



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

7th September 2018

Welcome back to



HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

I would like to offer a warm welcome to our new children and staff and hope they have had an enjoyable first few days at Joy Lane Primary School.

Our Premises team have been extremely busy during the holidays, ensuring the School is spick and span ready for the new academic year. Our outside learning environment and the children's play areas have been improved – quite a challenge in the intense heat this summer!

There are many exciting events to look forward to this year. Please check our website which is regularly updated with all the latest news, together with the forthcoming dates for the year. I would also like to remind you to log on to your child's Class Dojo – you will be kept up to date with your children's learning during their school day and able to view photos at the point of learning.

Finally, I would like to thank you on behalf of the staff for the cards, gifts and 'thank yous' received at the end of the Summer Term. They were much appreciated and gratefully received. We are all looking forward to working in partnership with you, your children, and our wider community in the coming year.

YEAR GROUP INFORMATION & REMINDERS



Please may we remind you we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL and have several children with severe nut allergies.

All Year Groups - Medication

Polite Reminder – If your child requires medication in school, this should be handed in at the School office in order for the necessary paperwork to be completed. If a consent form is not provided, the School cannot administer any medicine.

Year 3 School Dinners

When children move into Year 3, they are no longer entitled to Universal Free School Meals. However, this does not affect children who receive Free School Meals. The cost of a school lunch is £2.25 and meals should be paid for in advance.

Year 3 Educational Visit – Tuesday 11th September

As part of their History and Geography learning topic this term, the Year 3 classes will be visiting Whitstable Harbour and the RNLI Lifeboat Station. The children will be leaving shortly after morning registration to walk to the Harbour and will return to school before lunch. They should wear their usual school uniform and depending on the weather, please provide your child with a sun hat / raincoat. If you wish your child to wear sunscreen, please apply this at home. The trip is covered by the Local Visit Consent form we hold in the children's files. If your child has a Medical Care Plan, a copy of this will be included in our visit paperwork.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES



What an amazing spectacle it has been to see the children enjoying their new 'Daily Mile' challenge! We have launched a new incentive for the children to keep active and stay healthy with each year group timetabled to complete the challenge. The children are able to complete their mile at their own pace, but there is always a bit of healthy competition to spur them on. In order to take part, your child will need to have their trainers in school every day.

RECENT LETTERS

Terms 1, 2 & 3 Swimming Lessons
Academic Year Calendar Dates
Year 5 Ancient Greek Day

SCHOOL ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES & PAYMENT

We are planning many exciting enrichment workshops and activities for the children this year which we know will enhance their learning experience and provide inspiration for subsequent work. In these financially challenging times for all schools, it will be impossible for us to organise and book these events and workshops without continued financial support in the form of contributions from parents and carers.

We hope that you will be able to support your child's learning in this way as we know how much Joy Lane pupils benefit from these additional learning sessions.

PARENT & CARER COUNCIL

We have had our very first Parent Council meeting which took place at the end of July last year, with our next meeting planned for later this month.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that Emma Rafferty, Tara Terry and Laura Stevens have been duly elected as the first three members, with Emma Rafferty being elected as Chairperson. Minutes of our meetings and further information about the Parent Council can be found on the School Website. Any parents or carers who may be interested in being part of this new venture should contact Mr Ashley-Jones via the school office for an appointment.

ROALD DAHL DAY



On Thursday 13th September, we will be joining the worldwide celebrations for Roald Dahl Day.

We are inviting the children to get creative and make a Roald Dahl-inspired hat, bonnet, head band or mask to wear during the day. Think Willy Wonka's hat, Fantastic Mr Fox or BFG's ears, Mr Twit's beard or maybe a giant peach! There will also be copies of Roald Dahl hats that the children can take home and colour in, ready for the celebrations. Normal school uniform should be worn.

The children will take part in fun activities in class, and the day will culminate in a whole-school assembly to show off our hats and share a story.

A donation of £1 will also help the school to raise money for Roald Dahl's Marvellous-Children's Charity. The charity exists to make life better for seriously ill children and young people around the UK. You'll help our school to raise money for specialist children's nurses and other marvellous things like support for families living in poverty while caring for seriously ill child.

We look forward to a marvellous day celebrating reading and all things Roald Dahl!

Mrs S Harkins