



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 11th November 2022

REMEMBRANCE DAY



CHRISTMAS LUNCH – THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER

We will be enjoying our Christmas Dinner, complete with crackers and table settings, on Thursday 15th December 2022!

Please complete this form with your child's choice of main and dessert – *please also do this if your child receives Free School Meals or Universal Free School Meals as this will help us cater for correct numbers.*

Meals cost £2.30 and are payable via Arbor. Deadline for orders is Friday 2nd December 2022. Click [here](#) to order.



Christmas Dinner Menu

Thursday 15th December 2022

Roast Turkey with all the Trimmings
or
Butternut Squash Wellington (V)

Roast Potatoes
Vegetable Medley
Gravy

Christmas Biscuit (DF/V)
or
Homemade Christmas Pudding (DF/V)
with/without Cream
or
Chocolate Arctic Roll

All dietary requirements will be catered for



ODD SOCKS DAY AND ANTI-BULLYING WEEK – NEXT WEEK!

Anti-Bullying Week 2022 takes place from Monday 14th – Friday 18th November with the theme 'Reach Out'. Bullying affects millions of lives and can leave us feeling hopeless. But it doesn't have to be this way. If we challenge it, we can change it. And it starts by reaching out.

We will spend time in class talking about what bullying is and what we can do - Reach out to someone you trust if you need to talk. Reach out to someone you know is being bullied. Reach out and consider a new approach.

This year we are holding Odd Socks Day, which is a chance for schools to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week what makes us all unique. All you have to do to take part is **wear odd socks** with your normal school uniform – it could not be simpler!



CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER



On Friday 18th November, Joy Lane will be supporting Children in Need, whose mission it is to help ensure every child in the UK is safe, happy, secure and has the opportunities they need to reach their potential. They fund local charities and projects who help remove the barriers that are facing children and young people, so that they can thrive.

The children are invited to **wear non-uniform** on they – and a splash of yellow or spots if they want to! (If your child has PE that day, they can wear non-uniform that would be suitable for the lesson or bring in their PE kit to change into.) Find us on the gates on Friday with our orange buckets if you can spare some loose change to donate. Alternatively, you can donate directly online: [Donate to BBC Children in Need](#) or, you may have already donated outside of school by buying Children in Need merchandise, like Pudsey ears.

PARENT/CHILD FUN FITNESS SESSIONS

Thank you very much to those of you who showed an interest in the "Fitness Exchange Club" Extended Clubs. We are pleased to announce that the first session is next Thursday 17th November, and then each Thursday until 15th December.

Places are now bookable from 6pm this evening on Arbor. You will only need to book and pay for your child; one parent will be automatically booked in alongside the child.

We will also be looking into further sessions, possibly on a Tuesday.

We hope to see lots of you signing up to these fun sessions!



KS2 WINTER DISCOS – NEXT WEEK

Disco day for upper KS2 is almost here, and our excitement is rising! Don't forget to purchase those last-minute tickets! A few important pieces of information to note:



15th November

3:00-4:00 - **Year 4** - Please could children **BRING DISCO CLOTHES IN A NAMED BAG** to change into at school. Year Four children will need to be **collected at 4pm from the THE LINK CORRIDOR BETWEEN RECEPTION AND YEAR ONE CLASSROOMS.**

4:00-5:00 - **Year 5** - Children should come to the disco wearing their party clothes. Please drop off at the **LOWER SCHOOL HALL BACK DOOR** and collect from **THE LINK CORRIDOR BETWEEN RECEPTION AND YEAR ONE CLASSROOMS.**

5:00 - 6:00 - **Year 6** - Children should come to the disco wearing their party clothes. Please drop off at the **LOWER SCHOOL HALL BACK DOOR** and collect from **THE LINK CORRIDOR BETWEEN RECEPTION AND YEAR ONE CLASSROOMS.**



Thank you for your support of this exciting event!

FOJL PAY-IT-FORWARD SCHEME

Thank you so much for those that reached out about our 'Pay-it-Forward' Winter Disco tickets! We apologise that the Arbor app could not accommodate this ticket type this time.

We are a newly formed Friends of Joy Lane and passionate about supporting all children within our school and ensuring no child misses out on fun events due to funding issues, whilst also raising much-needed funds for the school.

Incredibly, this time a local business offered to support the entire event, ensuring tickets were covered for any child who wanted to come. **ADVANCED WASTE & DEMOLITION LTD, Whitstable** - thank you so much for your kind and generous donation!

We are currently looking into our ticketing options for future events, so please look out for 'Pay-it-Forward' choice on all FJL events.

Please remember that anyone who would like to access the scheme, please just email friends@joylane.kent.sch.uk



We can't wait to see Years 4, 5 & 6 at next week's Discos!

WHATSAPP – PARENT INFORMATION

Please find attached with this Newsletter a really useful parent guide about WhatsApp. Please read this, particularly if your child has their own mobile phone.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – COMPETITION TIME!



Our Scholastic Book Fair is coming on Monday 21st November until Thursday 24th November. Look out for the book cases, which will be based in EY/KS1 and Lower KS2 and Upper KS2. More information will follow soon.

If you want to be in with a chance of winning a £5 voucher to spend at the fair, why not enter our competition – ‘Big Up Book Banter!’

We want to find out what our children love about Book Banter. Show us in a...

- Poster
- Poem / Rap
- Picture
- Any other medium you would like!

Hand any entries to the school office FAO: Mrs Harkins, or if it is a video, share it with Mrs Harkins on ClassDojo via your child’s Portfolio.

Entry deadline: Thursday 17th November 2022.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE



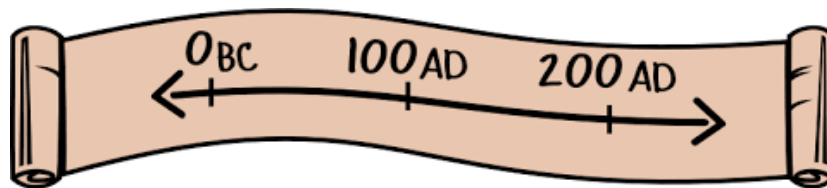
Attendance data week ending 11th November 2022

JLPS Whole School attendance	93.3%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	132 pupils 21.53%

Klee - 88.4%	Kline - 94.8%	Kandinsky - 92.7%
Van Gogh - 95.0%	Voysey - 92.9%	Vallotton - 94.4%
Picasso - 93.3%	Postgate - 92.9%	Potter - 89.9%
Riley - 93.8%	Rousseau - 96.0%	Renoir - 93.2%
Hockney - 94.5%	Heron - 91.1%	Hepworth - 93.9%
Degas - 93.4%	Dali - 95.7%	Da Vinci - 93.5%
Bailey - 92.9%	Banksy - 95.7%	Barnard - 95.6%
Oysters - 90.0%	School Average - 94.0%	School Target - 98.5%



JLPS 'ONCE UPON A TIMELINE' COMPETITION



We need all our artists, designers and historians to help bring our school timeline to life! We would like you to design a picture that will represent the different eras we learn about in our school.

Each year group has been asked to focus on certain eras:

- Year 3: Stone Age, Bronze Age & Iron Age
- Year 4: Romans, Saxons, Vikings
- Year 5: Egyptians, Ancient Mayans, Ancient Greeks & Tudors
- Year 6: Victorians, WWI, WWII, Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II

Your picture must be beautifully presented and no bigger than A5. Think carefully about the most important features of each era. What person or object could best represent the time?

Please complete and hand entries in by Friday 25th November.

There will of course be a small prize for those children whose work is displayed on our timeline. Good luck!

COMMUNITY – CHRISTMAS EVENTS

CHRISTMAS AVENUE

GROTTO - MUSIC - FOOD - CRAFT - MARKET - TOMBOLA

SATURDAY 3RD DEC

WHITSTABLE UMBRELLA CENTRE, OXFORD ST WHITSTABLE

10AM - 4PM

I HEART Whitstable



Christmas Market

Sunday 27th November 2022

11am till 3pm

Free admissions

Handcrafted items

St Andrews Church hall
Grimshill Road Whitstable

Refreshments and
visit from
SANTA



**Come Visit Santa & the
Festive Farm Animals
At Meadow Grange
This December
4th & 5th
10th & 11th**

meadowgrangenursery.co.uk



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PARENT / CARER CHECKLIST

- We are continuing to collect Christmas jumpers in preparation for our Christmas Jumper Swap (run by the FoJL) on 25th November. Bring any jumpers in to either the school office or a member of staff on the gates.
- Remember to wear a pair of odd socks on Monday 14th November for Odd Socks Day.
- Why not enter one of our competitions – ‘Once Upon a Timeline’ or ‘Big Up Book Banter’?
- It is Children in Need Day on Friday 18th November and children are invited to wear non-uniform, which could include something yellow or spotty.
- Next week is **Week 2** of the [menu](#)
- Buy last-minute tickets for the Winter Disco (via Arbor) and check the arrangements (above).
- Order your Christmas Lunch [here](#)

