



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2023

KEY STAGE 2 CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – MON 11TH DECEMBER

On Monday 11th December 2023, families of children in Key Stage 2 are invited to a festive Carols and Christingle service led by Joy Lane and the Seasalter Christian Centre.

This year, this event will be held at the Seasalter Christian Centre (Faversham Road, Whitstable, CT5 4AX).

Order of events:

5:00pm – 5:30pm – Make your Christingle whilst listening to Christmassy music and enjoying a hot drink or squash.

5:30pm – 6:00pm – Singalong to well-known festive hits led by Mrs Rawlings and our Joy Lane musicians to get your voices warmed up.

6:00pm – 6:30pm – Listen to the nativity story and join in with traditional Christmas carols. The service will close with the lighting of the Christingles.

Last year, our Christingle service was a great success and a lovely way to kick-start the final week of term. We do hope you will be able to join us! Please complete this [form](#) to indicate your attendance.

CHRISTMAS DINNER – BOOK NOW!

We will be enjoying our Christmas Dinner, complete with crackers and table settings, on Thursday 14th 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 1st December 2023. Click [here](#) to order.

**Christmas Dinner
Menu**

Thursday 14th December 2023

Roast Turkey with all the Trimmings
or
Vegetable Roulade (V)

Roast Potatoes (V)
Vegetable Medley (V)
Gravy (V)

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)



UPCOMING CHRISTMAS DATES

Week 5

Friday 1st December
Extended Learning Clubs Finish

Week 6

Monday 4th December - 9:00am
Babies & Toddler Christmas Stay and Play

Tuesday 5th December
Klee Christmas Show - 9:30am

Wednesday 6th December
Kahlo Christmas Show - 9:30am
Year 1 Christmas Show - 2:00pm

Thursday 7th December
Kandinsky Christmas Show - 9:30am
Year 1 Christmas Show - 2:00pm

Friday 8th December
Christmas Jumper Day

Week 7

Monday 11th December
Year 2 Christmas Show - 2:00pm
Key Stage 2 Christingle Service @ The Seasalter
Christian Centre - 5:00 - 6:30pm

Tuesday 12th December
Christmas in Pre-School - 9:30am
Year 2 Christmas Show - 2:00pm

Wednesday 13th December
Oysters' Christmas Show - 1:45pm

Thursday 14th December
Christmas Lunch & Class Parties

Last day of term finishing times...

Friday 15th December
Oysters SRP 1:30pm
Main School 2:00pm
Oyster Bay Nursery 3:30pm
After School Club 4:00pm

HOUSE CAPTAIN CATCH-UP

Welcome to the weekly house captain catch up. Year 6 hosted an incredible pop-up museum, showing off our knowledge about mountains and our mountain sculptures. Year 3 and year 4 were invited to our magnificent mountain museum. There was an abundance of surprises awaiting, like power points and games!!!

In further news, all the year groups, from reception to Year 6, are making Christmas hoops based on original Christmas songs, such as rocking around the Christmas tree and silent night! These Christmas hoops happen every year and are our way to express our excitement and get into the Christmas spirit! It's only 31 days (about 1 month) until Christmas!

On Thursday Mr Rogers did a road safety assembly with a cool quiz and a lot of safety instructions. We learnt about pelican and zebra crossings and how to stay safe on our roads.

OPAL PLAY



We are reviewing our playtimes with an aim of introducing the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Primary Programme.

Please help by completing a short [survey](#) to let us know what you think of playtimes. Thank you in advance.



EXTENDED LEARNING CLUBS FINISHING

A reminder that Extended Learning Clubs end on Friday 1st December.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 24th November 2023

JLPS Whole School attendance	94.5%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	104 pupils 16.82%

Klee – 92.5 %	Kahlo – 93.7%	Kandinsky – 87.4%
Van Gogh – 97.6%	Voysey – 91.8%	Vallotton – 97.7%
Picasso – 100%	Postgate – 87.4%	Potter – 96.7%
Riley – 97.7%	Rousseau – 92.6%	Ringold – 96%
Hockney – 96.8%	Heron – 94.8%	Hepworth – 95%
Degas – 97.3%	Dali – 95.8%	Da Vinci – 91.3%
Bailey – 93.8%	Banksy – 95.6%	Boyce – 95.4%
Oysters – 90.7%		

ATTENDANCE GUIDE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

We are experiencing an increasing number of children arriving at school late for a number of reasons. Whilst we understand that medical appointments are important please be aware that it really helps the smooth running of the school if the office knows in advance of these appointments so that they are then able to communicate with class teachers.

What YOU must do:

- Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.
- Inform the school in advance by calling the school office or leaving a message, 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.



KENT LIBRARIES – WINTER MINI CHALLENGE

Taking part in the Winter Mini Challenge is easy. Children simply need to read at least three books of their choice between 1st December 2023 and 19th February 2024 and add them to their online profile at wintermini.org.uk.

Reaching their reading goal will unlock a limited-edition virtual badge and a special Winter Mini Challenge certificate to print off and keep.



PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 4** of the [menu](#).
- Download a copy of our Term 2 key dates [here](#).
- **Book your child's Christmas dinner** [here](#).
- Please complete this [form](#) to book your place at the Key Stage 2 Christingle Service.
- Please help by completing a short [survey](#) to let us know what you think of playtimes.
- **Extended learning clubs finish on Friday 1st November.**
- **Why not take part in the Kent Libraries Winter Mini Challenge?**

