



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 6th January 2023

EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope that you all had a good Christmas break and it has been lovely to welcome you all back this week. The children have been regaling me with their Christmas stories and the gifts that they have received from Father Christmas. What a lucky lot they are!

Sadly, some of our families did not have the happiest of times over Christmas and New Year as they have suffered sudden bereavements; I am sure you will join me in sending our sincere condolences and hold them in our thoughts during their most difficult time.

Following the worldwide pandemic, our country is going through economically tumultuous times and we are all feeling the impact of this - and it seems that this may continue for some time. In school we have been looking at ways on how to reduce energy costs, but not at the expense of supporting the national curriculum for the children and keeping them warm during cold weather. We have not, as yet, had any major impact from the national strikes in school, except that I have received a plethora of Christmas cards through the post during the last two days...

We have been able to welcome a few new staff members to our team this term and would like to share the names with you should your children mention an unknown name to you. To our teaching team we welcome Mr Dyer, class teacher in Vallotton Class and Miss Brownbridge, an additional teacher to the Year 2 teaching team.

To our learning support team, we welcome Mrs Feist, Mrs Haldin, Mr Rushe, Mrs Marsh and Miss Corbin, as well as the lovely Mrs Newman who has joined our catering team.

We currently have a parent governor vacancy on our Board of Governors. The school's governing board is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance. The board is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils. As a parent governor, you'll work with the board to make sure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. You'll also play a vital role in bringing a parental perspective to the governing board, but you're not there to speak 'on behalf' of the parent body. Please read the full details attached to this newsletter and please do not hesitate to speak with me should you require any further information. The closing date for application is Friday 20th January 2023.

Just before our Christmas break I had several calls from neighbours surrounding our school asking that our school community park more considerately as some were not able to get out of their drives at between 3pm and 3.30pm; I am aware and shared with our neighbours that it may not be just members from our school community but wanted to make you aware as they may report this to the council.

Please also have a good read of our newsletter this week which also contains term dates for your diary.

With kind regards,
Ms D J Hines



KIC THEATRE – W/C 16TH JANUARY 2023

We are delighted to welcome Kic Theatre back for the children's educational drama workshops.

During the workshops the children bring their classroom learning to life through theatre and their understanding of the topic is enhanced in an interactive and enjoyable way. Each class will have their own individual workshop during the week commencing Monday 16th January 2023.

The topics are as follows:

Reception	Hibernation
Year 1	Explorers (David Attenborough)
Year 2	UK – The Queen and King Charles
Year 3	Romans
Year 4	Rainforest Animals
Year 5	Sound
Year 6	Macbeth
Oysters SRP Moore	Explorers (David Attenborough)
Oysters SRP Mackintosh & Morris	Different religious celebrations

WORKSHOP TIMETABLE

Monday 16 th January	Year 6 classes and Degas and Da Vinci classes
Tuesday 17 th January	Year 1 classes and Dali class
Wednesday 18 th January	Year 3 classes & Oysters SRP classes
Thursday 19 th January	Year 2 classes and Kandinsky and Klee classes
Friday 20 th January	Year 4 classes and Kline class

Please ensure your child is wearing their PE kit on the day of their class workshop and all jewellery should be removed.

We ask for a voluntary contribution of £2 per pupil to be paid via Arbor (under the Trips tab). Please be aware that we are only able to offer these opportunities if we can cover our costs.

Thank you for your continued support.

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS!

After the success of our pre-loved Christmas Jumper sale, the Friends of Joy Lane are already looking ahead to next year! Before you pack away your seasonal wear, consider whether you have anything to donate for next year's sale. We are happy to start collecting these now before they are put away!



FLU IMMUNISATIONS

As we return to school, winter illnesses continue to circulate at high levels. Professor Susan Hopkins, Chief Medical Adviser at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), has said: “Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and in some cases can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and others they come into contact with, and it’s still not too late.”

Eligible children include:

- those aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2022
- all primary school-aged children
- some secondary school-aged children

You can get more information [getting your child vaccinated against flu](#) on NHS.UK.

TERM 3 CURRICULUM WEBS

We are excited to share our learning with you for Term 3 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 inspiring hooks and books!

Please click below to be directed to your child’s Curriculum Web:

[Year R](#) / [Year 1](#) / [Year 2](#) / [Year 3](#) / [Year 4](#) / [Year 5](#) / [Year 6](#) / [Oysters](#) / [Pre-School](#)

ATTENDANCE



Attendance data week ending 6th January 2023

JLPS Whole School attendance	92.4%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	146 pupils 23.62%

Klee – 88.1 %	Kline – 93.4 %	Kandinsky - 90.6%
Van Gogh – 94.2%	Voysey – 92.8%	Vallotton – 93.5%
Picasso – 91.0 %	Postgate – 92.1%	Potter – 90.6%
Riley – 93.8%	Rousseau – 94.8%	Renoir – 93.0%
Hockney – 93.5%	Heron – 88.2%	Hepworth – 93.4 %
Degas – 92.3 %	Dali – 94.6%	Da Vinci – 93.2%
Bailey – 90.4%	Banksy – 94.2%	Barnard – 94.9%
Oysters – 89.3%	School Average – 92.3%	School Target - 98.5%



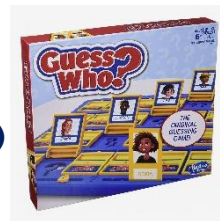
TERM 3 KEY DATES

January 2023		
Tuesday 3 rd	Start of Term 3	
Thursday 5 th	Oysters Pantomime Trip	11:30am-4:30pm
W/C 16 th	KIC Theatre (Drama Workshops)	
Wednesday 18 th	Young Voices Trip to the O2 (Y5/6)	10:30am-11pm
W/C 23 rd Jan	Extended Learning Clubs commence (Further information to follow at the beginning of Term 3)	8 weeks – until W/E Friday 24 th Mar
Friday 27 th January	Cultural Day	
W/C 30 th	National Storytelling Week	
February 2023		
Thursday 2 nd	World Read Aloud Day	
W/C 6 th	Children's Mental Health Week	
Tuesday 7 th	Safer Internet Day	
Friday 10 th	Dress to Express Day	Non-uniform day
Friday 10 th	Last day of term	Usual finishing time
Monday 20 th	Start of Term 4	

DO YOU HAVE ANY GAMES AT HOME TO DONATE?

Are you having a New Year declutter? Do you have any of the following at home in good condition that you could donate to the school for our After School Club and classroom 'wet play' cupboards?

- Card games / Uno
- Children's magazines
- Board games (Jenga, Scrabble, Connect 4, etc.)
- Small puzzles
- Dressing up items



If you are able to help, please hand any donations into the school office. Thank you for your continued support.

WARM SPACES

Visit [Resources - Whitstable Umbrella Centre](#) for local support resources and networks, such as housing, furniture, food, clothes, uniform and money advice.

A warm space will also be offered at Seasalter Christian Centre every Monday afternoon in January and February, from 3:15pm to 5:30pm, starting on Monday 2nd January. A warm welcome, low-key activities, conversation and a light hot supper will be provided free for all those who attend.



PARENT / CARER CHECKLIST

- Consider applying to be a Parent Governor.
- Next week is **Week 4** of the [menu](#).
- Please save your Pringles tubes from your leftover Christmas stash of snacks!
- Pop along to our Arbor/ClassDojo drop-in sessions, which will be available each Monday morning between 8:40 and 9:15am.
- Breakfast Club is now being held in the Upper School Hall for all children.
- Consider donating any unwanted games to school.
- Consider booking your child for a flu immunisation if they have not already had it at school.
- See what is happening in your child's year group on the Term 3 Curriculum Webs (links above).

