



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2024

PROGRESS UPDATE REPORTS

Today, you were able to collect your child's Progress Update Report, giving you a snapshot of their learning and development in the core subjects, as well as their behaviours for learning in line with our school ethos – *Ready, Respectful, Responsible*.

At Joy Lane, we aim to develop strong home-school links as we know that we can get the very best from every child when school and home work in partnership. Your child's report will include a 'How can I help at home?' box with suggestions for how you can support the learning we are teaching in school.

We aim for this progress update to prompt a discussion about your child's progress and learning, so should you wish to clarify and discuss any aspects of the report, please make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. We will not be holding parent/teacher appointments in a dedicated week in Term 4 but ask that you arrange a mutually convenient time for a more personalised meeting.

We hope that you value this feedback about your child's learning and progress at this mid-point in the year and find the recommendations helpful in supporting your child at home.

Read the full covering letters [here](#).

OPAL PLAY – WE NEED YOU!

As we prepare to use our school space in all weathers, please could we ask that children bring a named carrier bag from Monday 5th February containing welly boots, old joggers to slip over their uniform and an outdoor hoodie/sweatshirt to wear on top. If you already have these items in school for Forest School lessons, please do not double up.

All this is a very simple way of protecting the JLPS uniform and will allow the children access to the school field and other zoned areas in all weathers.

The children will know what they need as Mr Ashley Jones and Mrs Ames have demonstrated what is needed in our Monday assemblies.

We are getting our welly racks and storage prepared. If any parent/carer knows of any of these that could be gifted to JLPS we would appreciate your help.



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YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL MEETING – THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

The Year 5 Residential to Gilwell Park is fast approaching! Join Mrs Harkins for a meeting on Thursday 22nd February at 5:30pm on Teams. Here, you will find out more information about the schedule of events, packing lists and arrangements. Please note that the meeting will be recorded. The link to the meeting will be posted on Dojo and via email in the first week of Term 4.

WORLD BOOK DAY PREPARATION

We are getting prepared for World Book Day, which is on Thursday 7th March 2024!

This year, our school theme will be 'Little People, Big Dreams', based on the book series of the same name – which we know is a firm favourite with our children! Your child can either come as their favourite book character – OR – they may want to come dressed as what they would like to be when they are older! A singer, a vet, a writer, an astronaut...



World Book Day COSTUME SWAP



Costume Donations



In the spirit of reuse and not buy new FOJL will be holding a pre loved World Book Day costume swap.

If you have had a new year / post Christmas sort out and have any unwanted / outgrown dressing up outfits we would love to take them off your hands.

Donations will be accepted from now and can be handed in to any staff member on duty at drop off and pick ups.

As per the Christmas jumper swap, all costume donations will be available in exchange for a small monetary donation on the 23rd February.



ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 2nd February 2024

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| JLPS Whole School attendance | 94.1% |
| Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance) | 103 pupils 16.72% |

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| Klee – 91.4% | Kahlo – 75% | Kandinsky – 90.7% |
| Van Gogh – 86.1% | Voysey – 95% | Vallotton – 92.6% |
| Picasso – 94.7% | Postgate – 94.2% | Potter – 94.7% |
| Riley – 89.4% | Rousseau – 91.2% | Ringold – 92.7% |
| Hockney – 93.2% | Heron – 99.3% | Hepworth – 94.8% |
| Degas – 92% | Dali – 98.3% | Da Vinci – 93% |
| Bailey – 89% | Banksy – 95.6% | Boyce – 90% |
| Oysters – 89.7% | | |

Every day of school is important, and at Joy Lane Primary School, we would like to remind all our families that ‘moments matter, attendance counts’. Please remember that the NHS and the Chief Medical Officer say it is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses, including general cold symptoms like a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat.

Please [read the letter from the Chief Medical Officer](#) and this [link](#) which refers to whether your child is too ill for school.



Everything that our parents and carers may need to know about the importance of school attendance can be found [here](#). Please have a read to help you understand the policies and procedures behind all primary schools’ attendance policies.

In summary, at Joy Lane, we want to support you and your child’s attendance at school and help reduce any barriers that may be affecting regular and consistent attendance for your child. Please ensure you communicate with school as to why your child may be unable to attend, and remember that we have a legal responsibility to phone and write to you to discuss your child’s attendance when there are challenges and asking you to come in to school for a meeting when there are concerns.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Useful Contacts:

Inclusion contact details – 01227 261430 OR inclusion@joylane.kent.sch.uk

Mrs K Pout – EY SENDCo

Mrs S Bowler – Year 1, 2 and KS2 SENDCo

Mrs Godden - Oysters SRP Assistant Headteacher SENDCo

Mrs Baker (Safeguarding Officer) – 01227 261430

Mrs Allen (Family Liaison Officer and Attendance Officer) – 01227 261430



HOUSE CAPTAIN CATCH-UP

Welcome to the weekly house captain catch-up!

On Monday, the Boys' football team was victorious against Whitstable Juniors, with the scoreline being 6-0 to Joy Lane. Frank and Zach scored one goal each while Daniel and Sid scored 2 goals each. Next Thursday, the Joy Lane Girls' football team are playing Herne Bay Juniors, and we will inform you of the score next Friday.

Bailey class in Year 6 won the last times tables battle, and there is another tournament between KS2, which runs until next Friday so make sure you are playing as much as possible.

As a reminder, Opal Play is coming to school soon so get prepared with your wellies, old clothes, and a spare pair of shoes if you want to make the most of it. Remember to not double up on your forest school belongings!

Have a great weekend.

YEAR 2 READING BOOKS – IMPORTANT CHANGE

From Term 4, we will be introducing two new book categories in Year 2: 'Bridging' Books and 'Lexile' books. These will replace the current Book Band system that is in place. If your child is in a Little Wandle group, they will continue to take home their Collins Big Cat book each week.

Bridging books will act as the 'bridge' between phonically decodable Little Wandle books and our Lexile range of books. Bridging books are shorter, more easily accessible texts that will support the transition to the wider range of more complex Lexile books.

For those children reading more fluently, they will access Lexile books, which range from 400L to 1000L. For more information about Lexile books, and all things reading from Years 2 – 6, please read our Parent/Carer Guide [here](#).

It is important to note that children will not move as swiftly through the series of books as they would when accessing Book Bands as there is a wider selection of texts available to explore and they range in difficulty with a Lexile range.


Next week, your child will not bring home a Book Band book as we prepare for the transition of book stock ready for Term 4. They will still come home with a sharing book to enjoy at home. If you have any Book Band books at home, please can you bring them into school.

We will be spending time reading with the children to match them to the appropriate book category, and they will begin to bring their new books home in Term 4.

We understand that this new system may take a while to get used to as we move away from the language of 'Book Bands' and 'Free Readers'; however, we feel that this system will support our children in accessing a wider range of texts suited to their reading ability, as well as supporting the transition to Key Stage 2, where they use the same system.



WINTER DISCO SUCCESS!



Thank You!

We are pleased to announce that tickets for Discos raised a fantastic
£1000.22
and with an additional amount of £1,000 received from match fundraising
The event all in all raised an astounding

£2000.22!!

Thank you to you all - whether you purchased tickets,
donated to pay it forward tickets or volunteered thank you all for
your amazing support and generosity it is greatly appreciated,
we absolutely couldn't do it without you!

TEAM THEME HOLIDAY CAMPS



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ALL WRAPPED UP – THANK YOU

Thank you to those of you who were able to donate to the All Wrapped Up project at Christmas. The Riverside Church have sent their thanks – the presents you sent in made a huge difference.

Watch this video to see how your donations helped:
<https://youtu.be/DfVBkOeNLck?si=MlfdsJk5eSHzBHGG>

PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 4** of the menu.
- Please donate any **World Book Day-themed costumes** for our pre-loved **Friends of Joy Lane** sale.
- **Book amnesty!** Look out for any banded books that you might have at home and bring them into school. Thank you.
- Read the **Parent/Carer Survey results and response [here](#)**.
- If you were unable to collect your child's **Progress Update Report**, these are available at the **School Office**, and they will need to be signed for.
- **Year 5 Parents/Carers**, join **Mrs Harkins** for the **Gilwell Park information session on Thursday 22nd February at 5:30pm**.
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