



# Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**The school has been full of excitement this week!**

**Our Year 5 children set off on their residential visit to Gilwell Park, Essex, for three days, and by looking on the ClassDojo posts, they have had a great time, full of new adventures - just wonderful! I would like to share my thanks to our wonderful staff who freely gave their support so the children could make life-long memories.**

**Our Year 4 children have performed their fabulous extravaganza of the Joy Lane version of The Lion King; they performed for the other classes in school and their families. This was such an enriching learning experience for our children to share their skills through music, dance and singing. I was incredibly impressed as the children played the music themselves for the performance and the choreography was just amazing to behold from eight and nine-year-old children. I was extremely proud of the children and our talented staff, and these creative experiences are just as important as the academic side of learning - well done to all!**

**We said farewell to Mr Duffy, Mrs Campbell and Miss Curtis today and we will soon be saying adieu to Mrs Chaplin, who will be returning following her maternity leave; we look forward to meeting her new family member very soon.**

**It leaves me to wish you all a very happy, healthy Easter break and the Joy Lane team look forward to welcoming you back Monday 17th April, 2023.**

**With my very best of kind regards,**

**Ms Hines  
Executive Headteacher**



## TERM 5 DATES

| <b>Term 5</b>                                       |   |                           |
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| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April                     | Y6 Residential Meeting                                    | 5:30pm (Teams)            |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April                     | Year 5 Musical Showcase                                   | 2:15pm USH                |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April                       | Year 5 Musical Showcase                                   | 9:30am USH                |
| Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> - Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> April | Scholastic Book Fair                                      |                           |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April                       | Parent Information Session: The Mainstream Core Standards | 4pm                       |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April                      | Extended Learning Clubs Begin                             |                           |
| May   | Key Stage 1 SATs (Year 2)                                 |                           |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May                          | Bank Holiday  | School closed             |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May                          | King's Coronation Street Party                            |                           |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May                          | Bank Holiday  | School closed             |
| Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> May     | Key Stage 2 SATs (Year 6)                                 |                           |
| Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> May     | Year 6 Residential – Little Canada                        |                           |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May                      | Parent/Carer Reading Café – Phonics                       | 9-10am<br>Conference Room |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May                         | Last Day of Term  | Usual finishing time      |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June                         | Term 6  |                           |

## INCLUSION PARENT/CARER WORKSHOP

**Parent Information Session: The Mainstream Core Standards**  
**Monday 24th April at 4pm at Joy Lane Primary School**

This session, delivered by Mrs Godden and Mrs Bowler, aims to introduce The Mainstream Core Standards to the parent community. This is a document used by all schools within Kent outlining the provision and support that should be made available for all children. These standards aim to set out a framework to be used by schools to support children with additional needs. During this session, we will be sharing the Mainstream Core Standards with you and how we have started to embed the standards into our daily practice. It will cover general expectations across the county and, more specifically, those within our school community. There will be an opportunity to ask questions as part of this session but please note, where questions are more personal to individuals, we would ask that a separate discussion be arranged.

Sign up for one or both of the workshops [here](#).



# JOY LANE RE-WILDING PROJECT

As we move into warmer times, we are planning an exciting gardening project across the school which aims to re-wild some areas of the site, bringing even more wildlife and beauty to our environment.

You may already be familiar with our 'Zen Zones' located inside each classroom, and we are now hoping to re-create these calming areas outdoors too.



Combining calming spaces, sensory plants and nature, children will be required to plan, resource and grow their own year group 'ZEN DEN' area. The project will incorporate aspects of science and Design Technology (DT), involving researching, growing, planting, conservation and making bird and insect houses or den structures.

We have a small starter pack for each year group, and children will be encouraged to write to local garden centres and businesses for support with resources, but we are wondering whether you may be able to 'beg and borrow' **plants and cuttings** from friends, neighbours and relatives over the Easter break and save them for us as we start the project after Easter.



We would also appreciate donations of **gardening tools and equipment, pots, soil/ compost, seeds, canes, bird feeders and bird seed** – and anything else that you think we might be able to incorporate into our designs!

## ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Attendance data week ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

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| JLPS Whole School attendance                                 | 92%                  |
| Number of Persistent Absentees<br>(less than 90% attendance) | 157 pupils<br>25.48% |



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| Klee – 86.6%     | Kline – 92%            | Kandinsky - 87.6% |
| Van Gogh – 94.3% | Voysey – 93.2%         | Vallotton – 93.3% |
| Picasso – 91.5%  | Postgate – 92.9%       | Potter – 89.4%    |
| Riley – 93.9%    | Rousseau – 93.6%       | Renoir – 93.5%    |
| Hockney – 94.4%  | Heron – 87.4%          | Hepworth – 92.4%  |
| Degas – 91.1%    | Dali – 94.8%           | Da Vinci – 92.9%  |
| Bailey – 90.3%   | Banksy – 94%           | Barnard – 94.8%   |
| Oysters – 89.4%  | School Average - 92.8% |                   |



# SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR READING COMPETITION

The Scholastic Book Fair is with us from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April until Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April. There will be three book cases situated in Early Years/KS1, lower KS2 and upper KS2. Ahead of the fair, we are running a competition for five lucky children to win a **£5 voucher** to spend at the fair.

Can your child tick as many reading challenges off from the reading grid below over the Easter break? To be in with a chance of winning, tell Mrs Harkins (via Dojo) how many you completed and send three photos of your favourite challenges! Winners will be chosen in the first week back!



# EASTER HOLIDAY FUN



## EASTER *Treasure Hunt*

Saturday 8 April, 10:00-12:00

Harbour Church

Treasure hunt around town - Refreshments - Goody Bag - Free!



### Easter at Stream Walk Community Garden

Whitstable  
Saturday April 8th  
10am - 1pm

Fun activities for all:

- 🥚 Easter egg hunt
- 🌊 Pond dipping
- 🥚 Egg decorating
- 🌿 Willow weaving
- 🐣 Easter chicks to pet
- 🌱 Plant & produce stall
- 🥤 Hot & cold drinks & homemade cakes

£3 per person  
concessions available



Registered charity number: 1171504



## EXTENDED LEARNING CLUBS – STARTING NEXT TERM!

Please see the Extended Learning Clubs letter sent out with today's Newsletter.

## FRIENDS OF JOY LANE SUMMER TERM MEETING

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 6pm-7pm

Please Join Us!

*All are welcome, including all levels of commitment.*

## FRIENDS OF JOY LANE – WINE & WISDOM AND RAFFLE

We would like to thank everyone that bought raffle tickets and those that came along to the newly formed FOJL's first Wine & Wisdom. It was a huge success! Everyone really enjoyed the evening and we managed to raise just over **£1500!!** So, thank you to all that supported the event, and especially to all that helped put it together - it was a great joint effort from everyone.

We would also like to thank all of the amazing local businesses that donated to the raffle:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kent Hot Tub Hire</li><li>• Castellum Pizzeria<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kris Piotrowski Photography</li></ul></li><li>• The Whitstable Produce Store</li><li>• Copperfields of Whitstable<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Watermen &amp; Webb Gentlemen Grooming</li></ul></li><li>• Maxigrace Makeup Artist<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nomad Pizza</li></ul></li><li>• The Whiting Post</li><li>• Kites &amp; Things</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Buttercup Children's Shop</li><li>• HoneyKanes Sweet Shop<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flory &amp; Black</li><li>• Bon Bon Cakes</li><li>• Gilbert's Café</li></ul></li><li>• The Umbrella Café<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Far &amp; Few</li><li>• Shore</li></ul></li><li>• RuLu's Deli</li><li>• The Larder</li><li>• The Smack</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stocks of Whitstable<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Toys &amp; Trends</li><li>• Pilgrims Hospice</li></ul></li><li>• George's Whitstable</li><li>• Kat Piotrowski Personal Development</li><li>• The Coach &amp; Horses<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Rock Lodge</li><li>• The Fabric Shop</li></ul></li><li>• Whitstable Stove Shop</li><li>• Tesco Extra Whitstable &amp; The Athletic Magazine</li></ul> |
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## RED NOSE DAY THANKS!



We raised £352.72 for Red Nose Day from cash and online donations. Thank you for your generous donations, which will support people who are facing the toughest times of their lives and help them to break free from poverty, both here in the UK and across the world.

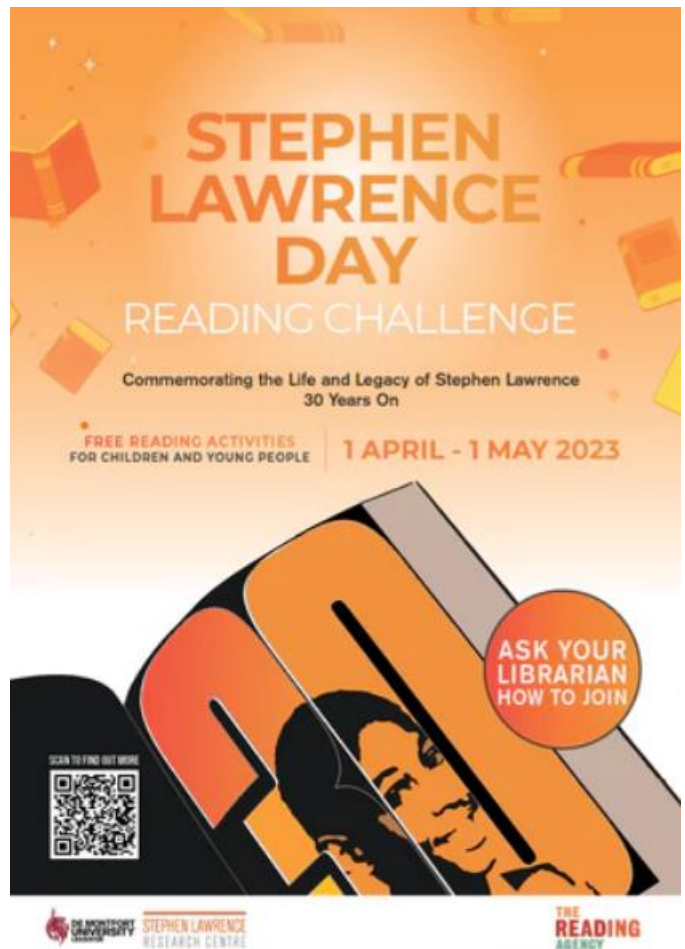


## LIBRARY CHALLENGE

The Stephen Lawrence Research Centre at De Montfort University and The Reading Agency have partnered to commemorate the life and legacy of Stephen Lawrence, with the SL30 Reading Challenge - free library-based activities designed to encourage a new generation to think about the world they live in as a place where everyone can thrive.

The Challenge is suitable for children aged 4-11 and will run 1 April - 1 May 2023.

Libraries have collated the recommended titles into a booklist – click on the following link to see the books which focus on empathy, hope, kindness and acceptance: [bit.ly/StephenLawrencebooks](https://bit.ly/StephenLawrencebooks)



## PARENT / CARER CHECKLIST

- The first week of Term 5 will be **Week 3** of the [menu](#).
- Please find next year's term dates [here](#).
- Sign up for Mrs Godden's Inclusion workshops [here](#).
- Book amnesty! Please look out for any school books that may be collecting at home – reading books with the Joy Lane stamp or banded books – and return them to the school office. Thank you.
- Check your swimming payments on Arbor.
- Take part in the Easter Reading Challenge to be in with a chance to win a £5 voucher to spend at the Scholastic Book Fair.
- Put key dates from the Term 5 overview in your diary!
- Join the Friends of Joy Lane meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 6pm-7pm.

