



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th November 2024

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR COMEPTITION

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Joy Lane on Monday 18th November. Ahead of that, the children are invited to get involved in the poetry competition to win a £5 voucher to spend at the fair.

Key Stage 1 children are invited to choose one of the reading-themed poems below to read aloud – just record them at home and send the video to Mrs Harkins via ClassDojo.

Books To the Ceiling
Arnold Lobel

Books to the ceiling



Books to the sky



My piles of books are a mile high



How I love them, how I need them



I'll have a long beard by the time I read them

What is a Book?

By Lora Daunt

A book is pages, pictures and words
A book is animals, people and birds
A book is stories of queens and kings
Poems and songs-so many things!
Curled in a corner where I can hide
With a book, I can journey far and wide
Though it's only paper from end to end
A book is a very special friend.

Key Stage 2 children are invited to write a poem based on reading or books! (Key Stage 1 children can have a go at this task if they prefer!)

Hand/send your entries to Mrs Harkins by Friday 15th November.

CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT – ORDER NOW!

Our Christmas Card Project shop is still open until 11/11/24!

You can order Christmas cards, wrapping paper, mugs, and more items featuring your child's artwork, which you should now have at home. (These do not need to come back to school as they have already been scanned.)

The shop closes in 3 days, so be sure to get your orders in soon! All funds raised go directly to supporting our school. 🧠 🌱 Visit www.apfsorders.co.uk to place your order today! 📺



ODD SOCKS DAY AND ANTI-BULLYING WEEK – NEXT WEEK!

Anti-Bullying Week 2024 takes place from Monday 11th – Friday 15th November. Bullying affects millions of lives and can leave us feeling hopeless. But it doesn't have to be this way. If we challenge it, we can change it. And it starts by reaching out.



We will spend time in class and assemblies talking about what bullying is and what we can do.

This year, we are holding Odd Socks Day on Monday 11th November, which is a chance for schools to celebrate what makes us all unique. All you have to do to take part is **wear odd socks** with your normal school uniform – it could not be simpler!

CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER



On Friday 15th November, Joy Lane will be supporting Children in Need, whose mission it is to help ensure every child in the UK is safe, happy, secure and has the opportunities they need to reach their potential. They fund local charities and projects who help remove the barriers that are facing children and young people, so that they can thrive.

The children are invited to **wear non-uniform** – with a splash of yellow or spots if they want to! (If your child has PE that day, they can wear non-uniform that would be suitable for the lesson or bring in their PE kit to change into.) Find us on the gates on Friday with our orange buckets if you can spare some loose change to donate. Alternatively, you can donate directly online: [Donate to BBC Children in Need](#) or, you may have already donated outside of school by buying Children in Need merchandise, like Pudsey ears.

NEW RECEPTION STARTER OPEN MORNINGS

Tuesday	12th November 2024 (9:15-11am)
Wednesday	13th November 2024 (6-7pm)
Tuesday	19th November 2024 (9:15-11am)
Tuesday	7th January 2025 (9:15-11am)



MICHAEL ROSEN DAY SPECIAL MENU – TUE 12TH NOVEMBER

We are looking forward to celebrating the first ever Michael Rosen Day on Tuesday 12th November. The children will spend the day immersed in the hilarious poetry of Michael Rosen and then perform a poem at the end of the day! As every poem we will explore has a food theme, we are offering a special menu that day, based on the poetry of Michael Rosen. School dinners are payable in the usual way on Arbor.

MICHAEL ROSEN DAY

SPECIAL MENU TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER



'READY for SPAGHETTI'
Spaghetti Bolognese
Vegetable Bolognese
Garlic Bread



'CHOCOLATE CAKE'
'I DON'T LIKE CUSTARD'
Chocolate Cake
Custard

Substitutions will be made for
those with dietary requirements



OPAL PLAY UPDATE

As the weather gets colder and wetter in Term 2, we urge you to supply your children with outdoor clothing for OPAL Play. We suggest all-in-one puddle suits, rather than separates, as these are more effective in keeping the children fully clean.



Do you have also any waterproof clothing that no longer fits your child? If so, we would love to take it off your hands! Just drop it to the school office for OPAL Play, and it will be passed to the correct area of the school to ensure our children have the BEST wet playtimes yet! Click [here](#) to learn more about OPAL Play.

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – IMPORTANT

At Joy Lane Primary School, we are incredibly proud of the provision we are able to offer our children, which includes many varied learning opportunities along with a wonderful array of extracurricular clubs. In addition to this, we run our very popular Breakfast and After-School clubs on a daily basis, providing wraparound childcare morning and evening.

Our Breakfast and After-school clubs are run by familiar staff who support children across the school and work on a ratio basis to ensure the highest level of care and support is provided for each child. We ask that children be booked into this service in advance to ensure we have the correct number of adults available to support.

Whilst we welcome all children to access our wraparound childcare services, we know that some children may require additional support so that they can attend these successfully. Prior to booking your child into Breakfast/After School club for the first time, we would ask that you speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. Your child's class teacher may ask a member of the Inclusion team to make contact with you so that a bespoke transition can be discussed and, where appropriate, a care plan created. Please note that, in exceptional circumstances where it is felt a child may require 1:1 support in order to access this provision, an additional fee may be incurred.

We thank you in advance and look forward to working with you to ensure the wraparound childcare provision we offer continues to build on the additional support we provide as a school.

SIBLING PHOTOGRAPHS – MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

We are delighted to confirm that Sibling Photos have been booked for Monday 25th November, 3:30pm - 5:30pm.

Please complete the [form](#) if you wish to reserve a slot for Sibling Photos. You will receive confirmation of your 15-minute time slot by Friday next week (15th November).

Please complete the form no later than Tuesday 12th November. You only need to complete one form per family.



FRIENDS OF JOY LANE

Fireworks Event

Thank you so much for everyone's support (volunteer and custom) at the Fireworks evening. We at FOJL had a great evening and enjoyed seeing so many smiles. We raised a fantastic £978! We are thrilled, and we look forward to sharing with you how the money will be spent.

Christmas shopping = Free donations!

With Christmas round the corner, along with Black Friday, over 8,000 online retailers give away free funding when you shop with them through [EasyFundraising](#). To get started and claim funding for FOJL, download the app, create an account and chose to support Joy Lane Primary School parent, teachers, friends association. Shopping this way means anything you purchase retailers donate to FOJL.

Christmas Jumper Sale

Do you have any unwanted or outgrown Christmas jumpers, dresses, tops and even nativity outfits? We would love your donations to support our Christmas jumper sale taking place later this month. Donations can be handed into any member of staff on drop offs and pick ups or handed into the school office. The sale will be held during and after the sharing afternoon, 29th Nov.

School Lottery

Last week's winner has been announced. Don't forget to check your email to see if you were the lucky person! [Buy your ticket](#) now for the next draw!

'HOUSE CAPTAIN CATCH-UP'

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope you had fun trick or treating and a relaxing half term holiday. For our newsletter entry today, we interviewed some of our talented Year 5 children - Lilly, Audrey and Evelin - because they did a dance workshop alongside two other schools. They said that they really enjoyed it - it was amazing that there were so many talented children at the Dance Festival! This week has to be the best first week of term ever. It has already been a great week, and the fireworks were flabbergasting – it was just incredible, and we are a very lucky school! The exciting news this week is that it is Remembrance week - it's very lucky that there are poppies everywhere with a lovely ceremony today to help us remember. Did you know that some representatives from the royal British Legion attended? This coming Tuesday 12th November, TTRS are doing a 'battle of the bands' (England Rocks) and it is a week-long event, so if we want to win then get your children to play TTRS next week between 7:30am and 7:30pm. Thank you for reading.

TERM 2 CURRICULUM WEBS

We are excited to share our learning with you for Term 2 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.



ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance Data week ending 8 th November 2024	
JLPS Whole School attendance	95.1%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	84 pupils 13.59%

Klee – 93.3%	Kahlo – 96.2%	Kandinsky –97.2%
Van Gogh – 93.8%	Voysey – 96.4%	Vallotton – 94.3%
Picasso – 93.6%	Postgate – 94.8%	Potter – 92.9%
Riley – 95.3%	Rousseau – 97.2%	Ringgold – 96.9%
Hockney – 92.1%	Heron – 95.7%	Hepworth – 92.1%
Degas – 97.3%	Dali – 96.7%	Da Vinci – 98.5%
Bailey – 97.1%	Banksy – 100%	Boyce – 95.4%
Oysters – 97.7%		

CHILDREN AND SMARTPHONES PARENT SURVEY

We have mentioned the Smartphone Free Childhood campaign in previous newsletters. Members of our school community who are interested in this campaign would like to invite you to take part in a short survey to understand wider opinions on children owning smartphones. The survey should only take 5 minutes and there are no right or wrong answers. The intention is just to hear your views on this topic. Thank you in advance for completing it [here](#). The group will share an anonymised summary of survey findings and proposed next steps as soon as possible.

WHITSTABLE Unplugged

Join us and power off

23 NOV **Smartphone-free childhood event**
Horsebridge Arts Centre, Whitstable
1.30pm Guest speakers discuss the impact of smartphones
3 - 4.30pm Live performance of *Generation FOMO*, a verbatim play by Isabelle Default about young people's use of smartphones and social media (age 12 up), with post-show Q&A. Collaborative mindful art workshop run by Liz Atkin (3-4pm in the Hub, all ages).

Book your ticket on the QR code below

24 NOV **Smartphone-free detox day**
 Get unplugged and join Whitstable's first 24-hour digital detox challenge.

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FOJL - A LETTER FROM SANTA CLAUSE



Would you like your child to receive a letter from Santa?

FOJL are offering the chance for your child to receive a personalised letter from the big man himself - Santa!

To request your letter please visit <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofjoylane>

Make sure you sign up by 25th November!

Letters are £2.50 each.

Santa's little helpers will be out and about delivering week commencing 2nd December!
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofjoylane>

YEAR 6 WINEGUMS AND WISDOM EVENT



WHITSTABLE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

The [U8 Whitstable Town FC Reds Team](#) is looking for a goalkeeper! Several Year 3 pupils from JLPS already play across the three teams at Whitstable Town Football Club. They currently train on a Tuesday evening and matches take place on a Saturday morning in the Faversham and District League. All coaches hold a DBS, first aid qualified and hold FA Coaching qualifications.

Contact jamesbrady1003@gmail.com for more details.



PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Wear odd socks on Monday 11th November to kick start Anti-bullying week!
- Next week will be **Week 2** of the [menu](#).
- Download a copy of our Term 2 dates [here](#).
- Send your child in with appropriate clothing for outdoor OPAL play now that it is getting colder and wetter (preferably an all-in-one puddle suit). We are also collecting spare outdoor waterproof clothing.
- School Lottery is live - don't miss out on the chance of winning £25,000! Sign up [here](#).
- The Friends of Joy Lane are collecting donations of unwanted Christmas jumpers, tops, dresses, outfits, including nativity costumes.
- It is non-uniform day (with a splash of yellow or spots!) for Children in Need on Friday 15th November.
- Visit www.apfsorders.co.uk to order your child's Christmas design as a card, bag, wrapping paper or mug by Monday 11th November.
- Click [here](#) to be view your child's Term 2 Curriculum Web.
- Plaques remain [available to purchase](#) for a minimum donation of £5. We have raised a massive £624 so far! Remember to state what you would like written on the plaque in the comment box when you make your donation on Just Giving.
- Read the Breakfast and After School Club information if your child is accessing our wraparound care services for the first time.
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- Visit <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofjoylane> to arrange a letter from Santa.

