



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 16th December 2022



EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great that we have finally had some stability in school for the last two terms and returned to our full curriculum provision and extra-curricular opportunities for the children. Phew! It has been a long time coming... Although Covid and other illnesses still surround us, we are now able to cope in a different way.

It has been really lovely to welcome back all our families to our Christmas nativities and events this term; I am sure you are grateful for the memories made, and like me, proud of what our talented teaching staff achieve for the children.

It is with a heavy heart that we say a final farewell to a few members of staff. We wish Mrs Humphreys from our catering team every success and good health in her retirement; and send our very best wishes to Mrs H Dodd, our Year 1 teacher, and Ms L McAuliffe, as they seek different adventures away from Joy Lane. Good luck, everyone!

We have had a fabulous end to our term with the snow machine in full flow, two Father Christmases on the roof and the wonderful live band of our talented staff and children playing and singing their favourite Christmas songs, which then extended to our final assembly too. A special thank you to the children in the live band as they arrived at 7.30am so they could entertain you all. Well done all! I wish I could have bottled the squeals of delight when the children were dancing in the snow and waving to Father Christmas on the roof this morning. Just gorgeous...

As a reminder, our school (including our school office) is now closed until we return on Tuesday 3rd January, 2022; we will not be posting or responding to any message by email, ClassDojo or Facebook.

The Staff, Governors and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for 2023.

With all my best wishes

Ms D J Hines - Executive Headteacher



BREAKFAST CLUB TERM 3

As from 3rd January (the beginning of Term 3) Breakfast Club for all our Joy Lane pupils will be held in the Upper School Hall and accessed via our school reception. The children will continue to be familiar with the Breakfast Club staff, who will remain the same and work on a rota basis. Please note that breakfast will be served up until 8.15am only so that children and staff are ready in good time for the beginning of their school day.

Many thanks and Merry Christmas to everybody.

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	

WINTER MINI READING CHALLENGE

The Winter Mini Challenge is an online-only challenge that encourages children to keep up their reading over the winter holidays running until 20 February 2023!



The Summer Reading Challenge (that some of you may have signed up to before) and the Winter Mini Challenge encourage children aged 4 to 11 to enjoy the benefits of reading for pleasure.

To take part, sign up [here](#). Set a reading goal and log your books on your profile. Read three books to unlock a virtual badge and a special certificate!



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.

#WHITSTABLECARES



PLACES TO BE WARM, WELCOME
AND SAFE THIS WINTER

mon	10-1PM: Waterloo Centre, Waterloo Road, CT5 1BP	2-4PM: Tesco Community Space Millstrood Rd, CT5 3EE <small>Canterbury Foodbank signposter at every session.</small>
tues		7.45AM - 3.30PM: St Johns Centre St Johns Road, CT5 2QU <small>Hot food available. 2nd and 4th Tuesday only.</small>
weds		4-8PM: Whitstable United Reform Church Middle Wall, CT5 1BW <small>Hot food available. Kids welcome</small>
thurs		1-5PM: Whitstable Labour Club Belmont Road, CT5 1QP <small>Hot food available</small>
fri		2-4PM: Harbour St Fellowship Harbour Street, CT5 1AQ <small>Kids welcome</small>
sat		2-4PM: St Alphege Church High Street, CT5 1AY
sun		1-4PM: Waterloo Centre Waterloo Road, CT5 1BP

Homeless people welcome at the Haven, 1-4PM Mon/Wed/Fri,
St Johns Methodist Church, Argyle Road, CT5 1JS

AMAZON SMILE – SUPPORT JOY LANE AS YOU SHOP

Have you got any last-minute presents to buy on Amazon? Why not buy via AmazonSmile and choose 'Friends of Joy Lane' as your chosen charity to support. Shop at <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/286126-0> and Amazon will donate at no cost to you.

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You shop. Amazon gives.

If you buy via the app, follow these instructions to set up Amazon Smile:

- 1) Download or update to the latest version of the Amazon Shopping App for iOS or Android
- 2) Open the app and find "AmazonSmile" in the main menu (☰) under "Programmes and Features"
- 3) Follow the on-screen instructions to choose your charity and turn on AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping App
- 4) Start generating donations while you shop eligible items in the app!



PARENT / CARER CHECKLIST

- **We return to school on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.**
- **Our first week back will be Week 3 of the menu.**
- **Please save your Pringles tubes and shoe boxes over Christmas for two upcoming Year 4 craft projects!**
- **Sign up to the Winter Mini Reading Challenge here.**
- **Please read the Parent/Carer Survey Response.**
- **Pop along to our Term 3 Arbor/ClassDojo drop-in sessions, which will be available each Monday morning between 8:40 and 9:15am.**
- **Breakfast Club is being held in the Upper School Hall for all children.**

