



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th November 2024

CHRISTMAS DINNER – BOOK NOW!

**Christmas
MENU**
Thursday 19th December 2024

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MAIN

Roast Turkey with all the Trimmings
Vegetable Wellington (vg)

Roast Potatoes (vg)
Carrots, Peas and Brussels (vg)
Gravy (vg)

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DESSERT

Christmas Biscuit (d/f, vg)
g/f Christmas Biscuit available
Christmas Tree Choc Ice (g/f, v)
Vanilla Arctic Roll

vg - vegan
v - vegetarian
g/f - gluten free
d/f - dairy free

All dietary requirements will be catered for

We will be enjoying our Christmas Dinner, complete with crackers and table settings, on Thursday 19th December 2024!

Please complete this [form](#) with your child's choice of main and dessert – please also do this if your child receives Free School Meals or Universal Free School Meals (in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) as this will help us cater to correct numbers. (You do not need to make payment). Meals cost £2.80 and are payable via Arbor. Deadline for orders is Friday 6th December 2024.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – NEXT WEEK!



The Scholastic Book Fair is here from Monday 18th November until Thursday 21st November, with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy. Browse the digital magazine [here](#). Look out for the bookcases, which will be based in EY/KS1 and Lower KS2 and Upper KS2. There will be opportunities for the children to visit the cases during the day, but you are welcome to browse and buy with your child at the end of the day between 3:20pm and 3:35pm. You can pay by cash or there is the facility to pay online using your debit/credit card, plus a card machine based in upper KS2.

Every book you buy earns free books for the school! We hope to see you there!

OPAL PLAY WISH LIST

The children are all thoroughly enjoying OPAL play, getting stuck in despite the gloomy & damp weather!

Mrs Ames (our OPAL Lead) asked the children what they wanted more of, and here's what they've requested:



Tarpaulin



Clips



Welly Boot Remover

We are holding an OPAL assembly next week, and all the items ordered via our OPAL Play Wishlist will be opened during the assembly by the child/children of the purchaser!

Click this [link](#) if you would like to contribute. Thank you all so much for your continued support.

The OPAL Team - [Joy Lane Primary School - OPAL Play \(Outdoor Play and Learning\)](#)



STARTER OPEN MORNINGS



WHITSTABLE UNPLUGGED

As a reminder, the 'Whitstable Unplugged' weekend is taking place this month to help the Whitstable community to explore Smartphone Free Childhood options. This is a valuable opportunity for people to come together and discuss one of the most pressing challenges facing young people today.

On Saturday 23rd November, there will be an event at the [Horsebridge](#) featuring:

- Expert speakers discussing the impact of smartphones on young people
- A special performance of "[Generation FOMO](#)", a verbatim play based on real experiences of young people (suitable for age 12+)
- A post-show Q&A session
- A free collaborative mindful art workshop (suitable for ages 3+) - children to be accompanied by an adult

On Sunday 24 November, the whole community is invited to participate in Whitstable's first 24-hour digital detox - a perfect opportunity for families to reconnect without screens. Tickets (free but with suggested donation to cover costs) are available via [Eventbrite](#) or by using the QR code on the attached poster.

Find more info. on the [Eventbrite](#) page, the [Whitstable Smartphone Free Childhood | Facebook](#) page or follow on Instagram at [@WHITSTABLE_UNPLUGGED](#).



There is still time to complete the survey, which will capture wider opinions on children owning smartphones. Complete it [here](#).



FRIENDS OF JOY LANE

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 or 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 learning Afternoon on 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'

Hi, we are back for another week! This week has been a week of fun because TTRS has been hosting a battle of the bands (ENGLAND ROCKS) between schools, and we hope to win - but if not, at least everyone tried their hardest.

In Year 6 this week, we have created our very own mountains, which will form part of our mountain museum. In addition to this, we have also created little booklets about Michael Rosen as it was Michael Rosen day at Joy Lane, which allowed classes to perform his poems in assembly. Interestingly, 50 years have passed since his first book was published.

Don't forget your coats as it is wet and rainy, and we will be going out to OPAL Play - **WHATEVER THE WEATHER!**

Today, we were allowed into school wearing yellow or spotted as it's Pudsey Day - we also are doing Pudsey-themed activities throughout the day to celebrate. Fun fact... on Thursday, it was National Seatbelt Day, celebrating the invention of seatbelts and the safety they give us all each day.

A future date for your diary... on the 29th of November, Year 6 are hosting a bake sale to raise money to go on a theatre trip to London. Standby for more details on this.



Christmas Fayre

Seasalter Christian Centre CT5 4AX

Saturday 23 November 2024

10.30 am - 2.30 pm

Attractions include:

Stalls selling gifts • Tombola • Raffle
Christmas Café with cake stall • Carols



Face painting • Visit from Father Christmas Games
to appeal to children of all ages
• Pre-loved toys



All profits made by SCC will
go to the following charities:

The Haven
Project

christians
against
poverty

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Be sure to book your time to visit Father Christmas; please contact Ann Price on ann.price@stalphegeseasalter.org

All profits will support three local charities - The Haven (supporting the homeless), Christians Against Poverty (providing debt counselling) and Street Pastors.



ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance Data week ending 15th November 2024

JLPS Whole School attendance	95%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	84 pupils 15.23%

Klee – 94.1%	Kahlo – 99.3%	Kandinsky – 94.5%
Van Gogh – 95.5%	Voysey – 97.9%	Vallotton – 94.3%
Picasso – 89.6%	Postgate – 93.4%	Potter – 95.2%
Riley – 97.3%	Rousseau – 95.5%	Ringgold – 97.9%
Hockney – 89.7%	Heron – 97.3%	Hepworth – 94.4%
Degas – 94.3%	Dali – 95.9%	Da Vinci – 97.3%
Bailey – 92.5%	Banksy – 98.2%	Boyce – 85.8%
Oysters – 93.3%		

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>



PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 3** of the [menu](#).
- Download a copy of our **Term 2** dates [here](#).
- **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.**
- Our **Christmas Card** order deadline has passed. If you would still like to order, visit www.apfsorders.co.uk and it will be delivered to your home, rather than the school.
- 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 **£649** 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**.
- Visit <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofjoylane> to arrange a letter from **Santa**.
- Click [here](#) to order your child's **Christmas Dinner**.

