



# Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

## UPCOMING CHRISTMAS EVENTS



Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Van Gogh's Christmas Show	9.30am	Lower School Hall
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Potter's Christmas Show	2pm	Lower School Hall
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Vallotton's Christmas Show	9.30am	Lower School Hall
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Babies and Toddlers Room Christmas Stay & Play	9am	Oyster Bay Nursery
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Postgate's Christmas Show	2pm	Lower School Hall
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Babies and Toddler Room Christmas Stay & Play	9am	Oyster Bay Nursery
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Voysey's Christmas Show	9:30am	Lower School Hall
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Picasso's Christmas Show	2pm	Lower School Hall
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day		
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Klee's Christmas Show	9:30am	Lower School Hall
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Kline's Christmas Show	2pm	Lower School Hall
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christingle Service	5pm	Upper School Hall
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-School's Christmas Show	9:30am	Lower School Hall
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Kandinsky's Christmas Show	2pm	Lower School Hall
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Oysters Christmas Show	1:45pm	Upper School Hall



For the EY/KSI Christmas shows, family members are allocated a maximum of 2 seats per child, and we will organise for any siblings in school to attend and watch from floor at the front. Festive refreshments will be on offer at the performance and are provided by our Friends of Joy Lane. They will be taking voluntary donations via contactless payment.

## ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

We wanted to share some information with you regarding school attendance and important procedures regarding keeping us informed. At the moment, on average, there are approximately 60 pupils absent each day for a number of reasons.

We know that there are illnesses and sickness bugs doing the rounds at this time of year, and that can't be helped; however, the school has a statutory responsibility to record the specific reason for absences - not just unwell. Therefore, please can you let the school office know why your son/daughter is not at school. The school also needs to know what illnesses/bugs are going around, especially if it were something that we need to inform carers and parents about.

Thank you.

The Joy Lane Primary School Attendance Team



## JLPS GIFTING TREE – BOOK BUNDLES

We have been overwhelmed by the generous donations of beautiful children's books from the school community. From next week, we will begin to organise these books into 'book bundles' ready for families to take home for Christmas.



- If you are in need of some more books at home or would love a little extra treat for your children this Christmas, use our [Self-referral Form](#) to request a book bundle.
- Our [Nomination Form](#) allows you to put forward a family that you think would benefit from an injection of lovely books in their home as a Christmas treat.

All self-referrals and nominations will be treated confidentially, and book bundles can be collected at a time suitable to you. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## 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.

## FRIENDS OF JOY LANE UPDATE

A big 'Congratulations' to the **winner of the FJL Logo Competition** - Margo M in Year 4. All of the entries were shared in every class across the school and the children had the difficult job of voting for their favourite.

The **Christmas Jumper Sale** was so incredibly successful! Thank you so much to everyone who donated and purchased on the day. Your generosity is very much appreciated – we managed to raise just over £230! Just amazing! A big thanks to all that gave their time to make it happen.

Look out for some friendly FJL faces and class volunteers at the Christmas Shows over the next couple of weeks who will be offering festive refreshments (with thanks to our local CoOp) before and after the performances!



## CAKE SALE SUCCESS!

The Year 2 cake sale – in aid of Alfie's Mum, who ran the London Marathon to raise money for Young Lives vs Cancer – raised a massive £176.75! Well done to Year 2, and thank you for your support of this amazing cause!



# CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER



We are taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day next Friday – how exciting! Children are invited to get their silliest, most festive jumper on (paired with their school uniform) - this could be shop bought, pre-loved or homemade with tinsel and decorations - and donate to Save the Children. By pulling on our Christmassy knits and donating, we will be transforming the future for children.

Every pound we raise will give children in the UK and around the world the chance to grow up healthy and happy, and change their future for good.

You can donate to our Joy Lane [Christmas Jumper Day Just Giving Page](#) (and if you donate online, the government has promised to give the same amount as you give) or we will be standing at the gate with our orange buckets to collect any contribution you can make.

## REMINDER - EY / KSI WALKING ROUTE

We would like to say a huge thank you to our parent/carer community for ensuring that on entry and exit, the Reception classroom outside area is not used as a walk-through or short cut between different parts of the school. This was introduced to ensure the safety of our youngest children and to allow our newest parents and carers a space to chat before and after school as well as for the children to play safely without being swamped by others.

In order to keep to this system please could we ask that all parents and carers observe our wishes for the benefit of all concerned, especially the children. This route is part of our safeguarding procedures, so please do not be offended if we ask you turn around and take the required path.

## ATTENDANCE UPDATE



### Attendance data week ending 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

JLPS Whole School attendance	92.85%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	139 pupils 22.67%

Klee – 87.7%	Kline – 93.5%	Kandinsky - 91.2%
<b>Van Gogh – 94.0%</b>	Voysey – 92.5%	Vallotton – 93.6%
Picasso – 92.2%	Postgate – 92.7%	Potter – 90.7%
Riley – 94.0%	<b>Rousseau – 95.7%</b>	Renoir – 93.1%
Hockney – 94.3%	Heron – 89.0%	Hepworth – 93.6%
Degas – 93.7%	Dali – 95.0%	Da Vinci – 93.3%
Bailey – 91.5%	Banksy – 94.9%	Barnard – 95.2%
Oysters – 90.0%	School Average - 93.4%	School Target -97.0%



## CHANGE TO MENU – WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

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

## COMMUNITY – CHRISTMAS EVENT



**Come Visit Santa & the  
Festive Farm Animals  
At Meadow Grange  
This December**

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**

[meadowgrangenursery.co.uk](http://meadowgrangenursery.co.uk)



## PARENT / CARER CHECKLIST

- Refer yourself for a **Book Bundle** [here](#) or nominate a family [here](#).
- **Donate a book to our JLPS Gifting Tree 'Book Bundle' project.**
- **Book** a space at the KS2 Christingle Service on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December (5:00-6:30pm – Details on the Google Form link and in last week's Newsletter).
- **Next week is Week 1 of the [menu](#).**
- **Christmas Jumper Day is on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December.**
- **Please save your Pringles tubes and shoe boxes for two Year 4 craft projects coming up!**
- **Last chance to order your Christmas Lunch [here](#).**

