

Newsletter

Friday 15th July 2022



James Dixon
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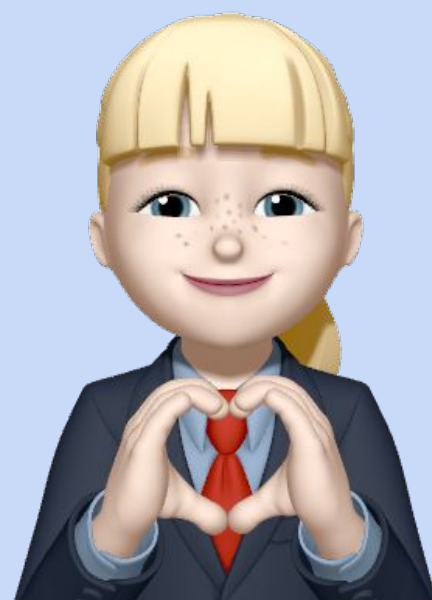
STRENGTH THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Pupil Principals



On Monday we performed our school play. I remember the audition where I auditioned for the teaser. In fact I got the role of Dan Deeney which I began to enjoy once we had started rehearsing. The only thing I wasn't sure about was the singing as I don't sing so I decided to work on my singing at home and I made some progress. When the parents came to watch they completely filled the hall making it really hot. I loved doing the performance but felt very tired afterwards.

In the Year 6 production of Cinderella Rockerfeller I played the part of the Fairy Godmother. I was very nervous as I have never performed on a stage before. Cinders was played by an amazing actor called Amelia and the Ugly Sisters were Felisha and Eli - they were brilliant! As I went into the hall I felt a pang of nerves that something was going to go wrong but it was fine.



Year 2 & 3 at the beach



RE Day

Wednesday at JD was RE day and on Tuesday, Year 3 went to visit the Rabi at the South London Liberal Synagogue. Whilst they were there they learnt about the Tora Scroll, the Ark which holds the Tora and what Jewish people believe about right and wrong. The children had a great morning and learnt a lot about the Jewish religion. Year 5 went to the Greek Orthodox Church on Westow Hill. They enjoyed being shown around the church where they could marvel at all the icons. Year 6 were visited by the Spinnaker Workshop who worked through a "Moving On" workshop with them Year 1 were visited by Nabhi and were treated to a story of Krishna and the Butter and were able to join in with some dancing. Year 4 learnt all about the Hindu gods and Year 2 learned about Islam.





Keeping Cool with Year 2

On Thursday, Year 2 found a superb way to keep cool in this hot weather by making their own ice-cream! The children used ice and salt to help create the ice-cream and then they chose their own toppings to sprinkle on top. Every mouthful was enjoyed - what a treat!

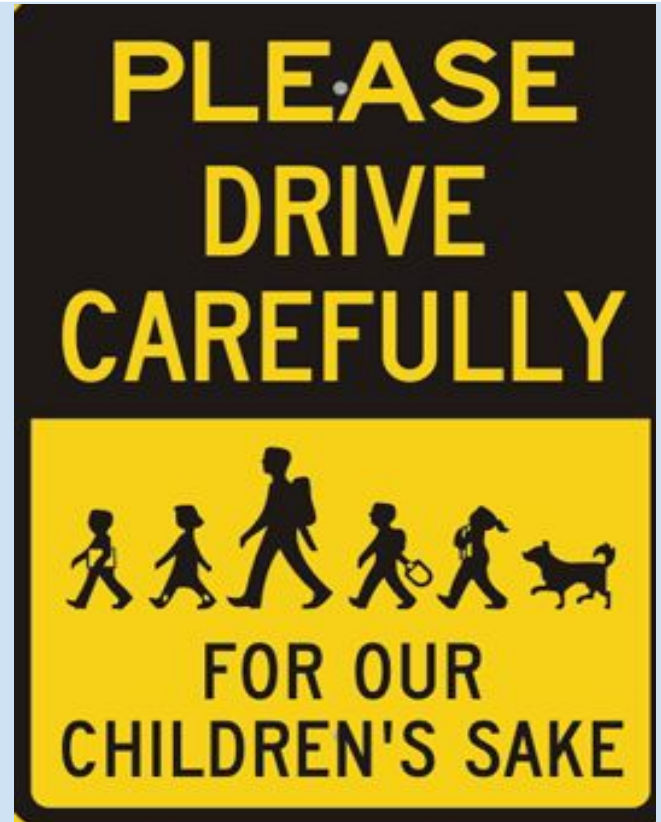


Term Dates 2022 - 2023

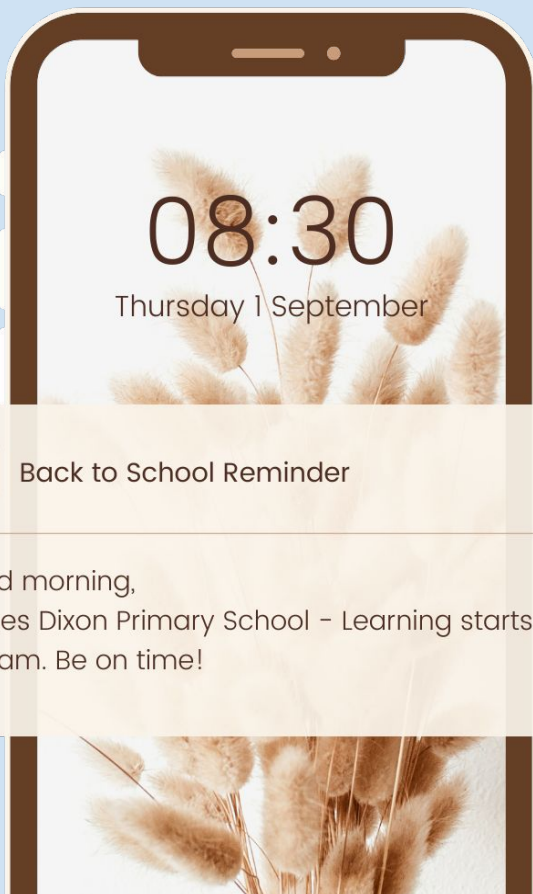
	SUMMER 2022 	AUTUMN 2022 	SPRING 2023 
Term Starts	Tuesday 19th April	Thursday 1st September	Wednesday 4th January
Half Term	Monday 30th May - Monday 6th June	Monday 17th October - Friday 28th October	Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February
Term Finishes	Thursday 21st July, 2pm	Wednesday 21st December, 2pm	Friday 31st March, 2pm

Road Safety

There have been several incidents of dangerous driving recently especially on the bend outside the school. Please ensure you are driving slowly and carefully when picking up and dropping off children. Please do not mount kerbs to park as it is dangerous for our children who are walking to and from school. Please drive as if every child on the street were your own.



A change is coming...



From September 2022 the school day will run from **8.30am until 3.00pm**. This will allow us to have a one hour lunch break for our KS2 pupils.

So set your alarms; from September 2022

Learning starts at 8.30am!

Building Digital Resilience

Internet Safety Tips

E-Safety on Mobile Phones/Smartphones

If you have older children, the focus will probably be shifting from tablets to smaller and more portable mobile devices: phones. The old online safety messages about having your home computer in a communal place become defunct, because phones are literally mobile computers and can do pretty much the same stuff that traditional desktop PCs can.

You can use tools like [Google Family Link](#) for Android devices, or [Screen Time](#) for Apple iOS devices, to set up controls around usage, but it's just as important, if not more so, to talk to kids about what they should and shouldn't be doing.

Social Media Platforms

Ofcom's research also shows that YouTube remains a firm favourite. Children between five and 15 are more likely to use YouTube than other on-demand services such as Netflix, or TV channels including the BBC and ITV.

WhatsApp has also grown to join Facebook, Snapchat and Instagram as one of the top social media platforms used by children.

We've produced checklists for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Roblox and TikTok that you can download from our [social media checklists page](#).



JD Preschool Places

Is your child turning 3 years old before 31st August 2022?

If so, then they are eligible for 15 hours free Early Years education.

Working parents may qualify for 30 hours under the Government scheme.



For more information visit the school website <https://www.jamesdixon.bromley.sch.uk/page/?title=Preschool&pid=78>

Or email jdp-preschool@swale.at

Weekly Attendance

93%

*Be here every day,
all day!*

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	95%
Year 1	91%
Year 2	93%
Year 3	90%
Year 4	91%
Year 5	93%
Year 6	95%

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Diary Dates

Next Week:



Monday 18th July	Drama Club Years 1-3 3:00pm
Tuesday 19th July	Year 6 Trip to Southend Adventure Island
Tuesday 19th July	Drama Club Years 4-6 3:00pm
Tuesday 19th July	Taekwondo Club 3:00pm
Wednesday 20th July	End of Term Class Parties
Wednesday 20th July	Year 6 Leavers Gala 3:30pm
Wednesday 20th July	Gym Club AM
Wednesday 20th July	Gym Club PM
Thursday 21st July	Last Day of Term 2:00pm finish
Friday 22nd July	INSET DAY



August/September



Tuesday 30th August	INSET DAY
Wednesday 31st August	INSET DAY
Thursday 1st September	Return To School 8.45am

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Dr Elsa Zekeng

Dr Elsa Zekeng is a scientist and an entrepreneur who works for Life Science Strategy which gains market access for new and innovative drugs and gets them to the populations who need them the most. She has worked for the World Health Organisation and the European Commission as a consultant; she specialises in managing and growing ventures from the ground up



She was recently listed as one of the top 50 most inspiring, prominent and influential black voices in UK Tech by TechNation and received a medal from the Queen for exceptional work in Guinea during the Ebola crisis. Elsa is originally from Cameroon but now lives and works in Manchester. It was whilst she was at university on a placement with Bio Tech that she decided to become a scientist.

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