



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13th September 2024

TERM 1 CURRICULUM WEBS

We are excited to share our learning with you for Term 1 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.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY – FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

**HALF A MILLION
CHILDREN IN THE UK
ARE AFFECTED BY
A LIFE-ALTERING
GENETIC DISORDER**

THAT'S 1 IN 25 →



20,000

We all have 20,000 genes. Just one fault on one of them can cause a genetic disorder.

6,000

There are over 6,000 genetic disorders – and more are being identified every year.

30,000

This year 30,000 children in the UK will be diagnosed with a genetic disorder.

Jeans for Genes Day is the annual fundraising campaign for the genetic disorders community that supports people affected by a genetic disorder. The monies raised on Jeans for Genes Day provide grants for day-to-day support, equipment, respite and events which bring together affected children and their families. On Friday 20th September, we are asking our children to swap their whole uniform for jeans, denim and/or something blue in return for a £1 donation!

TROWEL TUESDAY!



Joy Lane is full to the brim of budding diggers, all without tools!

Do you have spares in the shed? Do you have a neighbour or relative who may be having a clear out? Bring in your trowels this Tuesday (or next, if you forget) to add to our Opal Play offering so that we can get digging!



BACK-TO-SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Further to last week's information regarding the importance of school attendance, persistent absenteeism and term time holidays, I thought it important to remind you that Joy Lane, like all other primary and secondary schools, must abide by DfE directives and government legislation. Therefore, please be aware that holiday requests during term time will not be authorised unless for exceptional circumstances such as those outlined below.

Where exceptional circumstances for absence are requested, these will be considered; however, the fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional' are rare, significant, unavoidable and short. 'Unavoidable' also implies that an event cannot be reasonably scheduled at another time. For example, where an event, such as a close family wedding is part of a longer holiday, it is likely that not all the absence would be authorised. Likewise, where the reason for an absence is given as illness, but it is likely that this is not the case, authorisation will not be given unless further evidence is received.

Extract from school attendance and punctuality policy:

5.1 Approval for term-time absence

The Executive Headteacher will only grant a leave of absence to a pupil during term time if they consider there to be 'exceptional circumstances'. A leave of absence is granted at the Executive Headteacher's discretion, including the length of time the pupil is authorised to be absent for.

We define 'exceptional circumstances' as:

- Bereavement/terminal illness
- Weddings/civil partnerships-1 day only
- Medical appointments- not routine, proof of appointment will be required
- Religious observance
- Auditions and performing arts, music examinations etc
- Service personnel

The school considers each application for term-time absence individually, considering the specific facts, circumstances and relevant context behind the request.

Please click [here](#) to read last week's letter including important information and updates concerning school attendance.

With Regards

The Joy Lane School Attendance and Safeguarding Team

NO JEWELLERY REMINDER

A reminder that children should not be wearing jewellery to school, except for small stud earrings. If a child is wearing hooped earrings, they will be asked to remove them or they will be taped up. Any other jewellery, such as rings and necklaces, will be removed and returned to the child at the end of the day to take home.



ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 13th September 2024

JLPS Whole School attendance	96.4%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	78 pupils 12.5%

Klee – 100 %	Kahlo – 94.9%	Kandinsky – 100%
Van Gogh – 95.2%	Voysey – 100%	Vallotton – 95.3%
Picasso – 97.1%	Postgate – 97.9%	Potter – 98.7%
Riley – 96.7%	Rousseau – 96.8%	Ringgold – 92.9%
Hockney – 97.9%	Heron – 96%	Hepworth – 92.1%
Degas – 97%	Dali – 96.4%	Da Vinci – 98.6%
Bailey – 83%	Banksy – 96.4%	Boyce – 93.3%
Oysters – 98.3%		

MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS

A reminder of the upcoming 'Meet the Teacher' sessions:

- Years 3 and 4 'Meet the Teacher' – Monday 16th September 9am
- Years 5 and 6 'Meet the Teacher' – Monday 23rd September 9am

This is a great opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and find out expectations for the year ahead. Sign up is not necessary – just turn up on the day after you drop your child off. We will ask you to wait outside the classrooms until the children have left the classrooms to go to assembly. If you are unable to attend, recordings will be made available on the school website.

FOOTBALL COACH NEEDED!



Our school football teams, both boys and girls, are looking for a volunteer coach for 45 minutes to an hour each week. You may have experience of coaching with local clubs or are just enthusiastic with some football knowledge and willing to help. At school, we will provide adult support and will manage the children's arrival and exit from the training. We will also provide footballs, a DBS check, and of course, enthusiastic and well-behaved children.

We can liaise with you around which is the best after school day of the week for you to commit and will also arrange and manage fixtures and any paperwork. Your commitment would just be the coaching with you arriving at school at 3pm to set up and finish at 4.15pm. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the school office who will put you in touch with Mrs Luckhurst and Miss Byrne who will discuss everything with you. Thank you.



BREAKFAST & AFTERSCHOOL CLUB – IMPORTANT INFO

[Joy Lane Primary School - Arbor](#)
[Joy Lane Primary School - Wrap Around Care](#)

Please note that for both our Breakfast Club and After School Club facilities to work safely and effectively, and also to ensure that we have the correct ratio of staff to children each day, we must know attendance numbers in advance.

To secure your child's place in these clubs, it is essential that all sessions are booked up and paid for in advance and that there is no outstanding debt. Watch our handy [video](#) to see how to book via Arbor. Your WRAP AROUND CARE account must be topped up before you are able to book, and if you have any outstanding debt, your child will not be able to access this facility. Please note that you would need to book up Friday before the following week to secure your place. As a reminder, our After School Club capacity is 60 so you will be unable to secure a place if numbers exceed this.

Last minute emergency requests for children to access Breakfast Club or After School Club may be granted, subject to availability, supervision and pre-payment. Please note that if your child's name is not on the register and the school has to make staffing adjustments, you will receive a phone call from the school office and a £20 fee will be charged in order to accommodate the late request to look after your child.

The school office is always available should there be any advice needed on how to book Breakfast Club or After School Club or if you would like to discuss any aspect of this letter.

I am sure you will understand that pre-booking is for the safety of the children, as well as ensuring staff ratios are correct, and to meet with compliance regulations. Finally, it is imperative that you contact the school office if you are having any issues with booking or payments so that the school can assist you with your query; moving forward, this will also ensure there is no misunderstanding over bookings and payments.

YEAR 6 - SECONDARY APPLICATION INFORMATION

For children starting Year 7 in September 2025 applications opened on Monday 2nd September and close on Thursday 31st October 2024. Click [here](#) to find out more about the process. If parents have any queries, the team can be contacted on kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk.

Please make sure you check your local secondary schools' websites so that you know when their Open Mornings and Evenings are taking place. You are welcome to arrange visits to local schools of your choice for a look around and to get a feel of which school may be the right fit for your child.

Some of these open mornings or appointments will be in school time, and this will, of course, be authorised absence from Joy Lane. Please inform the school office if your child will be away for a time visiting a secondary school between now and the end of October when the whole process closes.

Please do not hesitate to make an appointment to discuss options or get some advice from Mr Rogers or Mr Ashley-Jones regarding the secondary school application process if you so wish.



FRIENDS OF JOY LANE

FoJL kicked off the year with our **AGM**, held last night. A new committee was voted for 24/25 as follows:

- **Chair: Sarah Young**
- **Vice Chair: Anne Bate**
- **Treasurer: Rose Marsh**
- **Secretary: Maria Miller**
- **School Representative: Sharon Higgs**
- **Members: Helen Robertson, Barbara Petal, Naomi Nice, Natalie Smith**

The committee look forward to working towards another great year of fundraising! Please come along to our next planning meeting on **Thursday 26th September**, from 6pm, at **The East Kent Pub**, where we will be discussing **Fireworks Night, Discos, Wine & Wisdom & Reading Festival**, plus anything else we can manage in between! New supporters and ideas always welcome and we would love to see you!

New to Joy Lane? Please follow us on Instagram and Facebook to hear about all the wonderful things we do to support the school.

www.instagram.com/joylaneschoolpta / www.facebook.com/joylaneschoolpta

Thank you for all the wonderful donations received so far in relation to the newly constructed outdoor stage. If you would like to donate or secure your little piece of Joy Lane history with a plaque, you can do so [here](#).

FRENCH AT THE HORSEBRIDGE CENTRE

French at The Horsebridge Centre

**Fun classes filled with songs, stories,
games and laughter**

NEW class for Reception - year 2 children 9.15-10.00 Sat

After-school class for year 2 - 4 children 4.00-4.45 Wed



Classes cost £8.50 per session, small groups.

Contact Vicki : lajolierondevicki@gmail.com

07889 495577



CARERS AND PARENTS SUPPORT (CAPS)



(Carers And Parents Support)

A support group for parents, families and carers of children and adults with

AUTISM

& associated learning difficulties

Come and join us for a chat and a cuppa

Where

Club Café
Herne Bay Football Club
Stanley Gardens
Herne Bay CT6 5SG

When

27th September 2024
18th October 2024
22nd November 2024

All meetings are from 10am to 12pm
Children are welcome

 Find us on Facebook

PARENT FREE ONLINE COURSES

Fully funded (FREE) online courses aimed to support parents and carers who are looking to get back into work, by offering them an opportunity for them to gain the necessary skills for free, for a school support job that fits in with their family.



Fully Funded School Support Course

www.studysmartuk.online

Next Start date
30th September

CACHE Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent
CACHE Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours
CACHE Certificate in the Principles of SEN
Levels 1, 2 & 3

Six Week Course
Mon - Fri
9:30 - 11:30am
12:30 - 2:30pm
4 - 4:30pm
(last optional session for reflection and support if needed)



PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 3** of the [menu](#).
- Download a copy of our Term 1 dates [here](#).
- Remember to pack a healthy, nut-free breaktime snack for your **KS2** child.
- If you have a child in Year 6, please be aware that the secondary application process is now beginning.
- Paper copies of term dates and our new menu are available to collect in the office foyer.
- If you haven't yet completed your child's pupil collection arrangements form, please hand this into the office as soon as possible.
- Don't forget to come to our upcoming Meet the Teacher sessions for Years 3 & 4 on Monday.
- You can claim your little piece of JLPS History by buying an engraved name plaque [here](#) for a minimum of £5, which will be placed on the stage.
- Watch our handy [Arbor videos](#) if you are having trouble navigating the app to pay for school services, such as school dinners or swimming.
- Please read the Extended Learning Clubs letter that was sent out today [here](#).

