



# The Camelot

## Monthly Newsletter No. 89

### December Two 2020-2021

#exceptionaleveryday



## How do we finish the year and how will we start the new year?

How do we finish? Exceptionally well in terms of our resilience and the happiness of the children in terms of their contributions to school life.

***"It has been a joy and a pleasure to be part of Camelot Autumn 2020"***

(Please see a letter from leaders of Southwark Council highlighting the current situation we are experiencing across our local area and which answers the question about how we are finishing exactly at this time)

How will we start? Exceptional in terms of knowing that times are tough but better for how we are learning about the important roles of a school. Our children are receiving as exceptional an education that we can provide and are learning the values of resilience, aspiration and happiness within the context of the current school day.

We look forward to seeing all children back for the **new term on Monday 4th January at 8.45 a.m. for Spring Term 2021** (we would request that week one includes an early afternoon finish on Friday 8th January to support the school in adapting to changes linked to government advice at this time and possible over the next 2 weeks). Thank you.

# Knights of the Term— Autumn 2021

**+ Special news.. The first winners of five knighthoods are knighted**

(Camelot knights two children in every class every term in recognition of their exceptional efforts and work in school. We use our special Camelot Excalibur sword to knight the nominated children and share with you all about these achievements)

Our Camelot Knights of the Autumn Term 2020 are as follows:

<u>Year 6 Vinson:</u>	<b>Tayo and Habib</b>	<u>Year 6 Damavand:</u>	<b>Anaiah and Aymene</b>
<u>Year 5 Helicon:</u>	<b>Abdulqudus and Haja</b>	<u>Year 5 Olympus:</u>	<b>Dennis and Houssinatou</b>
<u>Year 4 Etna:</u>	<b>Ariella and Alexey</b>	<u>Year 4 Vesuvius:</u>	<b>Lianne and Hanniel</b>
<u>Year 3 Orizaba:</u>	<b>Ellvina and Nahom</b>	<u>Year 3 St Elias:</u>	<b>Qaadir and Louisa</b>
<u>Year 2 Karakoram:</u>	<b>Sariyu and Ibrahim</b>	<u>Year 2 Himalayas:</u>	<b>Hing-Ying and Majid</b>
<u>Year 1 Matterhorn:</u>	<b>Ayodeji and Jeremiah</b>	<u>Year 1 Elbrus:</u>	<b>Matilda and Azara</b>
<u>Year R Snowdon:</u>	<b>Oluwajomiloju and Baran</b>	<u>Year R Nevis:</u>	<b>Osarunwansa and Anas</b>

Dear parent and carer

## A message from the leaders of Southwark Council at this time

### Re: COVID-19 Testing Update

The number of cases of Covid-19 are rising in the borough, particularly in 12-17 year olds and young adults. Your child and the people they live with can now get at test at our testing centres even if they do not have any symptoms.

There are several testing centres available in and near to Southwark, including in Burgess Park and in Peckham town centre. To book a test please visit <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> and select the 'my council has asked me to get a test' option. The website will show you the nearest site to you with availability that day.

If your child's, or another member of your household's, test comes back positive your child and your household must self-isolate for a full 10 days after the date the test was done.

Getting tested is one of the most important things you can do to keep yourself and others safe this winter, so please do take up this offer. If you decide not to get to a test, but you or someone you live with develops symptoms, you must all self-isolate and the person who is unwell should book a test. If the test comes back as positive they and the people they live with should self-isolate for a full 10 days after the day they became unwell.

### Christmas Holidays

COVID-19 is spreading quickly again in Southwark and London. We all need to play our part in stopping the virus, so together we can protect our families, friends and neighbours, and prevent more people dying this Christmas and New Year.

The number of people testing positive in Southwark has increased by 71% over the last 7 days, the fastest increase since April.

To keep us all safe Christmas will need to be different. With infections rising so fast it is very important that we all take extra care so we don't catch or pass on the virus. Please:

- **Think carefully about the best way to keep your friends and family safe.** The new rules set strict limits on how you can meet, but many people will decide that it is safer not to meet at all and to catch up by phone or over the internet this Christmas and New Year.
- **Think particularly carefully about meeting older or vulnerable relatives** who are more likely to become seriously ill if they contract COVID-19.
- **Avoid crowded places.** If you do go out and about – including for Christmas shopping – try to avoid places where you can't keep your distance from people.
- **Wear a face covering.** We all need to follow the rules on wearing them in indoor public places and on public transport but I also encourage you to wear one if you are in a busy outdoor space where you can't keep your distance
- **Reduce the number of journeys you make wherever possible**

# 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 an exceptional education that we can match with the resources we have available to us.

## 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.

## A message from the leader of Southwark Education to Camelot staff and to share with you at this time



Dear James and governors,

Following on from a conversation with your link adviser, I would like to acknowledge the work which has been brought to my attention from everyone at Camelot Primary School.

It has been a very challenging year for all of us, but for frontline workers, which I regard our teachers to be, it has been especially difficult. Therefore, the way that schools like yours embraced the challenges and went beyond by opening as a hub demonstrates that we in Southwark share the same goals – helping to minimise anxiety for all our children and young people; ensuring their safety; giving access to food and significantly, ensuring pupils from several schools were able to maintain learning. I appreciate the efforts that the school and other hub schools put into strengthening relationships in our community.

It is also reassuring and pleasing to note that these efforts continue with your response to COVID closures, the shaping of your curriculum to ensure it is relevant to our current context and the continuing development of your school. I understand how challenging it is to keep staff safe and motivated.

I hope that the forthcoming holiday will bring you all a rest and know that the new year's challenges will be met as positively as 2020's.

In the meantime, please use your nominated link adviser as a first point of contact should you need support and/ or guidance.

With thanks and best wishes,

Nina Dohel  
Director of Education

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***"It is also reassuring and pleasing to note that these efforts continue with your response to COVID closures, the shaping of your curriculum to ensure it is relevant to our current context and the continuing development of your school (High praise from the Director of Education)."***

**"Your golden moments will be unique for you and your school. Whatever you do, don't forget to collect them. They are the moments that will help to keep your flame of hope alive."**



**#Camelot2020!**

## Are there any more Exceptional Parents/Carers out there interested in joining our staff team for the Spring Term 2021?

The school has recently appointed two exceptional parents to positions advertised to work within our classes. From January 2021 until the end of March 2021 we are looking for an additional applicant to work up to 20 hours a week (likely hours of 12.15 p.m.—3.15 p.m.) to support children in class.

The successful applicant needs to have good English and Maths skills, be motivated to work with children and look forward to cold playtimes on the roof and in our exceptional playtimes!

Please contact Miss Raven at [office@camelot.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@camelot.southwark.sch.uk)

The closing date for any applications will be Monday 4th January with interviews to happen immediately as we would like the successful candidate to start a.s.a.p



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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 session	Rainbow Dressing Up day - Support the M5 and dress up in rainbow colours. Day to be confirmed	Cycle Proficiency lessons for 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 - Thank its Chicken Wings winning!	Birthday Celebrations - for those with a Lockdown Birthday - Party parties to celebrate where they couldn't	Countdown to Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December
National Kindness Day - Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November - Gingerbread Men making (EYFS & KS1)	The Twits by Roald Dahl Performance to the children	Betty Robinson - Mr Robinson's dog in school to bring some joy to the dog loving children and staff	A Christmas Carol - Live Theatre on line for Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 children Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December performances	Police Car visit to Esher Valley with uniformed police officers
Christmas Trees for every door of the school decorated from 1 <sup>st</sup> November onwards	Thanksgiving Day American style lunch - think turkey be food the children love! Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Additional outdoor PE lessons for children + Triple PE for Year 6s! (Please remember School PE kits and tracksuits)	Year 3, Year 4 & Year 5 Christmas Theatre Trips to Peckham Theatre - 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!

## Its Chicken Wings and Chips at Camelot today!

Why? Because we did it... we achieved all our extra effort goals at this time to try and give our children an exceptional education everyday and even in a lockdown. We have got great plans ahead for January 2021!

# Anti Bullying Poster Competition

Design a poster to challenge bullying and to stand up for knowing that kindness and friendship eat bullying for breakfast!



And the winners are:

- Year 2 - Peace
- Year 3 - Ama
- Year 4 - Louise
- Year 5 - Saron
- Year 6 - Grace



## 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.

# 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 7th or Thursday 14th January  
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)**

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020\*  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021\*  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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