



The Camelot

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Plans for finishing this exceptional term

Next week: Pantomime & Christmas Theatre in school—Wednesday 16th

Christmas Jumper Day + Rainbow Dressing Up Day—Thursday 17th

(All children and staff invited to dress up in Christmas Jumpers as well as any clothes in the colours of the rainbow—hopefully with a Christmas theme...lots of colour and fun!)

Christmas Dinner—Thursday 17th (subject to the school finding a replacement chef as our school meals provision is currently impacted by self isolating staff in the school kitchen)

Teacher Curriculum Planning Afternoon — School finishes early from 12.15 p.m.—Friday 18th—Please arrange for your child to be picked up early

Remember school restarts on Monday 4th January for all children

Parent Governor Elections

In January 2021, the school will be looking for a new Parent Governor to work alongside school leaders and governors to steer the school in these extraordinary times.

Who the role would suit:

- A parent/carer with time to attend meetings in the school day and in the evenings (approximately 10 meetings a year).
Availability to attend meetings can be more valuable than any particular expertise in school governance.

Should you possibly be interested in putting your name forward why not have a personal conversation with Mr Robinson who will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Parent governors are at the heart of successful schools and Camelot really needs nominations from parents/carers who could support our determination to offer our children as an exceptional education that we can with the resources we have available to us.

A Christmas Tree for your family?

If you can wait until Friday 18th December



The school were gifted these three beautiful trees to sparkle and bring Christmas cheer to our year group bubbles. The company who gifted the trees is recommended below and please do support them if you are buying a tree.

The school would like to share the joy of a Christmas tree with three Camelot families. You will need to fit the following three criteria if you would like to be in with a chance of having one of the trees delivered to your family next week. The criteria are:

- You will need a room that can fit a 2.5 metre/8 foot tree! (not every house)
- You live within walking distance of the school (school staff will walk the tree to you)
- You can text the words "Christmas Trees" to Miss Lou on 07903 185834 before 4.00 p.m. this Friday 11th December when we will have a draw for three lucky families!



**Celebrate with us on Thursday 17th December
(or just dress up in bright colours—
the colours of the Rainbow)**

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Camelot in Lockdown

What we have learned?

- When in a period of self isolation or lockdown children may need a laptop to access their daily educational entitlement

School Response: The school will provide any child in a period of self isolation with a laptop for this period

- The school's online education in a period of isolation requires a reliable internet source for every child working at home

School Response: The school will provide any family without a reliable internet source with a school dongle and a free SIM to provide sufficient data for any period of isolation (the data is for the Google Classroom access and will not be sufficient for free use or playing games)

- Working at home is not as good as being in school with friends, with direct teacher instruction and free school dinners

School Response: The school will provide a £15 voucher to every child entitled to Free School Meals to cover any period of self isolation (as the government will do for a period of lockdown*)

The expectation is that every child attends their online Classroom for every day of any period of self isolation. Self isolation school remains compulsory and the school is required to account for all children during any such period and report any daily absences.

Reminder * Have you registered your child for receiving FSM support for the holidays ahead. Registration entitles your family to receive £30 of government food voucher for each child in your family.

Look at the Joy!



A huge thank you to all our Emergency Services for the work they do in our community... and through their schools liaison work

A suggested gift for your children this Christmas time:

Your child is already in the process of becoming the kind of person he or she is eventually going to be. So to bring them up right and to make them proud of you, live by these six principles:

- 1) **Assure them of your love.** They need to know your love is given, and it will never be withdrawn because of their appearance, achievements, or actions. Let them know they are loved for who they are, and that their worth in your eyes is never in question.
- 2) **Build strong character and values.** It is said *"Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it"*
- 3) **Establish clear boundaries.** And be consistent in maintaining them. Do children like rules? No. But your first goal is not to make your child happy, it's to teach them responsibility, and happiness will follow.
- 4) **Help them to discover their potential.** That means listening, observing, and once their talents are identified, helping to develop them. It is said *'We have different gifts, according to the grace given us...'*
- 5) **Don't try to duplicate yourself through them.** Each child has their own unique makeup and personality. Don't try to make them something that the rest of us don't need one more of!
- 6) **Encourage them to pursue their life's vision.** Don't pour cold water on the fire of their enthusiasm, fan it. Get out of the critic's seat and become their greatest supporter. If you do, you will make them proud of you.

Calling all Nursery Parents/Carers

Come and complete your Reception 2021 Registration in the school's new IT classroom and hear from Mr Robinson about the school's offer to your child for September 2021 onwards

**Either Thursday 3rd; Thursday 10th or Thursday 17th December
8.45 a.m.—9.15 a.m.**

Rule of Six applies so just six parents/carers at each session

Come and join us to complete the school's registration forms



"Is your child starting in a Primary School Reception Class in September 2021?"

Why not accept the offer at Camelot School,
off the Old Kent Road, SE15 1QP

Free provision from 7.45 a.m to 5.45 p.m for your child for their Reception Year.*
Provision to include three free meals a day and a £50 uniform voucher for your child.

Thank you for your support already

Please do inform friends and neighbours about the availability of places at the only Peckham School to have a free Summer holiday provision for its pupils; a 3G Astro turf and 5 playgrounds; Boys and Girls Football Teams; exceptional children, staff and parents all part of our exceptional everyday school offer



Our School Community needs the support of our parents and carers. Can you help?

The extraordinary events of 2020 will have a significant impact on Camelot 2021 and beyond, unless we can pass around the story of our exceptional school at this time.

Some questions for you:

"Would you like to earn a £50 uniform voucher for your family?"

"Do you know a local parent/carer who might have a child currently at nursery age (3-4 years old) and who might be interested in starting at Camelot in September 2021?"

"Would you be kind enough to give the attached flyers to friends and neighbours to share our Reception 2021 offer. This could earn your family our Camelot School £50 uniform voucher."*

Help Camelot School to share our exceptional everyday education with as many children as possible. We hope you agree it is the most exceptional school in this area.

*One £50 voucher will be given for each child starting at Camelot in September 2021. Please ensure your contact mentions on their registration form who recommended the school to them. This is not offered for children currently in the Camelot Nursery and who are expected to join reception class in September 2021.

Please note that the school has limited places available in the following year groups should you know of friends and neighbours with older siblings looking for a move to Camelot School SE15:

Current Reception

Current Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 (Year 5 and 6 are full)

Do you have a future Nursery Aged child?

A child who has turned three years old between 1st September 2020 and 31st December 2020?

From January 2021, the Camelot School Nursery can offer your child up to 15 hours free Nursery Provision*

(Please note your child's free 30 hours Nursery Provision will follow in September 2021)

* Free Nursery Provision of 30 hour should you have a childcare eligibility voucher— (available to working parents/carers employed by a company who can authorise the voucher and you are paying tax and national insurance on your earnings.)



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Extra efforts at this time

We are conscious that the new Lockdown imposes restrictions on what children and families are allowed to do. We also note that at the heart of the new Lockdown strategy is the decision to keep schools open. Acknowledging this responsibility we aim to add to the life of a Camelot child in as many creative ways as possible. For the 20 days of this planned Lockdown we propose to offer our children our 20 gifts as follows, with your support as needed.

Pizza every Friday... at the request of the children!	Year 2 Christmas Nativity... made into a film to share and show	Exceptional new IT classroom... improving IT time and vision	Rainbow Dressing Up day- Support... and dress up in rainbow colours. Day to be confirmed	Cycle Proficiency lessons... Year 4 & 5- level 2 and 3 cycling proficiency
Remembrance Day... All children together for one minute silence	Art in the Park... Sketching opportunities with Mr. Chandler- Year 1; Year 2; Year 3	Year 6 chosen favourite lunch... first day of the term... Chickie Wings... winning!	Birthday Celebrations - for those with a Lockdown Birthday... only parties to celebrate where they couldn't	Countdown to Christmas... Mini Christmas dinner on Tuesday 1 st December
National Kindness Day... Friday 13 th November... Gingerbread Men making (EYFS & KS1)	The Twits by Roald Dahl... Performance to the children...	Betty Robinson - Mr Robinson's dog in school... giving some joy to the dog loving children and staff	A Christmas Carol - Live Theatre... only for Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 children... Wednesday 16 th December performances	Police Car visit to Early Years... with uniformed police officers
Christmas Trees for every door of the school... decorated from 1 st November onwards	Thanksgiving Day... American style lunch - think turkey... be food the children love! Thursday 26 th November	Additional outdoor PE lessons for children + Triple PE... Year 6s! (Please remember School PE kits and tracksuits)	Year 3, Year 4 & Year 5 Christmas Theatre Trips to Peckham... Parent volunteers needed to help walk classes. Dates in December	Anti Bullying Week starts next week - poster competitions and learning linked to this important area



Planned to happen very soon



Has happened already



Still planned to happen 20/20 target!

December Update on how we are doing in bringing some extra joy to our children's lives at this time

Camelot School Term and Holiday dates

School will restart after
the next holiday on
Monday 4th January

Academic year 2020/2021

Autumn term 2020

- Thursday 3rd September 2020 to Friday 23 October 2020 (37 school days)
- Half Term Monday 26 October 2020 to Friday 30 October 2020
- Tuesday 3 November 2020 to Friday 18 December 2020 (35 school days)*

Spring term 2021

- Monday 4 January 2021 to Friday 12 February 2021 (30 school days)
- Half Term Monday 15 February 2021 to Friday 19 February 2021
- Monday 22 February 2021 to Wednesday 31 March 2021 (28 school days)

Summer term 2021

- Monday 19 April 2021 to Friday 28 May 2021 (28 school days)
- Half Term Monday 31 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021
- Tuesday 8 June 2021 to Wednesday 21 July 2021 (32 school days)

Total number of days for children in school: 190

Inset Days: 5 days for staff only

The next Teacher
Training Day within a
school week will be on
Monday 19th April .
Hopefully at a time
when the staff will be
able to meet in the
same room again.

Wednesday 2nd September 2020
Monday 2nd November 2020*
Monday 19th April 2021*
Monday 7th June 2021
Thursday 22nd July 2021

Public holidays

- Christmas Day – Friday 25 December 2020
- Boxing Day – Monday 28 December 2020
- New Years Day - Wednesday 1 January 2021
- Good Friday - Friday 2 April 2021
- Easter Monday - Monday 5 April 2021
- May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 3 May 2021
- Spring Bank Holiday - Monday 31 May 2021

* Variation due to implementing government guidance on schools opening