



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20th September 2024

EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's good to talk...

In our newsletter to you of September 6th 2024, I shared the ways we strive to communicate with you, and I would like to remind that:

- If your child is absent, please inform the school office only (not on ClassDojo)
- Teaching Staff are available to speak with you after school each day should you have a concern to share or class routine clarified
- Teachers can only respond to ClassDojo messages before the start of the school day or after school until 5.30pm on school days only (not weekends). They cannot respond to messages during teaching time but will do their best to share photos of the children at their point of learning and/or to share celebrations.

I am also sharing our '[lines of communication](#)' with you which sets out the most appropriate people to contact to discuss any concerns or worries.

Although it is very rare to receive abusive and impolite messages through our lines of communication, I am saddened to say that this has happened and does have a negative impact on the well-being on our dedicated teaching team. Any safeguarding or delicate issues that involve children or family, please communicate with our Senior Leadership Team, who are available on our gates each morning or afternoon, or contact our Designated Safeguarding Team, Ms Hines or Mrs Feist - please do not share through ClassDojo. Thank you for your kind attention in this matter.

It is predicted that the glorious weather we have had will change next week, so please make sure your child has their outdoor OPAL Play and Forest School week. It is the season to be muddy...


The newsletter contains lots of relevant information for you all, so do please take the time to read this.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.


Kind regards,
Ms D J Hines



WE NEED YOU – READING VOLUNTEERS!



**READING
VOLUNTEERS
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YOU!**



Can you offer some time to help boost our children's reading confidence and fluency?
Complete the [Google Form](#) to show your interest.

All reading volunteers will be trained and be required to have a DBS check.

Are you interested in helping the children of Joy Lane to read? Whilst we prioritise reading here at Joy Lane and spend lots of time reading with and to our children, having more adults to interact with our young readers would be an amazing addition!

All reading volunteers will be trained and be required to have a DBS check (via the school). The main thing we ask from you is a commitment to a series of reading sessions over a time period (e.g. twice a week for a term) so that we can plan your reading time into the children's busy school day and you can have a bigger impact on the children's reading progress.

Please complete the [Google Form](#) to show your interest and we will be in touch with further details regarding training and getting started in Term 2.

Thank you in advance for your support.

DRIVING SAFELY REMINDER

A polite reminder that parents and carers should not attempt to drive up to the school after 8.30am to drop children off as the gates are closed in order to ensure the safety of all. This week we had a car drive up amongst all the children and families, drop off a pupil and then make a three-point turn to exit to Joy Lane. At school we recognise that parking can be tricky; however, the safety of all is far more important.



PARENT PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

A reminder of our upcoming Parent Partnership meeting dates. More information will follow next week regarding booking an appointment to see your child's class teacher.

Tuesday 8 th October 2024	
Key Stage 1	Virtual Meeting 3:30-7:00pm
Key Stage 2	Face-to-Face Meeting 3:30-7:00pm
Wednesday 9 th October 2024	
Key Stage 1	Face-to-Face Meeting 3:30-7:00pm
Key Stage 2	Virtual Meeting 3:30-7:00pm

FRIENDS OF JOY LANE

FOJL are already building a picture of how we will contribute to the school across 2024/2025. Below is a list of our intentions so far:

- **Classroom Small Spends** - FOJL will provide each class across the school with £50. The money is intended for classes to use as needed to support spending on supplies and learning treats for the children.
- **Year Group Workshops** - FOJL will fund an educational workshop for each year group across the school to support topical learning.
- **Reception Starters** - FOJL provided each reception new starter to Joy Lane School with a small token in the form of a book as a hello and welcome.
- **Year 6 Leavers** - FOJL will provide the Year 6 leavers at the end-of-year a treat to wish them well on their new adventures.

There are lots of opportunities for us to support further, and on top of this, we are looking to fundraise to support with Trauma Counselling, Opal Play equipment, plus a pot for special requests.

We have our termly meeting scheduled to take place Thursday 26th September at The East Kent, where we will be planning fundraising events. New members are welcome, we love to see new faces and welcome the support in achieving our goals and supporting the school.

Make sure you follow us on socials to keep up to date with our fundraising events: www.instagram.com/joylaneschoolpta

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

Be sure to book your Year 6 child's space for the residential. The deposit is due next Friday 27th September, and you can find out further information [here](#).



EXTENDED LEARNING CLUBS – STARTING NEXT WEEK!

We look forward to a busy week of Extended Learning Clubs starting from Monday 23rd September here at JLPS.

Please ensure your child has the correct gear for the club (if applicable), and in the event of absence or nonattendance, the school office must be informed.

Please also be aware that there may not be a parking bay for everyone who drives on to collect children from these clubs, so please be very careful to:

- Adhere to the speed limit
- Park and reverse carefully
- Be extremely mindful of children and adults walking around the school site

There will be a period between 4.15 and 4.30pm where it will be very busy especially as children will be collected from different parts of the school, and this will coincide with swimming lessons and After School Club pick up too.

Check the collection arrangements and club details [here](#).

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Attendance data week ending 20th September 2024



JLPS Whole School attendance	95.4%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	76 pupils 12.25%

Klee – 96.9 %	Kahlo – 99.3%	Kandinsky – 96.8%
Van Gogh – 96.6%	Voysey – 97.5%	Vallotton – 94%
Picasso – 93.6%	Postgate – 90%	Potter – 99.4%
Riley – 96.7%	Rousseau – 93.9%	Ringgold – 89%
Hockney – 87.9%	Heron – 93.7%	Hepworth – 89.3%
Degas – 97%	Dali – 95.7%	Da Vinci – 93.2%
Bailey – 91.3%	Banksy – 93.6%	Boyce – 90%
Oysters – 87.1%		

JEANS FOR GENES DAY – TODAY!

It's Jeans for Genes Day today! The children have enjoyed wearing denim and blue to support this wonderful cause, which they found out about in dedicated assemblies this week. There is still time to donate to our [Just Giving page](#), if you haven't already. Thank you.

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

THAT'S 1 IN 25 →



OPAL PLAY UPDATE



We are very excited to announce we are opening our OPAL Scooter Track NEXT WEEK!

Our children will finally be able to use all the wonderful scooter donations received by the school, taking a test drive around our very own tyre lined racetrack on the playground.

Children will not need to wear helmets as they will be supervised by adults at all times.

Keep an eye on our OPAL website for more updates and pictures! Click [here](#).

If you wish to contribute towards OPAL play at join lane Click [here](#).

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!

MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS

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

- 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.



SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS



The Whitstable School
ON TRACK TO EXCELLENCE



ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2025

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 17th of October 2024
6:00PM- 08:30PM

OPEN MORNINGS

21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th of October 2024
9:30AM- 10:20AM

*To book your place on one of our open mornings, please email: tws_admin@swale.at with your name and the date you would like to attend.

New **STEM** and **STAGE Academy** curriculum pathways.



Contact Us
01227 931300



Website Us
<https://www.thewhitstableschool.org.uk>

Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School



Open Mornings - 09:00 - 12:00
Tuesday 15th & 22nd October
Headteacher's Presentation - 10:35

Please note car parking is not available on site.

Open Evening - 18:00 - 20:00
Thursday 17th October
Headteacher's Presentations - 18:00 and 18:45



Centre of Excellence





Dane Court Grammar School

Year 6 Open Day

Wednesday 23 October 2024

A warm welcome awaits all Year 6 pupils who are hoping to gain a place in a selective school



THE ARCHBISHOP'S SCHOOL
CANTERBURY

OPEN EVENTS 2024

The Archbishop's School invites you to become a part of our vibrant, caring and supportive Christian Community.

You are welcome to join us for a tour of our school and to listen to talks from our students and staff on the following dates:

OPEN MORNING
Saturday 21 September
10am – 1pm

OPEN EVENING
Wednesday 25 September
4pm – 8pm

OPEN MORNING TOURS
Monday 30 September – Friday 04 October
at 9:15am, 10:05am and 11:10am

QR CODE TO
BOOK TOURS



St Stephen's Hill,
Canterbury, Kent CT2 7AP
Tel: 01227 765805
Headteacher: Mr D Elliott



PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 4** 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. A reminder that Year 3 children now pay for school meals and no longer receive universal free school meals.
- 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.
- Don't forget to come to our upcoming Meet the Teacher sessions for Years 5 & 6 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.
- Extended Learning Clubs start next week.
- Please click [here](#) to be directed to your child's Curriculum Web.
- Save the date for the upcoming Parent Partnership Meetings on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th October.
- We will be collecting for the Food Bank on Thursday 3rd October as part of Harvest Festival. Look out for a list of what is most needed in next week's Newsletter.
- Please make sure all absence is reported via the school office on 01227 261430. ClassDojo should not be used to report a child's absence.

