



# Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## PARENT / CARER SURVEY – THERE'S STILL TIME!

Please take five minutes to complete our [Parent / Carer Survey](#) to help us make Joy Lane Primary School the best it can be. Please complete the online survey by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of November. Replies will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Your feedback, whether positive or constructive is very important to us so please take the time to complete the survey.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER – BOOK NOW!

We will be enjoying our Christmas Dinner, complete with crackers and table settings, on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023!

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 £2.60 and are payable via Arbor. Deadline for orders is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023. Click [here](#) to order.



**Christmas Dinner  
Menu**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

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**Roast Turkey with all the Trimmings**

or

**Vegetable Roulade (V)**

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**Roast Potatoes (V)**

**Vegetable Medley (V)**

**Gravy (V)**

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**Christmas Biscuit (DF/V)**

or

**Homemade Christmas Pudding (DF/V)**  
with/without Cream

or

**Chocolate Arctic Roll**

**All dietary requirements will be catered for**  
(V – Vegan)





## WE NEED YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPERS!

We are collecting pre-loved jumpers in preparation for our Pre-loved Christmas Jumper Sale on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. If you have any Christmas jumpers at home that no longer fit, please consider donating them to the school for our sale. Thank you.

## PRE-LOVED SALES - FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Visit our pre-loved Christmas jumper AND uniform sale next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November during and after the Sharing Learning afternoon to grab a bargain! We will be accepting card only.

Thank you in advance to the Friends Of Joy Lane, the Joy Lane Eco-reps, Mrs Allen and our representatives of the Parent Council for putting all of this together.



## SHARING LEARNING AFTERNOON – FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

We look forward to welcoming you all into the school next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November between 2pm and 3pm to look at your child's work and classroom.

- EY/KSI parents/carers to enter alongside the Children's Centre, past the Nursery to the EY/KSI joining corridor.
- Years 3/4 parents/carers to enter the gate by the swimming pool and into the classroom via the back doors.
- Years 5/6 parents/carers to enter via the gated area/cloakroom fire exit doors.

You are welcome to move to different areas of the school if you have multiple children to visit and you can take your children when you have finished. The main Joy Lane entrance and Vulcan Close gate will be open for the afternoon. The Valkyrie gate will open at its usual time of 3:20pm.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to showcasing the children's wonderful work and learning so far this year.

## EY/KSI CHRISTMAS SHOWS – BOOK FROM MONDAY

The children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are starting to prepare for their Christmas shows and are getting very excited about their performances.

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November, a link will be shared on your child's ClassDojo page which will enable you to purchase a ticket for the shows (free of charge). We have to limit tickets to two per child due to space limitation in our halls, and we thank you for your understanding with this. There is an option for you to add your name to a waiting list when you purchase your tickets if you would like to be informed of any leftover tickets.

The Friends of Joy Lane will be attending the shows to sell refreshments (cashless donations please) for you to enjoy while you sit back and enjoy the performance.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you there, and we wish a very big 'good luck' to our children as they begin rehearsals.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – NEXT WEEK!



The Scholastic Book Fair is here from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November until Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy. Browse the digital magazine [here](#).

Look out for the bookcases, which will be based in EY/KS1 and Lower KS2 and Upper KS2. There will be opportunities for the children to visit the cases during the day, but you are welcome to browse and buy with your child at the end of the day between 3:20pm and 3:35pm. You can pay by cash or there is the facility to pay online using your debit/credit card.

Every book you buy earns free books for the school! We hope to see you there!

## HOUSE CAPTAIN CATCH-UP

Welcome to the weekly house captain catchup. First of all, we are going to talk about the Joy Lane Girls Football Team that have won all the games this season so far. Their last game was against Reculver School and we won 1-0, with Freya Bate scoring a great goal! Also, the boys played, but unfortunately, they lost 6-1, but did play very well. Well done everyone! On Wednesday, the Reading Ambassadors participated in their first assembly of the year, which was amazing. They introduced themselves and informed Key Stage 2 about the Scholastic Book Fair happening next week, and they shared with everyone their favourite book!

In addition to all of this, a range of years are learning about how to use a coding through a website named Scratch; you may want to carry this on at home by going on ilearn2 to continue with your project. Can you believe it - there are only 38 days (about 1 month 1 week) until Christmas!

## IMPORTANT REMINDER: NO SMOKING/VAPING

An important reminder to Parents and Carers that smoking and vaping is not allowed on the school site. Thank you for your cooperation.



## ATTENDANCE GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

# SCHOOL *counts!*

### What YOU must do:

- Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.
- Tell the school in advance of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.
- Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport: call on a family member, neighbour or friend.
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance, then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

### What WE will do:

- Check your child's attendance every day.
- Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

Joy Lane Primary School Attendance Team

## ATTENDANCE UPDATE

### Attendance data week ending 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023



JLPS Whole School attendance	94.5%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	99 pupils 16.04%

Klee – 93.2 %	Kahlo – 95.7%	Kandinsky – 89.2%
Van Gogh – 93.2%	Voysey – 94.3%	Vallotton – 85.4%
Picasso – 93.7%	Postgate – 93.5%	Potter – 92.7%
Riley – 95%	Rousseau – 97%	Ringold – 97.7%
Hockney – 98%	Heron – 98.5%	Hepworth – 92.9%
Degas – 92.4%	Dali – 98.8%	Da Vinci – 91.3%
Bailey – 95.9%	Banksy – 93.7%	Boyce – 98.2%
Oysters – 94%		



# COASTAL SCHOOL UNIFORM COMPANY



BY PARENTS FOR PARENTS

**BLACK FRIDAY 10%**

Use code: **BLACKFRIDAY**

Friday 24th November  
until Midnight

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Coastal School Uniform Company

The graphic features a green chalkboard with white text, a blue graduation cap, a yellow satchel, a pink and blue backpack, and a pink spiral notebook. The background is light blue lined paper. The company logo is a circular emblem with a school uniform and the text 'COASTAL SCHOOL UNIFORM COMPANY' and 'BY PARENTS FOR PARENTS'.

# TALES ON MOON LANE – STORYTIME SESSIONS



We have made links with the beautiful new book shop on Canterbury Road (opposite Co-op), Tales on Moon Lane. Why not visit them to have a browse or take part in a storytime session? Find out more here: <https://www.talesonmoonlane.co.uk/storytime>



## PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 3 of the [menu](#)**.
- Download a copy of our Term 2 key dates [here](#).
- Deposits for the Years 5 and 6 Residentials are due on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. This will secure your child's place.
- Spread the word about our New Starters Reception events. Book your places [here](#).
- If you would like to donate a new gift for the All Wrapped Up project, we will be collecting these in school until [Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November](#).
- Come to our Sharing Learning Afternoon next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November from 2-3pm.
- Visit our pre-loved Christmas jumper AND uniform sale next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November.
- Book your child's Christmas dinner [here](#).
- Please take five minutes to complete our [Parent / Carer Survey](#)
- The Scholastic Book Fair is here next week.
- Please note two changes to next week's menu: Monday's dessert will be a strawberry mousse and Friday will be a lemon biscuit.
- A reminder to Parents and Carers that smoking and vaping is not allowed on the school site.

