



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9th December 2022

Happy Christmas Jumper Day 2022!



HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

The festive spirit is now well and truly alive across our whole school, especially with the children wearing their Christmas jumpers today! The children have been super excited to find out about the mischievous adventures of 'Jen-ELF-er' each day – methinks it is because she is super cheeky...

I have had the privilege to watch the gorgeous nativities of the children in Years One and Two this week– their acting, singing, dancing and wonderful reading was just gorgeous and filled the hearts of the audiences with joy. Such a special time of year! Next week promises to be filled with fun events, including Christmas lunch, which is always yummy.

Attached to this newsletter you will be able to view our school responses to the Parent/Carer Survey we sent to you in November; these questions were taken from the Ofsted parent view portal. As you know, members of our senior leadership, inclusion and premises teams are on duty and available to speak with you at the start and end of each school day, should you have a question/concern you would like to raise. You can also message the class teachers via ClassDojo if you have a message you want to share at the start of the day, and you can always speak to them personally at the end of each school day. We always welcome feedback and strive to ensure our children's learning opportunities match their abilities, with the added challenge, and that the children's well-being and safety is uppermost in our minds. Please do have a thorough read of the survey report.

Here is a reminder of our Leadership Team members who you can contact if your child's class teacher is not available for any reason.

Mrs Jo Meredith: Oyster Bay Catering

Mr Andy Thompson, Mr Bill Albers & Mr Kevin Pamplin: Premises Team

Mr Dowling: Joy Lane Swim School Lead

Mr Henderson-Varlin: School Business Manager



Mrs Chaplin: Oyster Bay Nursery Manager
Miss Sidders: Key Stage One Phase Manager (years one and two)
Miss Gillmore: Phase Manager for Years 3&4
Mr Rogers: Key Stage Two Phase Manager
Mrs Crocombe: Oysters SRP Lead Teacher & SENDCo
Mrs Bowler: SENDCo for classes Years One to Six
Mr Henderson-Varlin: School Business Manager
Mrs Godden: Assistant Head for Inclusion Support & Standards
Mrs Harkins Assistant Head for Keys Stage Two & Curriculum Standards
Mrs Rogers: Assistant Head for Early and Key Stage One & Curriculum Standards

Mr Ashley-Jones: Head of School
Ms Hines: Executive Headteacher
Full Governing Board -Chair of Governors: Mrs Graves

With kind regards,
Ms D J Hines
Executive Headteacher

CHRISTMAS EARLY FINISH TIMES

Please see below our end-of-term arrangements:

Friday 16 th December 2022	
Oysters SRP	1.30pm
Main School	2.00pm
Oyster Bay Nursery	3.30pm
After School Club	4.00pm

CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTIES – THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER

We are looking forward to hosting our class Christmas parties next Thursday 15th December, which is the same day as our Christmas Dinner – so much to look forward to! Your child can come to school that day wearing their party clothes ready for the day of Christmassy fun. Please do not send your child in with snacks to be shared at the party – they will be too stuffed from their lunch, I'm sure!

MRS MOORFIELD'S DROP-IN TECH SUPPORT SESSIONS

If you are having any trouble with Arbor or ClassDojo, then please pop along to our drop-in sessions, which will be available each **Monday morning between 8:40 and 9:15am – starting Term 3!** Mrs Moorfield will be happy to help with any technical issues and give guidance on how best to navigate these apps and sites.



ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 5th December 2022

JLPS Whole School attendance	92.6%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	150 pupils 24.35%

Klee – 87.9%	Kline – 93.5%	Kandinsky - 91.2%
Van Gogh – 94.1%	Voysey – 92.5%	Vallotton – 93.6%
Picasso – 91.7%	Postgate – 92.5%	Potter – 90.6%
Riley – 94.0%	Rousseau – 95.4%	Renoir – 93.4%
Hockney – 93.8%	Heron – 88.7%	Hepworth – 93.8%
Degas – 92.4%	Dali – 94.6%	Da Vinci – 93.0%
Bailey – 91.0%	Banksy – 94.1%	Barnard – 95.2%
Oysters – 89.8%	School Average - 93.2%	School Target - 97.2%

CHANGE TO MENU – WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER

On Wednesday 14th December, we will not be serving our usual roast dinner due to the Christmas dinner on Thursday 15th December.

The meal on Wednesday will be as follows:

Cheese and Bacon Pasta or Tomato Pasta (D/F)
Garlic Bread / Sweetcorn / Peas
Smoothie

Your child can order a School Meal on this day in the usual way in the morning register.

ALL WRAPPED UP - CAN YOU HELP?

Riverside Church is working with the local community to provide dinner hampers and presents to families in need this Christmas.

All Wrapped Up
Can you help?

Now that referrals have closed we have requests for 270 hampers, which is 120 more than anticipated and will cost in the region of £3,000.

If you have not yet donated to All Wrapped Up and could make a donation, however small, please visit <https://www.riversideuk.org/all-wrapped-up> for more information and how to donate.

Help us to ensure that local families do not go without a Christmas dinner this year.



WARM SPACE @ SEASALTER CHRISTIAN CENTRE

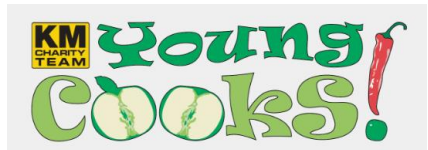
A warm space will be offered at Seasalter Christian Centre every Monday afternoon in January and February, from 3:15pm to 5:30pm, starting on Monday 2nd January.

A warm welcome, low-key activities, conversation and a light hot supper will be provided free for all those who attend.

We look forward to seeing anyone who wants to join us.
St Alphege Church, Seasalter

YOUNG COOKS COMPETITION

Young people are annually invited to take part in the South East's Young Cooks cookery competition with the winners receiving a share of £500! Finalists will be selected to cook at a Showcase Lunch at The Dog in Wingham and may have the opportunity to attend a master class with an award winning chef.



Find out more [here](#) and enter [here](#).

HORSEBRIDGE CENTRE ART WORKSHOPS



'Sweet treats and cakes'
For children aged 8-13

Saturday mornings 9.30-11.30am
2 workshops
4 Feb + 11 Feb 2023
£22 per workshop

Would you like to try new materials
and different ways of working?

This is an exciting and vibrant class where we will be using various contemporary artists to inspire ideas. Whilst exploring a number of different techniques including drawing, painting and printing to create high quality, beautiful work based on a delicious topic!

[Bio | Sarah-Jane Mulcahy \(artsarah-jane.com\)](#)

PARENT / CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week is **Week 2** of the [menu](#) (remember that **Wednesday's** menu is different).
- Check the end-of-term finishing times.
- Please save your **Pringles tubes** and shoe boxes over **Christmas** for two upcoming **Year 4** craft projects!
- Children are invited to wear their party clothes on **Thursday 15th December**.
- Read the **Parent/Carer Survey Response**.

