



# Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

# WELCOME BACK!

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are so pleased to see the children all wearing their Joy Lane school uniform at the beginning of the new academic year. They all look so smart and are very proud to be part of our lovely school. We told all children during our welcome back assembly that they should be very proud of their school uniform and that this identifies them as part of our special school and the Joy Lane family.

We understand that it's been so warm and have encouraged children to take ties and jumpers off when in the classroom and out in the sunshine.

However, it is a school expectation that all children wear the specified and correct Joy Lane uniform especially as the weather will be cooler next week; our school [website](#) displays our school uniform list. Footwear needs to be black and if wearing trainers, these need to be all black, non-branded and without logos.

Some of our children have posed beautifully for their pictures, which we are sure you will agree highlights the pride they have in what they wear and the school they belong to. These are excellent examples of our JLPS school uniform expectations.

Pre-loved uniform is available at all times via an email or appointment and also look out for after school sales which will be communicated with you this term.



## IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

Dear Parents and Carers,

I thought I would share with you the latest information that has come from the education department with regards to the importance of regular school attendance. Please see part of the information below:

*There is wide agreement among health professionals and educational professionals that school attendance is vital to the life chances of children and young people. Being in school improves health, wellbeing and socialisation throughout the life course. The greatest benefits come from children and young people attending school regularly.*

*It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above.*

We have been asked by the Department of Education and Local Authority to share the following document [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#) with all of you for reference.

Many thanks  
Mr M Ashley Jones  
Head of School

## ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Attendance data week ending 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023



|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| JLPS Whole School attendance                                 | 96.6%                |
| Number of Persistent Absentees<br>(less than 90% attendance) | 108 pupils<br>17.64% |

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Klee – 100%</b>      | <b>Kahlo – 100%</b>     | <b>Kandinsky – 94.6%</b> |
| <b>Van Gogh – 95.1%</b> | <b>Voysey – 92.9%</b>   | <b>Vallotton – 96.7%</b> |
| <b>Picasso – 94.8%</b>  | <b>Postgate – 94.6%</b> | <b>Potter – 97.3%</b>    |
| <b>Riley – 97.7%</b>    | <b>Rousseau – 92.6%</b> | <b>Ringold – 96.7%</b>   |
| <b>Hockney – 100%</b>   | <b>Heron – 99.6%</b>    | <b>Hepworth – 100%</b>   |
| <b>Degas – 94.6%</b>    | <b>Dali – 92.4%</b>     | <b>Da Vinci – 95%</b>    |
| <b>Bailey – 98.6%</b>   | <b>Banksy – 98.5%</b>   | <b>Boyce – 98.8%</b>     |
| <b>Oysters – 98.3%</b>  |                         |                          |



## HEALTHY SNACKS

Just a reminder that Joy Lane Primary School strives to be as healthy a school as possible, therefore we encourage our children to eat a healthy diet.



Parents in Early Years and KSI will be aware that a choice of fruit and vegetables are provided by school daily for breaktime snacks and that the children therefore are encouraged to get used to healthy eating habits when they first start school, and as they go through Key Stage 1.

The challenge we often have as parents (and I remember only too well!) is to continue encouraging the boys and girls to continue these good habits in Years 3,4, 5 and 6. So as we start a new academic year please could we ask that all parents and carers (particularly Key Stage 2) support the school and continue supplying you children with healthy breaktime snacks rather than crisps, chocolate or other snacks which could be classed as treats.

The amount of litter in the form of crisp packets, etc. that is being generated by these 'unhealthy snacks' is quite alarming, and I often see our eco-reps or breaktime helpers picking up this litter in order to look after our school environment.

During our assemblies and class time our curriculum emphasises the importance of healthy eating so please can you discuss breaktime options for the children. We would always encourage fruit or vegetables as this follows on from what the children are used to in Key Stage 1 or the Early Years; however, there are alternatives some of which are highlighted in this link: [Healthy Breaks for Schools A5 Leaflet ENGLISH.pdf \(hscni.net\)](#)

**As a final plea and reminder please be aware that we still have children and staff in school with serious nut allergies, so please check the contents of your child's snack and lunchbox.**



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in striving to encourage good habits and stay healthy; however, if there are any medical or dietary issues that you would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact school or your child's class teacher.

Yours Sincerely,  
Mr M Ashley Jones  
Head of School

## PUPIL COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS FORM

This week your child has brought home their Pupil Collection Arrangements form for you to update the names of the adults authorised to collect your child/children from school and their telephone numbers. Please complete this as soon as possible and return to the school office.



## SWIMMING TIMETABLE – TERMS 1-3

| Day       | Year / Class   | Time         |
|-----------|--|--------------|
| Monday    | KSI Oysters Group<br>(Group 1 and 2 to alternate swimming each term) | 1-2 pm       |
|           | Year 4 – Heron   | 2-3pm        |
| Tuesday   | Nursery  | 9:30-11:30am |
|           | Year 4 – Hockney   | 1-2pm        |
|           | Year 4 - Hepworth  | 2-3pm        |
| Wednesday | Year 6 – Banksy  | 1-2pm        |
|           | Year 6 – Boyce   | 2-3 pm       |
| Thursday  | Year 5 - Dali  | 1-2pm        |
|           | Year 5 – DaVinci   | 2-3pm        |
| Friday    | Nursery  | 9:30-11:30am |
|           | Year 5 - Degas   | 1-2pm        |
|           | Year 6 – Bailey  | 2-3pm        |

## YEAR 6 - SECONDARY APPLICATION INFORMATION

For children starting Year 7 in September 2024 applications opened on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September and close on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. Click [here](#) to find out more about the process. If parents have any queries, the team can be contacted on [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk).

Please make sure you check your local secondary schools' websites so that you know when their Open Mornings and Evenings are taking place. You are welcome to arrange visits to local schools of your choice for a look around and to get a feel of which school may be the right fit for your child.

Some of these open mornings or appointments will be in school time, and this will, of course, be authorised absence from Joy Lane. Please inform the school office if your child will be away for a time visiting a secondary school between now and the end of October when the whole process closes.

Please do not hesitate to make an appointment to discuss options or get some advice from Mr Rogers or Mr Ashley-Jones regarding the secondary school application process if you so wish.



# FRIENDS OF JOY LANE

All new members welcome. Please contact us via email:  
[friends@joylane.kent.sch.uk](mailto:friends@joylane.kent.sch.uk)

## FRIENDS OF JOY LANE PTA

AGM: WED 13TH SEPT 6PM LOWER HALL

THE AGM WILL REPORT ON 22/23 EVENTS & FINANCES. RE-ELECT ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS.  
 AND AS ALWAYS HOPES TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

JOIN US!

FIRST MEETING: WED 20TH SEPT 6PM LOWER HALL

AT THIS MEETING WE WILL AGREE ON EVENTS AND DATES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD.  
 NON-MEMBERS WELCOME, COME SHARE SOME IDEAS!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AT MEETINGS!

## AUTUMN / WINTER MENU 2023-24

Please be aware that the price of a school meal is now **£2.60.**

### Oyster Bay Catering Menu at Joy Lane Primary School

Autumn & Winter 2023 - 2024

|               | MEAT-FREE MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   |
|---------------|--|---|--|---|--|
| <b>Week 1</b> | Joy Lane Pizza ( Cheese & Tomato)<br>Baked Potato Wedges<br>Sweetcorn & Baked Beans<br>Frozen Mousse                             | Pasta Bolognaise<br>Soya Mince Bolognaise<br>Tomato Salad & Green Beans<br>Warm Apples & Pears<br>with Chocolate Custard                | Roast Pork, Apple Sauce & Gravy<br>Winter Vegetable Crumble<br>Roast Potatoes<br>Carrots & Cabbage<br>Sultana & Oaty Biscuit                             | Chicken Meatballs<br>in a Fresh Tomato Sauce<br>Vegan Meatballs<br>in a Fresh Tomato Sauce<br>Steamed Rice, Broccoli<br>Fruit & Cream | Fish Fingers<br>Cheese & Onion Quiche<br>Chips<br>Peas & Baked Beans<br>Freezer Pop  |
| <b>Week 2</b> | MEAT FREE MONDAY<br>Macaroni Cheese<br>Stuffed Pepper<br>Mixed Vegetables & Garlic Bread<br>Fruit Smoothie                       | TUESDAY<br>Chicken Curry<br>Moroccan Roasted Vegetables<br>Steamed Rice<br>Cucumber Salad & Sweetcorn<br>Profiteroles & Chocolate Sauce | WEDNESDAY<br>Minced Beef & Yorkshire Pudding<br>Soya Mince in Gravy with Yorkshire<br>Pudding<br>Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Peas<br>Fresh Fruit Selection | THURSDAY<br>Chinese Sticky Teriyaki Pork<br>Vegetable Spring Roll<br>Noodles<br>Broccoli & Garlic Cabbage<br>Apple & Cinnamon Cake    | FRIDAY<br>Oven Baked Battered Fish<br>Mediterranean Lentil Burger<br>Chips, Baked Beans & Mushy Peas<br>Lime Jelly & Cream |
| <b>Week 3</b> | MEAT FREE MONDAY<br>SPUDS WE LIKE!<br>Baked Jacket Potatoes with a Choice<br>of Fillings<br>Vegetable Sticks<br>Lemon Shortbread | TUESDAY<br>BBQ Pork & Beans<br>Vegetable Curry<br>Steamed Rice<br>Peas & Cauliflower<br>Sticky Toffee Pudding & Cream                   | WEDNESDAY<br>Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy<br>Herby Vegan Sausages<br>Roast Potatoes<br>Green Beans & Carrots<br>Fresh Fruit Salad                     | THURSDAY<br>Cottage Pie<br>Leek & Potato Bake<br>Cabbage & Mixed Vegetables<br>Rhubarb & Custard                                      | FRIDAY<br>Fish Fingers or Salmon & Broccoli Pie<br>Veggie Nuggets<br>Chips, Baked Beans & Peas<br>Strawberry Mousse        |
| <b>Week 4</b> | MEAT FREE MONDAY<br>Fresh Tomato Spaghetti<br>Cheese Swirl<br>Mixed Salad & Sweetcorn<br>Low Sugar Vanilla Ice Cream             | TUESDAY<br>Chicken Casserole<br>Popeye's Omelette<br>Steamed Potatoes<br>Mashed Root Veg & Peas<br>Apple Berry Crumble & Custard        | WEDNESDAY<br>Roast Gammon & Gravy<br>Vegan Sausages<br>Roast Potatoes<br>Carrots & Broccoli<br>Rice Pudding with Jam                                     | THURSDAY<br>Oven Baked Beef Sausages<br>Caribbean Pasty<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Cauliflower Cheese & Baked Beans<br>Fruit & Jelly       | FRIDAY<br>Oven Baked Battered Fish Filet<br>Veggie Finger Wrap<br>Chips<br>Baked Beans & Peas<br>Chocolate Chip Cookie     |



Available Daily: Freshly Baked Bread, Jacket Potatoes (Limited Availability), Fresh Fruit & Yoghurts

Find out more [here](#) and download a PDF copy of the menu.



## PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 2 of the [menu](#)**.
- Please note that we will not be officially celebrating Roald Dahl this year.
- **Join the Friends of Joy Lane on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm for the AGM.**
- Download a copy of our handy Term 1 dates [here](#).
- **Remember to pack a healthy, nut-free breaktime snack for your KS2 child.**
- If you have a child in Year 6, please be aware that the secondary application process is now beginning.

