

## Jerounds Journal

# Beyond Ethical to Humane

“What do we mean by ‘education’? There are two Latin roots for the word: educare meaning to ‘bring up, to train and to teach’, and educere, meaning ‘to lead and draw out that which lies within’. Together both meanings provide a helpful picture for what education should be. But I believe we now need to place greater emphasis on the educational qualities expressed in the word educere.”

John, Sentamu, Archbishop of York (2016)<sup>11</sup>

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year!

The children's first week back got off to a flying start with the arrival of our Drama teacher, Mr David Alexander. David will be teaching the children this half term aspects of 'drama' specifically linked to themes from their Science and Humanities Topics - which are as diverse as: The Battle of Hastings, The Seasons and Earth and Space! We will continue to update our Twitter feed, in order to show you regular snap shots of the children's drama work and creativity. Fortunately, David will also be returning to Jerounds in the summer term, to spend some time introducing Year 6 to the complex issues of the 'human condition', explored through the work of the great bard himself - William Shakespeare!

Meanwhile, Years 2- 5 are now eagerly awaiting the arrival of our 'smoothie bikes'. The rationale behind this initiative is to try and encourage our children to eat and drink more healthily. Children's diet is always a hotly contested discussion point - especially with obesity rates rising at an alarming rate nationally in the UK. As professionals, we are only too aware that the eating habits of a child up to the age of eleven (primary years) are fundamentally the product of both home and school habits and routines. Subsequently, our aim at Jerounds is to encourage ALL children to find a form of exercise that they enjoy and to maintain a regular practice regime. This rigour, coupled with a healthy, daily diet will assist growth, healthy bones and

improve academic performance. With this in mind, the smoothie bike initiative, will help our children consider alternative methods for the intake of essential nutrients and vitamins - namely smoothies. This liquidised form is becoming increasingly popular with many of our families and often helps to mask otherwise unattractive food groups, in a colourful and fruity way.

The fact that the children have to 'pedal' in order to create a smoothie for themselves is also creative and engaging. Please do further encourage your children to try different food groups and adopt a healthy lifestyle - consider purchasing an apple rather than a Mars bar. This leads me nicely onto the topic of 'healthy snacks' and packed lunches. Regrettably, there are still some parents sending their children into school with inappropriate lunches, packed full with crisps, chocolate and even SWEETS! During my playground duty, on several children had packets of Haribos as a healthy snack! As I have just stated, it is our responsibility as adults to encourage and indeed INSIST upon healthy eating habits for our children. Filling our children with copious amount of sugar, fat and additives is not conducive to improve attainment and progress, neither is it an example of positive parenting - quite the contrary. Moreover, sending a child into school with chocolate spread as a sandwich filler, such as 'Nutella' could be potentially 'life-threatening' for some of our children with allergies. Henceforward, any child bringing snacks and packed lunches into school that contain chocolate, or sweets, will be logged and the parents contacted by the class teacher, since we do not believe that it is the child's fault.

Significantly, staff have also noted the benefits of our caterers here at Jerounds - Ashlyns. We are immensely lucky to have organic food prepared fresh on the premises and served by the knowledgeable and encouraging staff from Ashlyns. I urge you all therefore to insist that your children try our school dinners, as peers frequently implicitly encourage each other to sample new food groups when sat together, socialising over a plate of food. May I also remind you that our organic dinners are FREE for ALL Early Years and Key Stage 1 parents. Given this fact, the lunchtime choice seems to be an easy choice I think. Finally, due to the outstanding success of our Christmas meal, staff are once again sitting eating with their classes on Thursday 17th January, in an effort to further promote the importance of a family meal and spending quality time together socialising and eating together. I do hope that you will all take this opportunity to encourage your child to have a school meal with their class teacher on this day too.

Years 4 and 5 are eagerly preparing for their opening night at the O2, with rehearsals now fully underway. In order that all parents can see this magical performance, Mrs Wiltshire will be hosting an afternoon with parents this term, at Jerounds, whereby the children can perform to their parents; especially poignant, given that many parents will be unable to attend the O2 performance due to other commitments. Please add Tuesday 12th February (14:30-15:30) to your diaries for this added extra treat!

Equally, Year 3 will be hosting our very first Spring Concert to all parents prior to the Easter Term, in order to share with their parents their many musical talents - not least the fact that they have all been taught to read music AND play an instrument this academic year- no mean feat! The afternoon of Tuesday 2nd April, between 14:30-15:30, promises to be a real extravaganza, so please save this date to your diaries also.

Our Digital Leaders are off to visit the BETT Show at the Excel Exhibition Centre in London shortly with Miss Line and I, in order to see the latest in technical and digital technology. With the rapid rise of A1, this is an important venture for our Digital leaders - although I suspect a trip to the Minecraft stand will also be in order! Staying with my digital theme, I am delighted to formally announce that our IPad station or Digital Cafe - as we like to refer to it - is now up and running. This fact, coupled with our new Wi-Fi installation, will further enrich both the research capacity and attainment of our children during lessons. Equally, we have purchased and downloaded many useful Apps that will also assist our core curriculum subjects with fun accessible learning tools.

This term will see the launch of a Spelling Bee competition within NET Academies. Our cluster partner, Abbotsweld School, is to be our adversary and competition. Mr Watts will be unveiling the competitions mechanics to all children during assembly this afternoon. Please encourage your children to learn their tricky spellings. We are hopeful to secure another cup/award for Jerounds School prior to the half term holiday.

Our sporting calendar has already commenced with selection underway for next week's archery competition. Likewise, Mr Bailey, is presently trying to organise some football fixtures with other local schools as indeed is Mrs Bull for our netballers - in order to further prepare our children for up and coming competitions this term.

Finally, I would like to invite all parents to attend a Parent Forum, on Tuesday 25th February, 2019 at 09:00-10:00, in the Key Stage Two Hall (entrance through the KS2 playground). The purpose of these meetings is for parents and members of SLT, to be able to ascertain the opinions and ideas of our supportive community, and to be able to find ways to work creatively together for the needs of our children.

We are all so impressed with the work that the Friends of Jerounds have achieved in opening up our parent body, encouraging EVERYONE to help in some way across the school year, but we would like to do more directly with our parents; especially with regards to the academic journey that our children experience. We are hopeful that our Parent Forums, which we will run termly, will also help to explain a little bit more about the school structure, policy making, assessment, government guidelines etc. There will be no set agenda for these forums, although we will begin with a topic, to stimulate initial engagement. The premise is to encourage parent participation and open dialogue throughout. Please be mindful, however, that it is not the place to bring personal situations/incidents to the attention of the SLT. For any concerns please continue to make appointments with your child's class teacher, in the first instance.

The children, staff and I are all extremely excited for the spring term and we look forward to celebrating your children's many successes collectively with you as a community over the coming weeks.

With best wishes,

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Mrs Laura Çiftçi BA (Hons) MEd  
Head of School



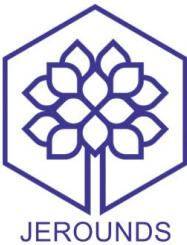
## Dates for your Diary

16th January —Safety Seymour to see Year two  
29th January —Young Voices, Years four and five  
31st January—Smoothie Bike Workshop—Years two to five  
15th February—Children break up for half term  
18th February to 22nd February—half term  
25th February—Children return to school  
28th February—Parent Consultation 1pm—7.30pm—SCHOOL CLOSES  
AT 1pm  
13th March—Animation Workshop at Jerounds for Year three  
26th February—Parent forum KS2 hall, all parents welcome—9am  
8th March—World Book Day  
15th March—Class photos  
25th March—Year six to Crucial Crew  
5th April—Children break up for Easter

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## **Jerounds Primary Academy**

**Nightingale—184 points (4th)**

**Darwin—254 points (2nd)**

**Brunel—246 points (3rd)**

**Pankhurst—256 points (1st)**

**Shakespeare—256 points (1st)**



**Have you moved recently?  
Have you changed your telephone number?**

Please ensure you advise the school office if you have moved or changed your telephone number. This also applies to any emergency contacts you have for your child/children.

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