



The Camelot

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Late Friday 23rd October notice:

Camelot reacts to support children entitled to Free School Meal and No Recourse to Public Funds support

See overleaf for more details or look out for our separate letter

Key dates—please read and note

Today—Early closing for Google Classroom afternoon

12.15 p.m. Reception; 12.20 p.m. Year 1 & 2; 12.25 p.m. Year 3 & 4; 12.30 p.m. Year 5 & 6

Monday 2nd November—School closed for Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 3rd November—School restarts for all pupils

Wednesday 4th November—Photographer in school—please can all children wear their best school uniform as well PE kits for Years 2 and 4

Friday 18th December—Last day of Autumn Term 2020

Tuesday 5th January 2021—First day of Spring Term 2021

We thank all our parents/carers for their support in changes that needed to be made over recent weeks as the school has responded to matters

School responses to Tier 2 London situation

Please note, there will be further tightening of practices across the school over the coming weeks to ensure we remain open for your children. This will include the following:

- **requesting all parents/carers wear masks when dropping off and picking up their children**
- barriers across Bird in Bush Road to increase the size of the area for parental waiting at the end of the school day
- Further restricting parent/carer access to school office—we may ask that you remain outside the office as we deal with any queries

Camelot School will underwrite government reluctance to support Free School Meals voucher scheme for half term

Support grows for Marcus Rashford's free school meals campaign

Politicians and celebrities of all stripes come out in support of plan rejected by government

- [Coronavirus - latest updates](#)
- [See all our coronavirus coverage](#)



▲ Marcus Rashford visiting FareShare Greater Manchester at New Smithfield Market. Photograph: Mark Waugh/Mark Waugh Manchester Press Photography Ltd

Celebrities and politicians from across the spectrum have come out in support of Marcus Rashford's campaign to end child hunger in England, a day after the government voted against extending free school meals to disadvantaged children during the holidays.

Representatives from the worlds of sport, entertainment and politics tweeted praise for the Manchester United striker. Gary Lineker ignored BBC impartiality guidelines to say: "Yesterday they voted against helping to feed our hungriest children during a pandemic. Never thought I'd tweet that."

The decision has been taken that the school will commit £2,000 of its own money should the government not reverse their stance on supporting our children entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) or with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF).

This is not something the school can afford but at this time we believe this is a priority for us all.

A separate letter will be sent to entitled families to confirm the availability of the £15 voucher for next week's food costs.

Please remember, we welcome any family to apply for FSM support and details on how to apply are below or speak to Miss Sharon in the school office.

"In these unprecedented times, I am very concerned to be doing all we can to help lower-income families and their children who are really struggling due to the impact of the virus." Caroline Ansell, the MP for Eastbourne and Willingdon,

A reminder to Parents/Carers re previous messages about qualifying for Free School Meals support

Southwark free healthy school meals—Free school meals during COVID-19

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

If you're receiving particular benefits, your child/children may be entitled to receive a free school meal. [More information about who is eligible for free school meals](#) is available on the government website.

How to apply

- if your child is eligible for free school meals, contact your child's school by telephone or email and request a Free School Meal application form (it may be called a Pupil Premium application form)
- once eligibility is verified, the school will be informed and you should begin to receive vouchers or other form of meal provision

It's important that you register for free school meals if you think your child may be eligible. As well as ensuring your child receives free meals provision, it will also enable your child's school to receive additional funding via the Pupil Premium, totalling £1,320 per child. This additional government funding is used by the school to help children to make the best possible progress they can and to provide additional resources and educational experiences that they may not otherwise have access to.

Camelot School Shines

Interview

Chris Jordan: 'The Black Lives Matter message is definitely being heard'

Ali Martin

England's death-bowling specialist on taking a knee, why Eoin Morgan is one of a kind, and inspiring the next generation

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Ali Martin
@Cricket_Ali

Had a chat with Chris Jordan today after he and Alex Tudor did a live classroom Q&A with year four at Camelot primary in Peckham, arranged by Chance To Shine. V cool session, kids (aged 8-9) buzzing. And their questions better than mine

Guardian sport @guardian_sport · Oct 21

Chris Jordan: 'The Black Lives Matter message is definitely being heard' | Interview by @Cricket_Ali theguardian.com/sport/2020/oct...

This week, Camelot School was chosen as the school to host an interview with England Cricket Star, Chris Jordan.

The children in Year 4 asked Chris and former England bowler, Alex Tudor questions that have been reported nationally in The Guardian newspaper. The interview gave our children a real 'Chance To Shine' (the organisation who brought this opportunity to our children).

A real recognition of the power of our children's voice in such an important national issue and it can't be a coincidence that Camelot School was chosen for this honour.



▲ Chris Jordan: 'I don't feel the momentum has been lost. I say that because of the conversations that were going on within the England team and with our opposition.' Photograph: Dan Mullan/Getty Images

The number of cricket teams taking a knee before matches may have dwindled during the recent summer but for Chris Jordan, England's death-bowling specialist in Twenty20 cricket, the momentum behind its message of racial equality continues.

Jordan is busy playing for Kings XI Punjab in the Indian Premier League but on Wednesday took time out after training to speak to children at Camelot primary school in Peckham via Zoom as part of Chance To Shine's [Black History Month](#) celebrations.

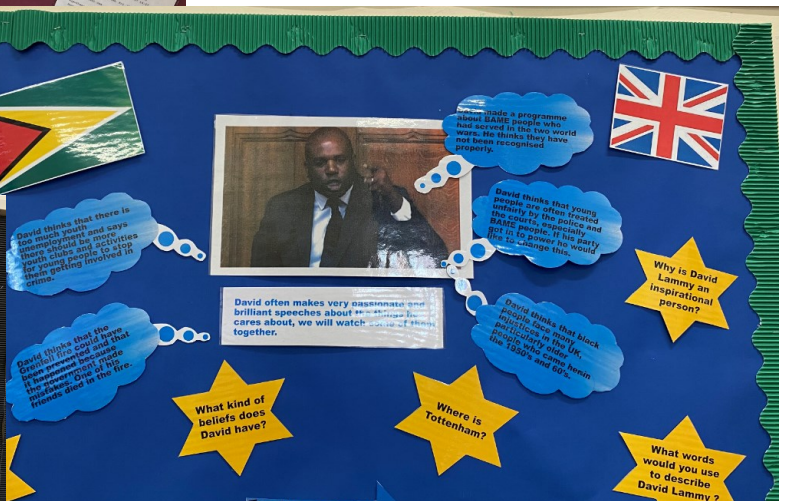


▲ Chris Jordan holds the attention of pupils at Camelot Primary school in Peckham. Photograph: Ed Telling/Ed Telling/chancetoshine.org

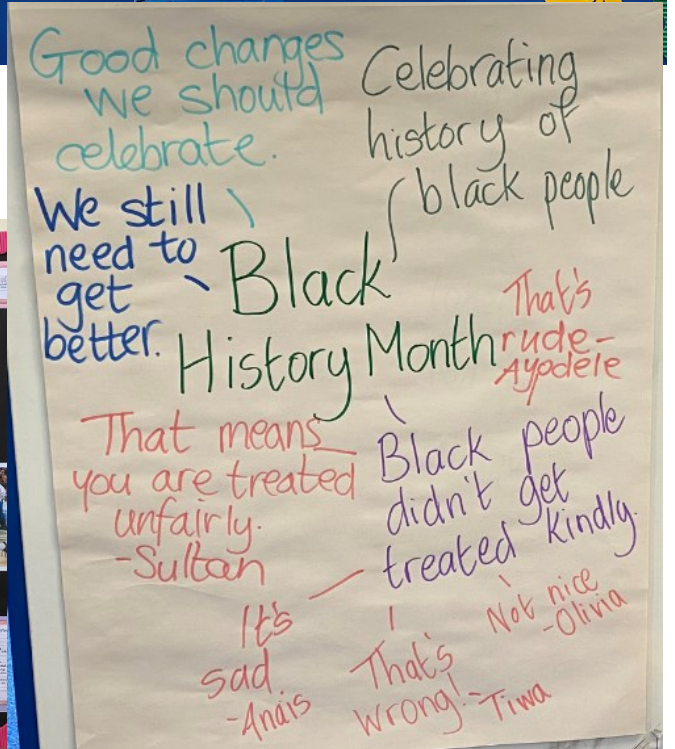
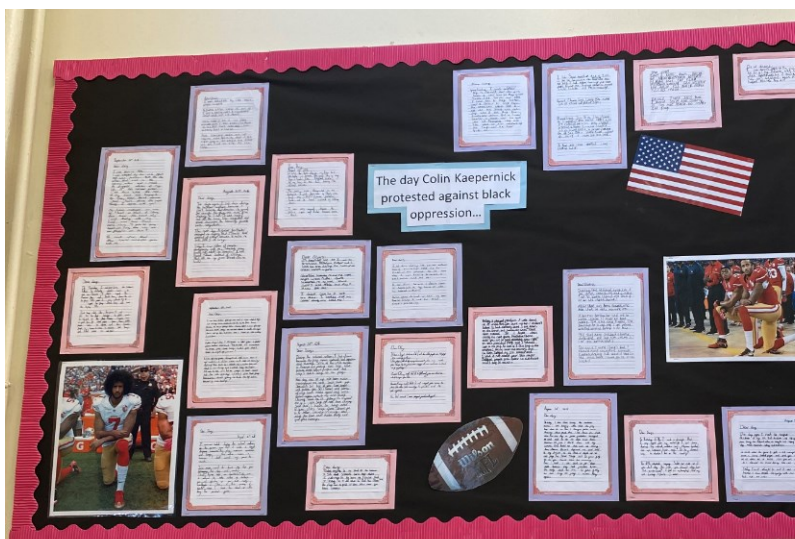


A celebration of Black History Enrichment at Camelot—Autumn 2020

Year 5: John Boyega - Inspirational resident of Nigeria, Great Britain and Peckham!



Year 4: The day that Colin Kaepernick protested against black oppression



A Camelot Visitor to return after the half term!

Betty, Mr Robinson's dog, would like to return on occasions after half term with your support?!

The school has completed risk assessment to cover Betty being in school and Mr Robinson wouldn't propose her visiting if he wasn't absolutely sure that she would only bring joy and therapy to him and the children at this time. Due to Year Group bubble working, Betty would be based in the Year 6 bubble and other children would only come into contact with her at playtimes or outside the Year 6 bubble.

Please inform the School Office or Mr Robinson should you wish for your child not to have contact Betty on the occasions that she visits us all. Omar, Tammy and Elizabeth certainly remember her and can't wait for her to return to bring some joy to our lives at this time.

Dear Mrs Robinson
I know we haven't
talk to, while I want you to give us
your dog please PS. from Omar

Mr Robinson wanted us to pass on his thanks to the many parents/carers for their kind words to him at this time.



Extensive research has shown that the presence of a **dog** can have a positive impact on physiology and psychology and so help to reduce stress levels. "Stroking a pet has been shown to lower blood pressure and the heart rate, bringing a calming effect.

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www.telegraph.co.uk > Lifestyle > Pets > Essentials

Working to heal: the benefits of dog therapy - The Telegraph