

Newsletter

Friday 16th December 2022



James Dixon
Primary



STRENGTH THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

A Fine Performance!

On Thursday, Years 1 & 2 gave a fabulous performance of their Christmas production called "The Magical Christmas Box." Parents and carers packed out the hall and were treated to some excellent acting and hearty singing from all the children. The story was about a wise old Grandfather who gives his grandchildren a magical box and with the help of it's Keepers, take the children on an amazing adventure. A huge well done must go to all the children and a big thank you should go to all the adults who helped the children put on their fine performance.



Reception Christmas Performance.

On Wednesday, it was Reception's turn to treat their parents and carers to a festive performance with their twist on the traditional Christmas nativity story with A Nursery Rhyme Christmas. Woven into the Christmas story was an opportunity for the children to sing all their favourite nursery rhymes. The singing, acting and narrating were some of the best we have seen here at JD. Thanks to all the hard work of the children and adults, the production was a huge success and extremely enjoyable for all members of the audience.



Bake Off!

Year 2 this week finished their topic of “The Great Fire of London.” They experienced what it would have been like to be Thomas Farriner the King’s Baker. The children designed, baked and then decorated their own Christmas themed biscuits. Some very helpful Year 6 students joined them and helped the younger children with some aspects of the process. The best part was yet to come as the next day was the taste test - delicious!



Try Making a Tuff Tray!

In Preschool, Reception and Year 1 we often use builders' tuff trays as resources for the children to explore a wide range of topics and sensory experiences. Sarah, who is one of our Reception parents, has bought her own tuff tray and has been creating some fantastic experiences for her son at home. The trays can be filled with all sorts of resources to help children learn about maths, reading, recycling, nature, art, textiles and all sorts of other things. All that is needed is a tuff tray and imagination. These are some of the trays Sarah has already created. Why not have a go?



Christmas Hampers



A big thank you from all of us here at JD for your kind donations that have gone to make up Xmas food hampers. The hampers have been delivered to Food + who deliver food parcels to those who need them all over Bromley.

Last Post

Monday and Tuesday of next week are the last days the children can use our Christmas post box to distribute their Christmas cards around the school. All they need to write on the envelope is the recipient's name and their class so the James Dixon elves know where to deliver each card. The post box is situated beside the school library outside Mr Minnott's office.



Thank you Perrine!

We would like to say a huge thank you to Perrine in Year 6 who helped create a variety of different costumes that the children in KS1 used during their Christmas performance this week. Perrine had some excellent ideas and was instrumental in creating the outfits.



The Year 2 staff even set her the challenge of creating a brussel sprout! We think you'll agree she has done a fantastic job and the costumes look amazing. We all look forward to the next dressing up day at JD to see what Perrine comes up with.

Term Dates 2022-2023

	AUTUMN 2022	SPRING 2023	SUMMER 2023
Term Starts	Thursday 1st September	Wednesday 4th January	Monday 17th April
Half Term	Monday 17th October - Friday 28th October	Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February	Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June
Term Finishes	Wednesday 21st December, 2pm	Friday 31st March, 2pm	Wednesday 19th July, 2pm



FAMILY FUN MATHS

FAMILY FUN MATHS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS AND CARERS TO JOIN THEIR CHILD IN A FUN MATHS SESSION. THEY INCLUDE GAMES AND INVESTIGATIONS, LED BY THE TEACHERS AND JUNIOR MATHS LEADERS. IT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HALL AND RUN FOR APPROXIMATELY 40 MINUTES.

Click the link for dates
and times.

[Google Form](#)



Church Activities

Christingle at Christ Church Anerley

A Christmas celebration
for children and their families

Saturday 24th December 2022
2pm
197 Anerley Road, SE20 8ER



Jesus
is the light
at Christmas

Building Digital Resilience



Internet Safety Tips



Holiday gifts

With Christmas nearly upon us, it's important to think about any new devices or the amount of screen-time your child will have.

Ask yourself the following questions.

Have you set sensible screen time for your child?

Who are they talking to, what are they doing, are they okay?

Have you set parental controls on any new devices?

Follow the link below for tips on how to set parental controls on new devices.



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James Dixon PTA



JAMES DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Could you be a PTA Year Rep?



Are you interested in being more involved in school life? Want to help the PTA?
Fancy getting to know your fellow parents/carers in your child's year?

The PTA is looking for parents/carers from each school year to be a Year Representative. People to help spread the word about events and activities, whilst helping create a strong parent/carer community across James Dixon.

To find out more email the PTA Committee: jamesdixonPTA@Gmail.com

YOUR P.T.A

jamesdixonPTA@gmail.com

Make a difference
Get involved. All welcome.



Find out more & join the
conversations on
James Dixon Parent Forum



[PTA Forum Facebook group](#)

Weekly Attendance

82%

*Be here every day,
all day!*

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	87%
Year 1	85%
Year 2	83%
Year 3	70%
Year 4	84%
Year 5	88%
Year 6	82%

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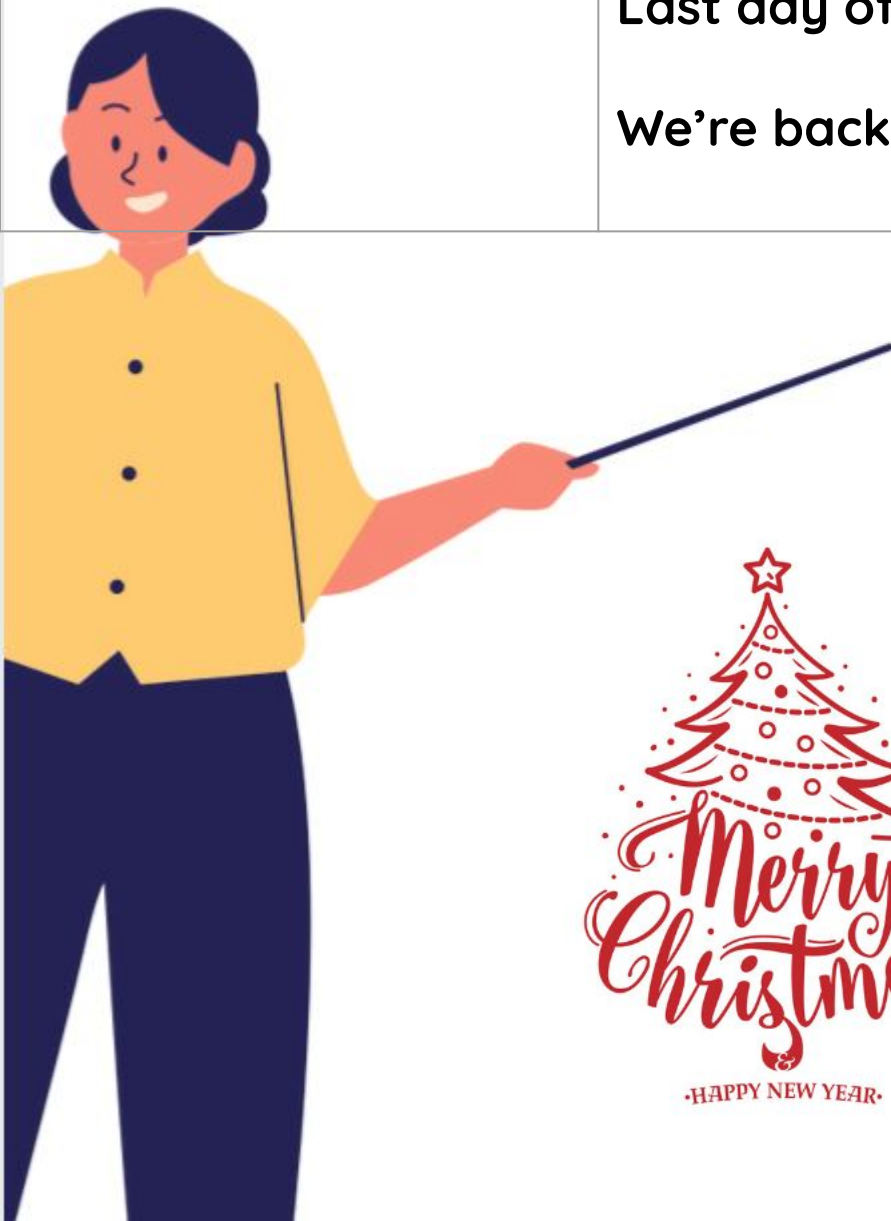


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Dates for your diary

Next week

Mon. 19th December	
Tue. 20th December	Class Christmas parties
Wed. 21st December	Gym Club 7.30am
	Last day of school - 2:00pm finish We're back on the 4th January 2023!



Michelle Ogundehin



Michelle Ogundehin was born in Manchester and grew up in London. She studied architecture at the Bartlett School of Architecture and graduated in 1989. In 1997 Michelle began working at ELLE Decoration UK which was a magazine dedicated to interior design and she was appointed Editor in Chief in 2004. In 2011 ELLE Decoration was awarded Specialist Consumer Magazine of the Year award and Michelle was highly commended as Editor of the Year.

Later, Michelle became a trustee for the Victoria and Albert Museum and was made an Ambassador for Diversity in Public Appointments by the Government Equalities Office in 2016. She went on to write articles for The Observer and Financial Times and in 2020 she published her first book, *Happy Inside: How to Harness the Power of Home for Health and Happiness*.

