



## Message from Headteacher

Dear all,

We are coming to the end of another exciting year at James Cambell!

I would like to start by congratulating all the children on their hard work and amazing progress. From Early Years to year 6, the school's results have been really strong. Children in Reception, year 1, year 2, year 4 and year 6 all had statutory assessments and, as last year, the results have been in line with or above national averages. This provides the children with a great platform for future success.

While academic success is clearly important, it is only one part of the overall picture. Over the year, we have worked to provide children with a whole range of opportunities, whether it is improving our playgrounds, arranging exciting trips out of school and visitors into school or performing in assemblies for you, our parents. A particular highlight has been the events that the children themselves suggested, such as the Culture Day on 16<sup>th</sup> June and last Friday's Kindness Day. You can read about some of these great opportunities in this newsletter.

None of this would have been possible without the incredible support of parents and carers, and the skill and commitment of the staff at the school. The summer fair, organised by our amazing hardworking PTA, was a real highlight and showed James Cambell at its absolute best. I would like to thank the whole school community for making this such a great year for our children.

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. We know you will all be great in your new schools and we hope you will come back and visit us in the future!

I wish you all a very happy summer holiday – and look forward to seeing you back at school, refreshed and ready, on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

With very best wishes,  
Mr Wilson

## Year 2 Chalkwell Beach: Seaside trip

Year 2 have had a great summer term with so many exciting things happening. Following on from our hard work during the SATs we have taken part in so many amazing activities for PE enrichment afternoon we all played tennis and hockey with coaches, we had animal encounters with some animals from Australia as well as our fabulous trip to Chalkwell beach where we took part in tug of war on the beach and found so many crabs!!



## Year 5 Chalkwell Beach: Seaside Trip

Year 5 had a fabulous time at the Seaside. Children absolutely loved playing in the water as well as enjoying a delicious ice-cream at the end of the day. It was just disappointing that it had to end.

Charlie in 5A said, "This is the best Y5 trip ever!!!"



### Parent Coffee Morning

These have been a great success. From September 2023 our parents' events will include guest speakers to support you with looking after your Mental Health & Wellbeing, access to adult education and so much more! Stay tuned. For now, here is some feedback from parents who have attended.



  
**JAMES CABELL PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**COFFEE MORNING**  
*Come & Join Us Everyone Is Welcome!*



**Wednesdays 9am – 10am**

- Information on Barking & Dagenham event and support.
- What's happening at our school?
- Get to know our Inclusion Team.
- Sharing tips & signposting to help with the 'Cost of Living'
- Food Bank Vouchers & Clothing Bank



### Parent Coffee Morning – May 2023

#### How we feel:

- "Valuable Information" ♡
- "We are happy to know someone is okay to help us".
- "Parents morning has help us a lot and am always looking forward to it".
- "A safe place to express ourselves".
- "Always laugh and smile" ♡
- "This group sessions has helped me get great information in regards to supporting myself & kids it has also helped me rise out of depression and anxiety as everyone has been kind & understanding".
- "Coffee mornings gave us confidence"
- "We are always happy to be here".
- "Friendship" ♡

#### What would we like to see:

- More information with housing
- Speakers to share info on benefits and job opportunities
- Can the local college help me with courses?
- Wellbeing Speakers
- Bagels 😊

### Young Peoples Safety Summit



Over the past few years, the Local Authority has organised an annual **Young People's Safety Summit** for Secondary Schools. This has served as incredibly valuable opportunity for key stakeholders to hear directly from young people about their experiences of safety and safeguarding in Barking and Dagenham, through schools, friendship groups and the community. Outcomes of the summits have directly informed the work of our Community Safety Partnership, and Safeguarding Children's Board.

**James Cambell Primary** pupils attended the first ever Safety Summit for upper Key Stage 2 pupils. This was a great opportunity to hear about the lived experience of our children.

We were proudly represented by **Zachary, Hazel, Hope and Hayden** who shared their experiences and insight into what it like living and attending school in LBBB. Their input will form part of the feedback that will keep all of our children and young people safe in the borough.



### **Nursery and Reception Admissions**

Last week Mrs Sullivan held the Reception and Nursery Intake Meetings. We have lots of new and exciting plans for our Early Years. The most exciting is that from September 2023 we will be offering full time Nursery! The role out of this has been so successful that our Nursery is now full and we have a waiting list.



If your child is starting with us in September, in either Nursery or Reception, do not forget to keep an eye on Class DOJO for messages and photos from your child's teacher.

### **A reminder of EYFS dates for September:**

#### **Reception**

Start Date: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September - ½ days for this week only

Full Days Commence: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September

#### **Nursery**

Home Visits: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Settling sessions: 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Full Days Commence: 25<sup>th</sup> September

(You will have been emailed with your child's sessions and home visit times)

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child to start with us in September.



Jamal has been with us from Reception to Year 6. In that time he hasn't had a single absence from school!

To achieve 100% attendance for your whole primary school life is really quite an accomplishment. So a HUGE well done to Jamal and his mother for achieving this!!



### **Year 6 trip to Valance House**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Year 6 visited Valance House Museum to support their study of World War 2. When we arrived at the museum, we were split into groups and directed to our first activity. There were three activities in total, all of which were such great fun! One of them was the making of soup, bread, and coconut ice. Many people during the war were encouraged to grow their own fruit and vegetables to supplement their food allowance from rationing and help feed their families. Later in

the day, we were lucky enough to sample the end products. They were amazing!

A drama session allowed us to immerse ourselves into the lives of evacuees; we have so many talented actors and actresses in the making. For some children, it was difficult to get billeted, and their treatment in their new homes was quite dreadful. The third activity gave us the opportunity to be creative. We were able to design and paint a poster to help people stay safe, help the war effort by working in the factories, digging for victory and growing our own vegetables to mention but a few.

We learnt so much from our visit and were able to use the information in our work. We thoroughly recommend a visit over the summer. You'll love it!



### Year 5: History Trip Eastbury Manor House

Year 5 had an amazing day at Eastbury Manor House. Children learnt all about life during the Tudor times. Some children also had an opportunity to dress up in Tudor clothes. We had a splendid day.



### Arc Theatre: Year 5

In Year 5 and 6 we had the Arc Theatre come in and deliver an interactive dynamic live theatre and multi-media educational workshop. They explored and challenged hate crime and extremism; this helps build stronger communities. Children enjoyed watching the play, learnt a lot about extremism and had lots of questions at the end of the workshop. They were also very pleased with the children's behaviour during the performance. Well done Year 5.



### Year 4 Guitar Performance to Parents

The amazingly talented children of Year 4 treated staff and parents to a wonderful guitar performance. Mr Hughes commented it was the best attended performance this year!

Every year, the school provides funding for all children in Year 4 to learn the guitar from the Borough's Music Hub. For only £40 for the whole year, children can continue with their lessons in Year 5. Lessons will be held at school. Contact the Music Hub for details on 020 8270 6690.



## Science Fair

The theme of this year's Science Fair was 'Save the Bees'. Each year group learned about the importance of bees to our environment. We were so impressed with the home learning. All the entrants are proudly displayed in our Science Room. Well done everyone!



## Summer Fair

The Summer Fair was a great success and everyone had a fantastic time!

Thank you to all staff in making it possible. Special thanks to everyone who so generously donated towards the Summer Fair, and of course parent/carers and friends for your continued support.



## Kindness Day



The Anti Bullying Ambassadors organised a 'Feel Good Friday' at school last week. This is the second part of their Diana Award challenge.

Children danced into school to the music in the playground. Staff and children took time to perform random acts of kindness. Everyone made a handprint for our school rainbow of kindness. It was a really special day for our school community. We look forward to the next one.



## Summer Fun in the Rainbow Room

The children had a lot of fun after their classroom was transformed into a beach for the day! Eesa, Temi, Nathan, Gabriel & Oliver had a brilliant time! Thank you, Ms Grain and Ms Aktar for making wonderful memories.



## Goodbyes and welcomes

At the end of term we say goodbye to Ms Collier, Ms Hazell and Mrs Storrie, and would like to thank them for all their work in supporting the children at the school.

In September, we will be welcoming two experienced teachers to the school, Ms Prees and Mrs Redmond. Ms Prees will be joining the Year 1 team, while Mrs Redmond will be in Year 4.

## Parent Survey Results

### **Your Views Matter!**

### ***Feedback from the Parent survey***

Thank you so much to everyone who responded to the recent parent survey. It was great to have over 200 responses and to hear your views on the school.

Overall, you were very positive about the school:

- 97% of you said that your child felt happy at school
- 86% agreed that the school makes sure that their child is well-behaved
- 96% of you said that the school has high expectations for your child
- 97% agreed their child does well at school
- 94% thought that there were a good range of subjects available at the school
- 89% would recommend the school to another parent

The percentages reflect the improvements that the school is continuing to make.

Here are a few of your comments:

*I love that my child loves going to James Cambell. I could not wish for a better school for him.*

*I like the playground – they have different activities for kids.*

*Teachers are available to talk to if there are any concerns every day and always find time to talk.*

*Teachers are friendly, approachable and responsive. They are constantly striving to improve and be better.*

*I like that if something is wrong they will deal with it quickly.*

*Every single teacher my son has had has gone above and beyond.*

*We like that children are encouraged to reach their goals.*

*Community-orientated.*

*Friendly and professional teachers and staff. High standard of teaching ability and knowledge. Discipline is firm but friendly. A happy atmosphere.*

*Staff are very friendly and try their best to find solutions. My child is happy here.*

*I love the new behaviour policy (ready, respectful, safe) and have even implemented some if it at home. Also OPAL is great.*

*The teachers are fantastic and kids are happy.*

*I love how the teachers are very supportive towards children.*

However, we also know that we can do better. It was really helpful to have your suggestions on how we can improve the school even further.

We have set out some of your main points in the questions and answers below:

#### **What are the plans for clubs next year?**

We will continue to look for opportunities to expand the range of clubs that are available to our children. We already run a range of after-school clubs next year and will be writing to you in September about what clubs will be available next year. There will be a small charge for these clubs to be able to cover our costs; however, they will be free if your child is eligible for Pupil Premium (please speak to the office if you think this might apply to you - we would be happy to help).

#### **Can children have more homework?**

It is always a difficult balance to set the right amount of homework. Our policy is to provide sufficient homework to support the child's essential learning in reading, writing and maths. We also aim to set homework that it is relatively easy for parents/carers to help with at home - for example reading, spellings and times tables. It really helps your child if you can support them with their homework and ensure that they always complete it.

We appreciate that some of you who would like us to set more homework. If this applies to you, then please speak to your class teacher about other activities and websites that you could use to support your child at home.

#### **How does the school support children with SEND (special educational needs and disability)?**

Every child matters and we work hard to meet the educational needs of all our pupils, working closely in partnership with parents to achieve this.

We therefore aim to provide a curriculum which is accessible to all our pupils, delivered through high quality teaching with staff who understand the individual needs of the pupils in their classes. However, we recognise that some pupils will encounter a greater challenge with learning, and these pupils will require additional support, strategies or materials to access the curriculum.

If you would like to find out more about how the school can support the individual needs of your child, then please arrange to speak with your class teacher or with the SENDCo, Hazel Thompson.

#### **What is the school's view on parental behaviour at the school gate?**

At James Cambell, we have high expectations of the behaviour of everyone within the school community - children, staff and parents/carers. We would strongly encourage everyone to model respectful behaviour towards each other and avoid using bad language. We are grateful to the overwhelming majority of parents/carers who already act as excellent role models for the children.

Unfortunately, there have been rare occasions of appropriate language or behaviour and this will not be tolerated. If the school becomes aware of a parent/carer using bad language or displaying inappropriate behaviour, then we will issue them with a letter setting out our expectations and warning them that they could potentially be barred from entering the school's premises.

Please feel free to speak to us about any inappropriate behaviour that you witness and we will seek to address it.

### **What is the school's approach to managing behaviour?**

At James Cambell, we follow a restorative approach to behaviour management which encourages children to take responsibility and to consider the harm caused after a negative incident, rather than the punishment. We strongly believe that this approach is the best way to achieve a positive partnership between adults and children based on trust, respect and an ethos of mutual care and consideration.

You can find out more about our approach to behaviour management by looking at the Behaviour Policy on our website (<http://www.jamescambell.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Behaviour-Policy.pdf>) or arranging to speak with our Behaviour Lead, Karen Macleod.

**If you would like to discuss a point that you raised in the survey further, then please contact the school office. We would love to hear from you.**

### **New class list**

<b>Current class</b>	<b>New class</b>	<b>New teacher</b>	<b>Current class</b>	<b>New class</b>	<b>New teacher</b>
Reception classes are being mixed up	1A	Ms Prees	1C	2A	Mr Cheung
	1B	Miss Osei-Bordom	1B	2B	Miss Mulenga
	1C	Ms Gjeci Ms Mortimer Ms Canary	1A	2C	Mrs Pooley Mrs Crome
Year 2 classes are being mixed up	3A	Mr Konis	3B	4C	Miss Dada
	3B	Mr Rahman	3A	4B	Miss Sula
	3C	Miss Uddin	3C	4A	Mrs Redmond
4A	5A	Mrs McCullagh	5B	6C	Miss Higginson
4B	5B	Mrs Nyoni	5C	6A	Miss Ahmad
4C	5C	Mrs Maddox	5A	6B	Miss Begum