



The Camelot

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Christmas/End of Term celebrations

The top ten important school dates for your attention

1. **Sunday 20th November**—Football World Cup starts—have we noted all the teams of our school community? Please see Page 2 of this newsletter
2. **Friday 25th November** - School closed for Staff Training Day
3. **Wednesday 30th November**—Celebration Day
See overleaf linked to our school lanyards and our Racial Literacy Week
4. Christmas week : Week commencing **Monday 12th December**—see below
5. Key Christmas event—Christmas Food Fair—**Wednesday 14th December**
see overleaf for all details and plans to celebrate together at this time
6. CHAMPS for Yr 3—6 : **Monday 19th—Thursday 22nd December—t.b.c.**
7. **Friday 16th December**—School closes early at 1.00 p.m. for staff training
8. **Tuesday 3rd January**—School closed for Staff Training Day
9. **Wednesday 4th January**—Spring Term 2023 starts for all pupils
10. **Saturday 15th January**—deadline for Primary School Admissions to Camelot!

Plans for Christmas Week at Camelot

Nativity Performances*—children from Nursery, Reception and Yr 2 classes will perform for parents/carers/family members on the following dates:

Nursery and Reception Nativity—**Thursday 8th December 2.30 p.m.**
& Friday 9th December 9.15 a.m.

Year 2 Nativity—**Wednesday 14th December - 9.15 a.m.**

* The magic of 'Nativity'* is about our children participating in the retelling of a story passed down through the ages

Christmas Food Fair—**Wednesday 14th December 3.30—4.30 p.m.** —
your support is both needed appreciated - see overleaf



Camelot School supports...

- * England - Wales - Ghana
 - * Cameroon - Spain—Ecuador
 - * Portugal - Argentina - Senegal
- Have we captured your family's country?

Groups

Group A



Group B



Group C



Group D



Group E



Group F



Group G



Group H



At Camelot School we plan to support any of our Camelot teams... in assemblies, in sharing news and in supporting in the World Cup 2022. Good luck to all of our teams.... and especially England, of course!

Cycling Club and Cycle Repair at Camelot

Friday 2nd December day of celebration:

- ♦ First Year 6 Cycling Club trip to Burgess Park—Girls Team first followed by the mixed school team and a Yr 6 only and Yr 5 only team—all with Cobourg's team
 - ♦ Cycling Repair Workshop for Yr 5s across the day
- ♦ Cycle Repair Offer to any child in Yr 3—6—bring your bike to school and our technician will triage the needs of each bike and look to fix as many as we can across the day. The aim being to get as many children cycling as possible.

Key dates to remember

Thursday 24th November— 8.45 a.m. Maths Workshop for Parents/Carers of pupils in Years 1-3

Led by our Maths Lead Teachers.

If you are a parent/carer of a child in Year 1-3 we recommend you attend this workshop to find out more about how you can support your child in their maths and the approach followed in the school's Maths lessons

Friday 25th November—School shut for Teacher Training Day.

The training day will include preparations for our next Racial Literacy week—see below as well as Ofsted preparation training—as Camelot is expecting our next Ofsted Inspection from January 2023 onwards*

* Please can we advocate for your support in speaking to Ofsted inspectors about the special qualities of our school and how we overcome any hurdles with exceptional efforts and dedication to your children. The parent voice has never been so important and Camelot's uniqueness as a school needs explaining to inspectors.

Week commencing Monday 28th November Racial Literacy Week at Camelot School

Further information will follow but in the week commencing Monday 28th November, Camelot School will be learning more about the importance of being racially literate in our lives, our education, our choices and decision making.

We have chosen the following role models associated with Camelot's Community who exemplify the school's learning values—as worn on our lanyards and which will be used to inspire our dress sense on the celebration day—Wednesday 30th November— see overleaf

Little Simz (Aspiration) - Malala Yousafzai (Courage)

Kye White (Dedication)

Anne Frank (Integrity) - Ade Adepitan (Resilience)

Camelot Christmas Food Fair

Wednesday 14th December

3.15—4.30 p.m.

The plans: Parents/carers cook for our food fair and donate a dish that celebrates their family's food culture—aka something that your children love eating at home with you and which we all need to try. Other Christmas related activities will be put on by the Parent Teacher Association including a Santa's grotto, the Camelot raffle, tombola, stalls and fun activities for all

Timings: At 3.15 p.m. all the food dishes are presented in the Rio hall for parents/carers and children to sample—each stall will serve portion of the food into bowls as provided

Support needed: We need parents/carers willing to make large portions of food so we can celebrate together. Can you make a big container/pot of jollof rice/rice and peas/cous-cous/patatatas bravas or chicken/meat /tagine/ stew/curry dishes (no pork products please). We ask for food donations to be bought in on the day but preferably during the afternoon in preparation for the fair which starts after the school day finishes on that date.

The cost! We are asking all parents/carers to purchase a special meal ticket that we will stamp each time you visit one of the food stalls. We are aiming for parents/carers/staff with our cooking so the food may be spicy and may include lots of vegetables (but no nuts please)! We are therefore proposing a meal ticket will cost £2 each which entitles the holder to sample dishes from around the stalls... food from around the world.

Your support with these plans is so welcomed



Amazingly, the school are being donated three x 10 foot Christmas trees from this amazing company... we are all so grateful. This will allow our school to join in celebrations and countdown to Christmas.

Like in previous years, if your family can fit in a 10 foot tree and would like to have a tree from Friday 16th December (& you are in walking distance of the school) please can you inform the school office.

Christmas Tree Link

<https://clickmastrees.com/>



Why not buy yours from Clickmas Trees?

The real world which we need to show our children

“The map which represents countries accurately according to their surface area... (rather than an inaccurate portrayal of country sizes) ”



Did you know that every class at Camelot has a beautiful laminated A1 sized copy of this map to display in their class?

Camelot's Day of Celebration

Wednesday 30th November 2022

Every child (& staff member!) is invited to dress up in the colours of our school lanyards for the day—either dress up in one colour from the list below or can they wear one item of all five colours?!



Prizes will be given to the best dressed more colourful children (and staff!) on this day—as long as the colours chosen are the same as our lanyards:

Chestnut Brown

Deep Purple

Outrageous Orange

Striking Pink*

Sky Blue

(* it would be great if we can promote variation of colours and items of clothing with these colours. Not be over-reliant on one colour dominating our outfits.

Please can we encourage a celebration of difference through what your children wear so please not lots and lots of 'Frozen' Princess outfits or football tops in these colours on this occasion. Thank you

Packed Lunches and National Food Standards

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074341/Checklist_for_school_lunches.pdf

Please can we refer all parents/carers to the guidance above if you are choosing to send your child in with a packed lunch. In short, no shop bought snacks; no confectionary & no crisps but also consistency with the exceptional school dinners at Camelot.



The Book Fair is coming!

This November, get your Christmas presents sorted by buying a book and help our school get free books.

17th – 23rd November



Book Fair Design a Poster competition!

To enter the competition:

- Ask your teacher for a poster template
- Return it to your teacher/Miss Saunders
- Look out for your poster displayed around school
- School Council will be choosing the winning entries
- **Five winners will be chosen to win £5 to spend on books at the book fair!**

Camelot School Uniform Charitable support

The panel met for October and has awarded 10 children in Years 2—6 with a uniform grant to spend at our uniform suppliers, APT in Rye Lane, Peckham.

The panel meets monthly and if you wish to apply for a grant please contact Ms Wilkinson via the school office.

Already over 25 families have benefited from this support.

Please note the next date when the school has a staff training day inside a normal school week is then Friday 25th November . Thank you

Camelot School Term and Holiday dates

Academic year 2022/2023

Autumn term 2022

- Monday 5th September 2022* to Friday 21st October 2022 (35 school days)
Half Term Monday 24th October 2022 to Friday 28th October 2022
- Monday 31st October 2022 to Friday 16th December 2022 (34 school days)
Mid-term Inset Day Friday 25th November 2022

Spring term 2023

- Wednesday 4th January 2023 to Friday 10th February 2023 (29 school days)
Half Term Monday 13th February 2023 to Friday 17th February 2023
- Monday 20th February 2023 to Friday 31st March 2023 (30 school days)

Summer term 2023

- Monday 17th April 2023 to Friday 26th May 2023 (30 school days)
Half Term Monday 29th May 2023 to Friday 2nd June 2023
- Tuesday 7th June 2023 to Wednesday 19th July 2023 (32 school days)

Inset Days: 5 days for staff only

Thursday 1st September 2022
Friday 2nd September 2022
Friday 25th November 2022
Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Monday 6th June 2023

Public holidays

- Christmas Day – Sunday 25th December 2022
- Boxing Day Holiday – Monday 26th December 2022
 - New Year's Day – Sunday 1st January 2023
- New Year's Bank Holiday - Monday 2nd January 2023
 - Good Friday - Friday 7th April 2023
 - Easter Sunday – Sunday 9th April 2023
- May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 1st May 2023

Please remember holidays are not expected to be taken during the 190 school days of a child's annual educational entitlement