



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2023

TERM 3 DATES

Term 3 Dates 2023-24

<p><i>Week 1</i> Thursday 4th January Oysters Pantomime Trip to the Marlowe Theatre</p> <p>Friday 5th January Little Wandle Collins Book Launch 2:30-3:15pm</p>	<p><i>Week 2</i> Tuesday 9th January New Reception 2024 Open Morning 9:00-11:00am</p>
<p><i>Week 3</i> Friday 19th January FoJL Winter Discos 1:30-2pm Oysters / 2-2:30pm Nursery / 2:30-3pm Reception / 3-4pm Year 1 / 4-5pm Year 2 / 5-6pm Year 3</p>	<p><i>Week 4</i> Monday 22nd January Extended Learning Clubs begin W/C Monday 22nd January KIC Theatre Drama Workshops Friday 26th January FoJL Winter Discos 3-4pm Year 4 / 4-5pm Year 5 / 5-6pm Year 6</p>
<p><i>Week 5</i> W/C 29th January National Storytelling Week</p>	<p><i>Week 6</i> All Week Children's Mental Health Week Wednesday 7th / Thursday 8th February Year 4 Musical Showcase 2:15pm Friday 9th February Dress to Express Day</p>

EARLY FINISHING TIMES – FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

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

We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.



CHRISTMAS DINNER – BOOK NOW!

Please book your child's Christmas dinner this weekend as this will help us with catering for the correct numbers and provide us with class lists to hand out correct food choices to the children. Please also complete this form if your child receives Free School Meals or Universal Free School Meals – completing the form does not require payment. Click [here](#) to order. Meals cost £2.60 and are payable via Arbor.

KS2 CHRISTINGLE INFORMATION – MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER

If you secured a place for the KS2 Christingle, please ensure that you have your tickets with you and you only bring the amount of people stated on the ticket (including your JLPS children). Thank you.

JOY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christingle SCHEDULE

MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER

Ticketed Event (please bring your ticket)

Event	Time
Make your Christingle whilst listening to Christmassy music and enjoying a hot drink or squash.	5:00-5:30pm
Singalong to well-known festive hits led by Mrs Rawlings and our Joy Lane musicians to get your voices warmed up.	5:30-6:00pm
Listen to the Nativity story and join in with traditional Christmas carols. The service will close with the lighting of the Christingles.	6:00-6:30pm

Important Information

- There is a small car park and parking on surrounding streets.
- Please bring some loose change for a small donation towards hot drinks.
- Please only bring the amount of people (including your Joy Lane children) stated on your ticket.
- During the lighting of the candles, please supervise your child as they stand in the circle.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 8th December 2023

JLPS Whole School attendance	94.2%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	108 pupils 17.53%

Klee – 96.1 %	Kahlo – 94.3%	Kandinsky – 81.7%
Van Gogh – 93.8%	Voysey – 92.5%	Vallotton – 93.1%
Picasso – 94.7%	Postgate – 91.6%	Potter – 97.7%
Riley – 95.2%	Rousseau – 94.6%	Ringold – 92.3%
Hockney – 97.1%	Heron – 98.5%	Hepworth – 94.3%
Degas – 99.2%	Dali – 91.7%	Da Vinci – 91.4%
Bailey – 93.9%	Banksy – 92.2%	Boyce – 93.7%
Oysters – 87.1%		

CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTIES – THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER



We are looking forward to hosting our class Christmas parties next Thursday 14th December, which is the same day as our Christmas Dinner – so much to look forward to! Your child can come to school that day wearing their party clothes ready for a day of Christmassy fun. Please do not send your child in with snacks to be shared at the party – they will be too stuffed from their lunch, I'm sure!

AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS

We still have availability for after school swimming lessons, which will commence from Monday 8th January 2024. If you are interested or would like to re-enrol your child, please contact us by email only at swimschool@joylane.kent.sch.uk. Please note that the full, non-refundable payment, will need to be taken when booking your child's slot.

CHANGE TO MENU – WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

On Wednesday 13th December, we will not be serving our usual roast dinner due to the Christmas dinner on Thursday 14th December.

The meal on Wednesday will be as follows:

Chinese Teriyaki Pork
Vegetable Spring Roll (Vegetarian)
Noodles
Broccoli and Garlic Cabbage
Fresh Fruit



FOOD BANK SUPPORT

We all
struggle
financially
at times



...but food has been donated
by your local community, so that
you can still eat when things get tough

🗨️ If you live in **Canterbury, Whitstable, Herne Bay or the surrounding area**, call or email us. Our friendly team will make sure that you don't go hungry and signpost you to further help. If you know of someone who might need support please pass on this leaflet

+ We always try to cater for **dietary and religious needs**, or if you have **limited cooking facilities**. We may also be able to help with pet food, baby items and toiletry/cleaning products to help reduce the cost of the weekly shop

i Find out more on our website, including information on how you could donate to your community when you're back on your feet

If you need support, please call **01227 936450**
or email info@canterburyfoodbank.org

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HOUSE CAPTAIN CATCH-UP

Welcome to the weekly house captain catchup. Today is **Christmas Jumper Day**, and you have been able to come in wearing a **Christmas jumper** of your choice expressing your excitement for **Christmas!**

With one week to go with the house point total, Endeavour is in first place, Mayflower is a close second, Victory third, and last but not least, Discovery. The winning house for Term 2 will be announced on Monday with their prize.

Woohoo! Only 1 week until the end of term? Can you believe it? Some children in Year 6 have been chosen to teach Year 4 children maths during their lunchtimes to help them. This is named 'Maths Masters' and at the end of this year, their math skills will have developed by an extraordinary amount.

As a reminder, there are only 17 days (about 2 and a half weeks) until Santa is coming to town! That's all from your house captains this week!

Naledi, Emily, Henry and Freya



PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 2** of the [menu](#).
- Please note the changes to **Wednesday's** menu next week.
- Book your child's Christmas dinner [here](#) for Thursday 14th December.
- Check next Friday's last-day-of-term early finishing times.
- If you are having a clear out of children's toys, we are in need of hardy, plastic toys, such as trucks, dinosaurs, Duplo, Lego, etc. Thank you.
- Please note that the doors will open at 1:30pm for refreshments before the Oysters' Christmas performance at 2pm on Wednesday 13th December.
- Download our Term 3 dates [here](#).
- Term 3 starts on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

