



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12th May 2023

EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Building works adjacent to our school site via Vulcan Close

We have met with one of the Directors from Aspire Designer Homes, who are building the new homes in Vulcan Close, and as part of the conversation we discussed the potential impact on children/adults accessing our school via Vulcan Close. For the time being there will be continued pedestrian access onto our school site but no room for parking of cars or the use as a drop off point; in the very near future, preventative parking measures (barriers of some kind) will be installed surrounding the building site's perimeter.

I would like to ask you to be hyper-vigilant when using the Vulcan Close entrance and ask that from this point on, you now refrain from using this road for parking or as a drop-off point, as we all want the children to be able to walk safely into school. I will share further updates as the building works progress.

Vehicle access onto our school site

As a reminder, you are able to drive onto our school site during the permitted times via the Joy Lane entrance, and exit via Vulcan Close; our current planning permission for affording vehicle access/egress is using these routes only.

Thank you for your kind attention in these matters to ensure safety for all.

Debra Hines - Executive Headteacher

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Attendance data week ending 12th May 2023

JLPS Whole School attendance	92.44%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	144 pupils 23.45%



Klee – 89.5%	Kline – 94.4%	Kandinsky - 96%
Van Gogh – 97.8%	Voysey – 95.7%	Vallotton – 95.4%
Picasso – 96.3%	Postgate – 97.5%	Potter – 97.5%
Riley – 92.2%	Rousseau – 96.4%	Renoir – 95.5%
Hockney – 95.8%	Heron – 92.4%	Hepworth – 94.3%
Degas – 96.2%	Dali – 97.4%	Da Vinci – 99.1%
Bailey – 90.4%	Banksy – 100%	Barnard – 99.6%
Oysters – 88.6%		



HELP US BY ORDERING A SCHOOL MEAL ON CENSUS DAY

Thursday 18th May 2023 is School Census Day. The number of children choosing a school dinner on that day, particularly in Early Years and Key Stage 1, decides a large element of the funding, and as a result, we would like to encourage as many children as possible to opt-in for a school dinner on this day.

We have a special menu for Census Day, and we hope to see lots of children enjoying this meal. Please note that Friday's menu will be a 'jacket potato station', with a choice of tasty fillings, accompanied by a mixed salad and pancakes with chocolate sauce and cream for dessert.

Census Day Menu

Thursday 18th May 2023

Help us by having a school dinner!



Chicken Nuggets
Vegetable Nuggets
French Fries



Baked Beans
Sweetcorn
Dipping Sauces



Ice Lolly

All dietary requirements will be catered for

BIATHLON – SUNDAY 18TH JUNE 2023

JOY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL
BIATHLON

Enter via Arbor for Reception to Year 6

Enter via the office email address for Preschool siblings and adults: office@joylane.kent.sch.uk

Sunday 18th June 9:30 - 11:30am

£5 per entry*



Swimming and Running event
Preschool through to adult categories
Prizes for everyone
Hot and cold breakfast options available



The annual Joy Lane Biathlon is returning on Sunday 18th June!

Last year's event was a great success, and all the money raised made a significant difference towards our swimming pool fund-raising target of £30,000! Great fun for all the family, this is an inclusive fund-raising event that is sure to be a morning of fun!

This year the events are as follows:

- Pre-schoolers*, Reception and Year 1: Water obstacle, bouncy castle and tuff tray activity
- Year 2: 2 laps run / 2 lengths swim
- Year 3: 3 laps run / 3 lengths swim
- Year 4: 4 laps run / 4 lengths swim
- Year 5: 5 laps run / 5 lengths swim
- Year 6: laps run / 6 lengths swim
- Teenagers / Parents / Carers*: 8 laps run / 8 lengths swim.
- Father's Day Fancy Dress Fun Run (free of charge, enter on the day!)

If you wish to enter, please enter via Arbor from Monday 8th May.

*For Pre-schoolers, parents and carers, please enter via the office email address (office@joylane.kent.sch.uk) and pay via the office.

If your child would like to be sponsored for this event (in addition to the entry fee), optional sponsorship forms are available to be collected from your child's class teacher.

Entries will close on Friday 9th June, when you will receive event confirmation and final details about the day.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there and raising money to maintain and move forward with our wonderful Swimming pool facility.

CACOT FUNDRAISING DAY – FRIDAY 19TH MAY



Coastal Alliance Co-operative Trust Standing Together, Together Outstanding

Briary Primary School, Herne Bay High School, Herne Bay Infant School,
Herne Bay Junior School, Herne Infant C of E School, Herne Junior C of E School,
Joy Lane Primary School, Reculver C of E School, St Alphege CE Infant School,
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Swalecliffe Community Primary School,
Westmeads Community Infant School, Whitstable & Seasalter Endowed C of E Junior School,
Whitstable Junior School

Mr B Cooper, Chair

As part of a group CACOT fundraising day on Friday 19th May, Joy Lane Primary School will be joining in with organising a non-uniform day with a twist!

As well as wearing non-uniform for a suggested donation of £1, we'd like the children to participate in wearing crazy hair/wig/hat for the day. No permanent hair dye please!

The main focus for the fundraising is to contribute to the Canterbury Foodbank "holiday food parcels" which are sent out to support families during the school holidays.



Thank you for your continuing support
CACOT School Councils



JLPS UNIFORM

The children of Joy Lane Primary School are very proud of their school uniform as this identifies them as part of our wonderful school and the Joy Lane family.

It is a school expectation that all children wear the specified and correct Joy Lane uniform; this [link](#) to our school website details our school uniform list. Children are reminded during Celebration Assembly each Monday and by their class teacher of the importance of wearing the correct school uniform.

Below are a few of our wonderful Joy Lane children looking smart and smiley, and we are sure you will agree this highlights the pride they have in what they wear and the school they belong to. Please see examples of our JLPS school uniform expectations, including our **JLPS school tie, navy jumper/cardigan with school logo and black shoes/unbranded trainers.**



Also, as a reminder **long hair should be tied up** so it is out of the way, and as with all primary schools, children **should not wear nail varnish or hooped earrings** as part of their uniform.

Please could parents and carers work with the school and class teachers/adults to ensure there is consistency in what the children are expected to wear to school.

Summer Uniform

If the forecast is for hot weather, and it is extremely warm and sunny, the children will be encouraged to leave their ties at home.

P.E. days

During P.E. days, all children should wear their P.E. kit into school, which should include their **house colour plain t-shirt and plain black/navy joggers or shorts.**

Please could parents and carers ensure **branded and designer joggers and hoodies are not worn** as we don't want the children to turn P.E. days into who has the most fashionable, designer clothes on. This is to ensure consistency and equality but also to prepare the pupils for secondary school, where there is a zero-tolerance approach to not wearing the correct uniform or P.E. kit.

You can purchase uniform from [Barnums School Wear](#) or [Coastal School Uniform Company](#).

Finally, **if you would like to speak in confidence with Mrs Allen or Mrs Baker** regarding school uniform, they have access to plenty of pre-loved uniform and P.E. kit that they would be delighted to pass on.



SEASALTER CHRISTIAN CENTRE YOUTH CLUB

St Alphege, Seasalter (Seasalter Christian Centre) is looking into the possibility of creating a youth club for local young people to be able to come along and hang out with their friends in a safe, secure and accepting environment. With this, we would love for the local community to have their say on what they would like to see happen. We invite you to complete a [short questionnaire](#) which will only take a few minutes.

All the information will be stored securely under GDPR regulations and will be used in shaping our plans going forward.

Many Thanks in advance

Hannah

Youth Minister at St Alphege Church, Seasalter, Whitstable

PARENT / CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 3** of the [menu](#).
- **Next term's dates can be found [here](#). Why not print a copy for your fridge?**
- **Book your place at the Biathlon event!**
- **Please save your egg boxes and bring them into school.**
- **Sign up for our Parent/Carer Reading Café on Wednesday 17th May at 9am.**
- **Order a school dinner on Thursday 18th May to support the School Census.**
- **Children are invited to wear a crazy wig, hair or hat on Friday 19th May for our CACOT Fundraising day.**

