



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 5th January 2024

JANUARY WINTER FOJL DISCOS!

The Friends of Joy Lane are very excited to be hosting the Joy Lane Winter Discos again for all our year groups. What a great opportunity for all the children to cheer up January by letting their hair down and having a boogie together!

The amazing, energetic 'Just Bounce' will be hosting and will provide a full disco setup with professional light and sound, special effects, such as bubble and snow machine! They bring with them two entertainers who run games, competitions and do fun, easy-to-follow dance routines along to age-appropriate music for different years. There will be props and prize giveaways all led by fully trained and enhanced DBS staff.



There will also be drinks and popcorn available through the sessions included in your ticket price.

Times and dates for year groups are:

Friday 19th January	Friday 26th January
1:30-2:00pm Oysters	3:00-4:00pm Year 4
2:00-2:30pm Nursery	4:00-5:00pm Year 5
2:30-3:00pm Reception	5:00-6:00pm Year 6
3:00-4:00pm Year 1	
4:00-5:00pm Year 2	
5:00-6:00pm Year 3	

Tickets are available following the [link](#) and will cost £2 per person for Nursery, Reception & Oysters, and £3 for the rest of the year groups.

If you are struggling to find funds and would still like to attend, please use our 'Pay It Forward' scheme by emailing office@joylane.kent.sch.uk

TERM 3 CURRICULUM WEBS

We are excited to share our learning with you for Term 3 through our year group Curriculum Webs. Here, you will find a snapshot of learning across the curriculum and see how we immerse the children in their learning through a range of hooks and books!

Please click [here](#) to be directed to your child's Curriculum Web.



TERM 3 DATES

Term 3 Dates
2023-24

Week 1
Thursday 4th January
Oysters Pantomime Trip to the Marlowe Theatre
Friday 5th January
Little Wandle Collins Book Launch
2:30-3:15pm

Week 2
Tuesday 9th January
New Reception 2024 Open Morning
9:00-11:00am

Week 3
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

Week 4
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

Week 5
W/C 29th January
National Storytelling Week

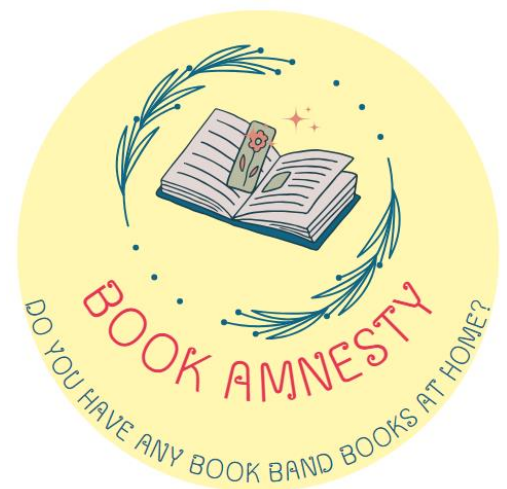
Week 6
All Week
Children's Mental Health Week
Wednesday 7th / Thursday 8th February
Year 4 Musical Showcase 2:15pm
Friday 9th February
Dress to Express Day

BOOK AMNESTY

Do you have any school banded books at home?

If you find any books that are banded 2 – 11, please can you bring these to the school office or your child's class teacher, as we are currently moving over to a new reading book system (which you can read about later in this Newsletter).

Thank you in advance.



NEW: LITTLE WANDLE COLLINS BOOKS

Little Wandle Edition

BREAKING NEWS

NEW HOME READING BOOKS!

We are so excited to be able to share the news that we have lots of new home reading books at Joy Lane.

These books are part of our Little Wandle phonics scheme and will enable children to read the book they have read at school. Children will keep the same book for a week to support their fluency and confidence when reading.



Sharing books are a big feature of our reading scheme and we want children to love sharing stories with you at home.

These books can be changed whenever you would like just let your teacher know so you can visit the shared libraries.

PLEASE HELP US
KEEP OUR BOOK
STOCK SAFE



We have invested lots of money into our new books to ensure we have enough copies for all children to access the appropriate text. For this reason we will be asking for books to be replaced if lost or damaged. Children will not receive their next text until the previous week's is returned.

BOOKS WILL BE
COLLECTED ON A
THURSDAY AND
NEW ONES
HANDED OUT ON A
FRIDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Download a copy here: [Little Wandle Information Newspaper Jan 2024](#)

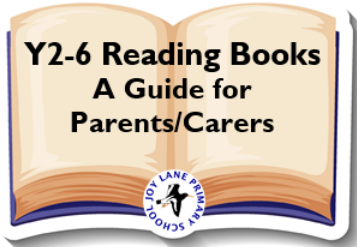
Read: [Little Wandle in a Nutshell - 5 Top Tips for Parents](#)



NEW: BRIDGING BOOKS FOR YEARS 2 – 6

Some of our book labelling in Years 2 – 6 will begin to look different in the next couple of weeks as we introduce 'Bridging Books'. As children master phonics, they will become more fluent and confident in their independent reading. 'Bridging Books' will support the children as they move from phonically decodable books to our Lexile range of books, which begin at 400L.

Bridging Books, which are banded 'A' and 'B' according to difficulty, are shorter, more easily accessible texts that will support the transition to the wider range of more complex Lexile books.

<p>Reading in Years 2 - 6</p> <p>From Year 2, pupils will be becoming more confident to accurately and independently read.</p> <p>In addition to our Guided Reading sessions, we read aloud to our classes daily and enjoy weekly reading assemblies for children to enjoy the shared experience of reading aloud.</p> <p>Our Book Banter sessions are the highlight of our week, and these times provide the children opportunities to share book recommendations and take part in informal book talk.</p>	<p>Our Reading Culture</p> <p>Reading is at the heart of society and our practice at Joy Lane. Children who have developed a positive approach to reading and can read fluently will be able to successfully navigate our textually rich world. Here at Joy Lane, reading is highly valued and prioritised. Reading provides the opportunity for children to develop their imagination; give opinions in class discussions; 'magpie' ideas to use in their writing; and ultimately interpret and become successfully engaged in the world around us.</p>	<p>'Lexile' Reading Books</p> <p>After accessing Bridging Books, children are transferred to a 'Lexile' range of books. We no longer use the term Free Reader to describe our readers.</p> <p>The children sit short bi-termly assessments, which provide us with a range of information about their strengths and areas for developments. A Lexile score is determined from the child's outcomes on the assessment and the teacher's professional judgement and knowledge of the child as a reader.</p> <p>In the Lexile scale, the demands of a text are represented as a number, such as 520L. The lower the number, the less complex the book. That number is calculated using four research-evidenced indicators: decoding, semantics, syntax and language structure, each of which affects readability.</p> <p>We are passionate that our children's reading fluency is nurtured, and by matching each child to a range of texts, we can ensure that they are able to practise reading independently with a text that is suited to them.</p> <p>Children will be given a range (rounded to 100) to choose from, and these are colour coded. The children will have a personal bookmark with their book ranges circled (e.g. 500L – 600L), so that they can refer to it to choose books independently.</p> <p>Please be assured that our teachers will use the test outcomes as well as their knowledge of your child as a reader to carefully match them to a range of books.</p>
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<p>What is reading fluency?</p> <p>Fluency is defined as the ability to read with speed, accuracy, and proper expression.</p> <p>Accuracy (reading words correctly) Automaticity (reading words at an appropriate speed without great effort) Prosody (appropriate stress and intonation).</p> <p>Fluent reading supports reading comprehension and the ability to access the whole curriculum. When pupils read fluently, their attention can be redirected from focusing on word reading (decoding) and onto understanding the text.</p>	<p>Little Wandle Phonics Readers</p> <p>Some children in Years 2 – 6 are working with teachers in small groups to increase reading fluency through phonics. Each week, a new book is shared in the group and then the child takes this text to read with their adults back in class and their parents/carers at home.</p> <p>Our Little Wandle readers can also choose from our Sharing Books as an additional text to read for pleasure, but they may need help to decode the text.</p> <p>Your child's Class Teacher or the Little Wandle Teacher will have been in contact to let you know if your child is receiving this intervention.</p>	<p>Sharing Books</p> <p>We are passionate about our children having choice of a range of varied texts to read for pleasure. If they want to choose an extra book to read alongside their Collins Big Cat / Bridging / Lexile book, they can choose from our 'sharing books'. These books are not organised by difficulty, and your child may choose a book that is too easy or tricky for them – but that is just fine as they are making choices and enjoying exploring texts.</p>

Download a copy [here](#).

HOUSE CAPTAIN CATCH-UP

Welcome to the first weekly House Captain catch-up of the new year 2024. This term, the whole school will be taking part in hockey sessions, which Herne Bay High will be leading. We are extremely excited about this, and we are sure we will find some new, amazing players; they will be coming in from today to next Friday. In the coming weeks of this term, we are having some exciting events including KIC Theatre which runs each year based on different subjects for each year group. We will also be running a 'Times Table Bee' for each year group in the main school hall. Finally, well done to Year 2 for taking part in their first Times Table Battle, where Postgate were victorious!

See you next week.

Emily, Henry, Freya and Naledi

ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 5th January 2024

JLPS Whole School attendance	94.1%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	110 pupils 17.58%

Klee – 89.2%	Kahlo – 99.2%	Kandinsky – 97%
Van Gogh – 96.4%	Voysey – 97.8%	Vallotton – 98.6%
Picasso – 97.1%	Postgate – 91.1%	Potter – 90.8%
Riley – 92.2%	Rousseau – 92.3%	Ringold – 95.8%
Hockney – 94.6%	Heron – 92.9%	Hepworth – 93.5%
Degas – 92.5%	Dali – 95.7%	Da Vinci – 91.3%
Bailey – 89.2%	Banksy – 95.8%	Boyce – 90.6%
Oysters – 96.6%		

OPAL PLAY – WE NEED YOU!

As part of Joy Lane's New Year preparations in becoming an OPAL School (Outdoor Play and Learning), each week the Newsletter will include some information regarding this journey. In simple terms, we want to improve our playtime provision by providing more choice for play.

At the moment, we are collecting pre-loved toys and other larger items so that we are ready, so if you have had a New Year clear up and have any of these items, the school, and of course the children, would be very grateful for any donations. Thank you.



The Children and Adults of Joy Lane Primary School



Tarpaulins



Stickle Bricks



Lego



Tileblox/Magnetic Blocks



Plastic Animals



Cars/trucks/diggers



Small World Imaginary Play

Further information to follow in the coming weeks so watch this space!!



COASTAL UNIFORM COMPANY



FARESHARE FREE FOOD INITIATIVE

FareShare is the UK's national network of charitable food redistributors, made up of 18 reputable organisations. Together they take good quality surplus food from local supermarkets and get it to frontline charities and organisations.

FareShare is now available outside St John's Centre every Tuesday and Friday morning between 9am - 11am. This is free food that is just past it's sell-by date but perfectly edible. It is available to anyone! Although nothing can be guaranteed, there is usually a good mix of bread, rolls and sometimes pastries and lots of fruit and veg.

Help reduce food waste by coming along to help yourself.

Local Distribution Points

Mondays

Seasalter Christian Centre car park, 9am - 11am

Tuesdays

St John's Centre, Swalecliffe, 9am - 11am

Wednesdays

St Alphege Church, Whitstable, 9am - 11am

Thursdays

Seasalter Christian Centre car park, 9am - 11am

Fridays

St John's Centre, Swalecliffe, 9am - 11am

Sundays

St Alphege Church, Whitstable, 9am - 11am



WHITSTABLE COMMUNITY CHURCH AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



The graphic features a central orange circle with the text 'After SCHOOL Club' in a mix of brown and white fonts. A red banner across the circle reads 'EVERY WEDNESDAY (TERM TIME) 3:30PM - 5:00PM HARBOUR CHURCH'. Surrounding the circle are illustrations of a calculator, a notebook, a chessboard, a coffee cup, and cookies. The Whitstable Community Church logo is in the top right corner.

Whitstable Community Church

After
SCHOOL
Club

EVERY WEDNESDAY (TERM TIME)
3:30PM - 5:00PM
HARBOUR CHURCH

If you're interested in a free warm space to come and spend time with your family after school, Whitstable Community Church would love to welcome you to their weekly After School Club, which is back up and running weekly from Wednesday 10th January. There are plenty of games, puzzles, books and crafts to keep you and your kids entertained as well as free refreshments to fill that gap before dinner! Pop along for as little or as long as you like.

PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 4** of the [menu](#).
- If you are having a clear out of children's toys, please see what we are in need of in the [Newsletter](#). Please hand any donations into the school office. Thank you.
- Download our Term 3 dates [here](#).
- Look out for any banded books that you might have at home and bring them into school. Thank you.
- Please click [here](#) to be directed to your child's Curriculum Web.
- Buy your tickets for the [Winter Discos](#) [here](#).
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