



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024

KS2 CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – BOOK NOW

KEY STAGE 2
**CHRISTINGLE
EVENT**

BOOK NOW

CHRISTINGLE MAKING
SING-ALONG WITH MRS RAWLINGS & THE BAND
NATIVITY STORY
LIGHTING THE CHRISTINGLES AND REFLECTION
FOJL SERVING REFRESHMENTS

12 DEC | 5:00-6:30PM
SEASALTER CHRISTIAN CENTRE
49 Faversham Rd, CT5 4AX

FAMILIES OF KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN INVITED
(INC. YOUNGER SIBLINGS)
MAX. 2 ADULTS PER FAMILY
BOOK VIA GOOGLE FORM
TICKETS ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS

Book your spaces [here](#).

Please note that due to increased popularity of the KS2 Christingle Event, and to ensure that more families can attend, we will be asking that children are accompanied by one adult only. Places are limited and based on a first come, first served basis.

Families of those children who are performing as a reader or musician will be allowed two accompanying adults. If you have booked your space on the reader/musician form, please do not book again.



CHRISTMAS DINNER – BOOK NOW!



The menu card features a green background with white Christmas trees and red and white striped candy canes. At the top left is the Joy Lane Primary School logo, which includes a penguin. The title 'Christmas MENU' is written in a red cursive font and green block letters. The date 'Thursday 19th December 2024' is centered below the title. The menu is divided into 'MAIN' and 'DESSERT' sections by red starburst icons. A snowman wearing a top hat and a red coat is on the left, and a bundle of candy canes is on the right. A legend at the bottom left explains dietary abbreviations, and a note at the bottom right states that all dietary requirements will be catered for.

Christmas MENU
Thursday 19th December 2024

MAIN
Roast Turkey with all the Trimmings
Vegetable Wellington (vg)
Roast Potatoes (vg)
Carrots, Peas and Brussels (vg)
Gravy (vg)

DESSERT
Christmas Biscuit (d/f, vg)
gf 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.

CHILDREN IN NEED – THANK YOU!

We raised a massive £502.93 for Children in Need, in addition to any donations made online. Thank you for your support!



OPAL PLAY – WE NEED SOCKS!

Our children are thoroughly enjoying playing in the water/mud/sand – even with the cold weather that’s set in! However, we really need some more spare socks.

If you have any old spare socks (any size!) at home that you don’t need, please send them into school or drop them at the school office for OPAL Play.



OPAL PLAY – THANK YOU

A huge thank you to our parents and carers who have this week purchased items from our OPAL amazon Wishlist. The children are extremely grateful and loved opening the parcels in our OPAL assemblies this week!

Thank you to –

Laura B
Justine H
Danielle
Colin W
David G
Anna S
Julia P

Thank You

If you would like to contribute and buy something from our amazon Wishlist click [here](#).

SHARING LEARNING AFTERNOON – FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

We look forward to welcoming you all into the school next Friday 29th November between 2pm and 3pm to look at your child’s work and classroom.

- EY/KSI parents/carers to enter alongside the Children’s Centre, past the Nursery to the EY/KSI joining corridor.
- Years 3/4 parents/carers to enter the gate by the swimming pool and into the classroom via the back doors.
- Years 5/6 parents/carers to enter via the gated area/cloakroom fire exit doors.

You are welcome to move to different areas of the school if you have multiple children to visit and you can take your children home when you have finished. The main Joy Lane entrance will be open for the afternoon. The Valkyrie gate will open at its usual time of 3:20pm.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to showcasing the children’s wonderful work and learning so far this year.

We will also be selling pre-loved uniform and the FoJL will be selling pre-loved Christmas jumpers and items.



ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance Data week ending 22nd November 2024

JLPS Whole School attendance	94.9%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	88 pupils 14.26%

Klee – 86.9%	Kahlo – 97.2%	Kandinsky – 95.2%
Van Gogh – 95.2%	Voysey – 94.4%	Vallotton – 90.3%
Picasso – 91.6%	Postgate – 94.3%	Potter – 91.6%
Riley – 97.2%	Rousseau – 94.8%	Ringgold – 97.2%
Hockney – 87.9%	Heron – 98.7%	Hepworth – 93.7%
Degas – 96.3%	Dali – 95.2%	Da Vinci – 91.5%
Bailey – 90.8%	Banksy – 92.4%	Boyce – 81.5%
Oysters – 94%		

WHITSTABLE UNPLUGGED – THIS WEEKEND

WHITSTABLE *Unplugged*

Join us and power off

Smartphone-free childhood event
Horsebridge Arts Centre, Whitstable

23 NOV
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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WHITSPARKLE EVENT

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LANTERN-LIT PARADE

WHITSTABLE'S CHRISTMAS EVENT

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2024



PERFORMANCES AT THE
HARBOUR FROM 1PM

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT
SWITCH ON AND PARADE
STARTS 4:30PM

MULLED WINE
ON SALE
PROCEEDS TO FUND NEXT
YEAR'S EVENT



WHITSPARKLE

Lantern Workshop

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 1PM - 3PM



CAN YOU HELP?
DROP OFF YOUR EMPTY BOTTLES AT STOCKS
ON CROMWELL ROAD OR BRING ON THE DAY
FOR OTHERS TO USE.

MAKE A RECYCLED
BOTTLE LANTERN TO
CARRY IN THE
PARADE.

BRING A CLEAN BOTTLE OF ANY
SIZE. LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE
ON THE DAY



SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER
SOUTH QUAY SHED
FIND US UPSTAIRS!

SUGGESTED
£2
DONATION



Your donations fund the lantern parades



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

Thank you for all your donations so far. We are still collecting for the pre-loved Christmas Jumper sale next Friday 29th November. Donations can be handed into any member of staff on drop offs and pick ups or handed into the school office.

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!

Stage

Plaques remain available to purchase for a minimum donation of £5. We have raised a massive £684 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.

'HOUSE CAPTAIN CATCH-UP'

Welcome back to Week 3! It's very exciting that we're getting a week closer to Christmas, and we are soon to start celebrating.

Firstly, a catchup on the roles and responsibilities: House captain, Sports captains (helping with PE) Play Leader (plays with younger years at break time), Reading Ambassadors (reads to nursery and reception), Language ambassadors (teach foreign languages), Eco-rep (helps our planet), School Council (make decisions for the school) and Maths Masters (teaches year 5 children).

Just to make you aware, we are doing a Year 6 bake sale on the 29th of November to raise money for a theatre trip in London.

In Term 2, Victory were winning by 1 point, but don't worry as everyone still has a chance! In Year 6 English we have been learning about Kensuke's Kingdom, which also links to our guided reading lesson! Last Friday, Year 2 made some beautiful lanterns out of paper and a plastic bottle for the Whitsparkle event. We can't forget about our outstanding dance club, who performed live on the stage of Joy Lane stage!

Last week, we played England Rocks with all the schools in the UK, including secondary schools - we did well in the grand scheme of things so we should be proud of it! This year, we have really embarked on the OPAL play journey with the mud slide becoming more and more popular - the scooter track is also being used a lot and is fun. We are still open for donations so that we can have more exiting equipment to play with. We also take scooters for our scooter track, and we hope you donate anything that you don't need or think the school could use.

Thank you for reading our fantastic newsletter. I hope this is very useful for you!



FOJL - A LETTER FROM SANTA CLAUSE – LAST CHANCE!



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>

SEASALTER CHRISTIAN CENTRE – CHRISTMAS FAYRE

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

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.

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



The Haven Project

christians against poverty

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PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 4** 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.
- Plaques remain [available to purchase](#) for a minimum donation of **£5**. Remember to state what you would like written on the plaque in the comment box when you make your donation on Just Giving.
- This is your last chance to arrange a letter from Santa: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofjoylane>
- Click [here](#) to order your child's Christmas Dinner.
- Click [here](#) to book your places for the Key Stage 2 Christingle Event.
- Come to our Sharing Learning afternoon next Friday 29th November, 2-3pm. At the same time, there will be the FoJL pre-loved Christmas Jumper sale and our school pre-loved uniform sale. Cash and card accepted.

