will not need to be another lockdown and schools will now remain open. However, we all need to continue to follow the guidelines – including social distancing, mask wearing and good hygiene (hands, face, space). I am very grateful to all of you for your support in this. Please try to distance as much as possible on the pavement outside the school gates – I know it's difficult, but we should do everything we can to avoid another surge of cases.

I would kindly ask you to do two things during the holidays to help keep everyone safe:

- if your child tests positive for coronavirus during the holidays **and** their symptoms started within 48 hours of last attending school, please email us on covidresults@jamescambellprimary.org.uk
- Arrange for your child to have a coronavirus test before returning to school on Monday 19th April. You will need to arrange this at least two days before school restarts to ensure that the result is back in time. You can book the test on the the government website <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. Further details about how to do this are in the letter from the Director of Public Health on the school website. <http://www.jamescambell.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Letter-to-Parents-Asymptomatic-Testing-Mar-2021-Primary.pdf>

Despite the disruption caused by Covid-19, there have still been lots of exciting things going on at the school. You can read about them in this newsletter.

Things are also slowly starting to return to normal and I am very pleased to let you know that hot dinners will be available for all children after the holiday.

I wish you all a very well-deserved holiday and, for those who are celebrating, a happy Easter.

With very best wishes,

Joe Wilson



Painting in the CPC

The children of the Cambell Primary Centre (CPC) did a project where they listened to the BBC Lockdown Orchestra and painted what they heard using different materials.

As you can see, hands and arms played a part!



Red Nose Day

On Friday 19th March, the children came to school in red to raise money for Comic Relief Red Nose Day. It had never felt more important than this year to have some fun and raise money to support people living incredibly tough lives.

The school raised an amazing £381. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.



Votes for School

Every week the children from years 1 to 6 discuss a 'Votes for Schools' topic, which helps increase their knowledge and understanding of current affairs. As a parent, it would be great if you asked your child about the topic and discussed it with them at home.

This week's topic was 'Should the public decide which films win awards?' At the end of their discussion, the children get to vote on the topic – and to compare their vote to the views of children nationally.



Reception Admissions

Is your child due to start school in September 2021?

If your child was born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, they can start school in September, and you should have applied for their place by Friday 15 January.

If you missed this date, don't panic, there is still time and you can apply by visiting www.lbbd.gov.uk/school-admissions

It's important to know that getting your child a place at school is not an automatic process, so you still have to apply, even if they are already in the nursery or they have a brother or sister in the school.

Nursery Admissions

If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and August 31st 2018, you can apply for a nursery place at our school to start in September 2021.

Please contact the school office for details.

Safer Internet Day

Keeping our children safe online is a priority for us at James Cambell so on February 9th we were excited to celebrate Safer Internet Day 2021, even though it had to be done from home.

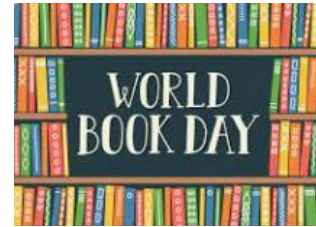
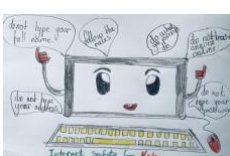
This year's theme was: 'An internet we trust: Exploring reliability in the online world'. Each year group looked at different aspects of internet safety as well as the reliability and motives of content online. Nursery and Reception read a story about Smartie the Penguin. They learnt that if they are ever not sure about something, they should ask a trusted adult.

Year 1 became 'Fact Detectives' and learnt about checking the facts they find online with the help of 'Detective Digiduck'. Year 2 became 'Class Dojo influencers' and made videos to tell everyone how to stay safe online. They also made posters to spread the internet safety message.

Meanwhile, year 3 were internet detectives for the day and created posters to share what we should do to check what we read online is reliable and true; year 4 wrote their own paragraphs of 'fact or fake?' information.

In year 5, the children identified the motives behind different content, such as adverts and social media posts. They also learnt the definitions of some new words. Finally, year 6 discovered that things are not always as they appear and it is important to look at the bigger picture when deciding whether to trust something online.

Here are some great examples of work completed during Safer Internet Day:



World Book Day 2021 at James Cambell!

World Book Day was quite different this year as we celebrated the day at home through remote learning. Although we were at home, the day was a huge success, and this was down to the fantastic effort of the teachers and the children's enthusiasm. The day was full of fun activities and we had lots of fun guessing the masked readers. Thank you to all the children who did their own masked readers and to everyone who took part. World Book Day is not just for a day, but it lasts all year so please log onto www.worldbookday.com for lots of games, competitions, quizzes, videos and fun activities during the Easter holidays.

To continue the success of World Book Day, we had a special James Cambell Book Day on Thursday 4th March. This gave the children (and teachers) the opportunity to celebrate the power of reading and dress up as their favourite literary characters. This was a really enjoyable day for everyone; the costumes were fantastic and creative this year, as they are every year. The children shared the day with their friends, took part in fun lessons that centred on reading and shared fantastic stories.

Reading is incredibly important to learning and we are lucky at James Cambell to have such amazing books to help us develop reading. We want you to continue to read at home during the Easter holidays. Children have access to Bug Club (<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>) which allows children to read lots of fantastic books to read for free and help with their understanding too. Children in Reception, years one and two have access to the Oxford Owl www.home.oxfordowl.co.uk to support with their phonics and reading.



Some masked readers from World Book Day

Nursery Exploring Bubbles for Science Week.



Remote Learning

A huge thank you to families, children and staff for working so hard during lockdown. It was a great team effort from everyone. Staff have been very grateful to all the positive feedback from our school community. If any classes need to self-isolate in the future, we will return to the successful arrangements using Class Dojo.

Absence Notification

If your child is going to be absent, please contact the school or use My School App.

Langley Crescent Parking



We understand Langley Crescent can get very congested at drop off and collection times. Why not park further away from school and walk the final part with your child? We are also in the process of getting more bike racks to encourage our children to cycle to school where possible.

Please do not drop your child off in the middle of the road as it is unsafe and help keep our neighbours happy by not parking across their drives.

We regularly have parking enforcement outside our school.



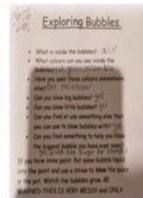
Play at James Cambell

We want to get the children playing and learning as much as possible. We are making the most of our amazing quads, courtyards and fields at our school. Over the next few months we will be sharing our exciting plans for our playgrounds – watch this space!

Time capsules in Reception

For Census Day the children talked about what life may be like in the future. Two children in each Reception class completed a time capsule worksheet which consisted of drawing and labelling their favourite food, the job they would like to do, their family and their favourite things. We also took a class photograph. The photos and sheets were put into the time capsule and buried in the playground.

The capsules will be dug up in ten years time!



The Nursery children were given a bottle of bubbles and a sheet with some questions to take home to explore bubbles with their family. Here are some of the photographs the parents sent in of the children exploring and having great fun with the bubbles.

Science Week

From 8th to 12th March, James Cambell celebrated Science Week. The theme was 'Innovating for the Future' and the children put their scientific and creative skills to the test completing a range of exciting investigations.

Here are just a few examples...



Hot Dinners

We are pleased to confirm that hot dinners will be available to all children after the Easter holiday. You can find the menu on the school website at http://www.jamescambell.com/?page_id=5165

Easter Bonnets



There have been some absolutely amazing entries into our Easter bonnets and eggs competition. Unfortunately, it's too late to include many photos in this newsletter - but we will cover them in our next edition.

Music at James Cambell



We are very pleased to announce that James Cambell Primary has been awarded a Music Mark accreditation. This award shows that the school is improving their musical delivery and opportunities for the children. It also allows the school to access many resources, which will enhance children's lessons.



Ramadan – a message for our Muslim families

It will soon be the holy month of Ramadan and we are aware that this is an extremely important time for our Muslim families. The holy month is due to commence from around 12th April 2021 (during the Easter holidays) until Eid al-Fitr, around 12th May 2021.

We understand that when children reach puberty they are expected to fast (children under the age of puberty are not expected to fast). However, we are also aware that children who fast may feel tired, find it difficult to concentrate and be at risk of dehydration.

To ensure that our children continue to learn to the best of their ability, the school requires that every pupil participate in the whole curriculum and therefore recommends that children in primary school do not fast on school days. We would suggest parents consider supporting their children, who have reached puberty, to fast at weekends and during the holiday.

However, if your child has reached puberty and you feel it is appropriate for them to fast on some school days during Ramadan, please complete the slip below and return it to your class teacher. Due to the school's duty of care, we ask that if your child is fasting that they go home for the lunch hour and then return to school for the afternoon lessons. We will also be asking your child to sit out of any PE and sporting events.

Children who fast will be monitored during their lessons and parents will be called if any child shows signs of being unwell. If parents cannot be contacted, you will obviously expect us to support the children in their well-being.

For families observing Ramadan may we wish you well in your challenge and Ramadan ul-Mubarak.

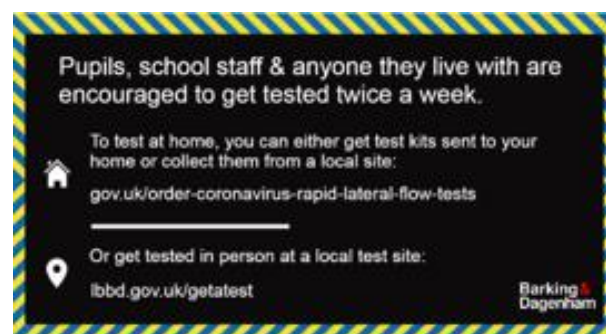
Key Dates in Summer Term

Monday 19 th April	First day of summer term
Friday 23 rd April	Shakespeare Day
Friday 28 th May	Last day of summer 1
Monday 7 th June	First day of summer 2
Wednesday 14 th July	Sports Day
Friday 16 th July	Last day of summer term

Start and End times for the school day

The times continue to be as follows:

Year Group	Start time	End time
Nursery	9.00am	12.00pm
Reception	8.45am	2.50pm
Year 1	8.55am	3.10pm
Year 2	8.45am	3.00pm
Year 3	8.55am	3.15pm
Year 4	8.45am	3.15pm
Year 5	8.40am	3.10pm
Year 6	8.50am	3.20pm



<https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/get-a-coronavirus-test>



♥ Thank you to the staff, parents & pupils who have done their bit to keep others safe as schools returned.

🐣 Enjoy the Easter holidays & stay safe.

Please continue to follow the rules and keep testing your family regularly.

👉 <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>