



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

9th October 2020

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

It's good to talk...

Joy Lane Teachers have been delighted to have personal contact with you this last week during our first virtual Parent Partnership Meetings. I am delighted to say that our Microsoft Teams and telephone calls went ahead with only a few technical glitches and hope this continues next week as our virtual meetings continue.

Sharing Assemblies and All Things Christmas!

As 'the rule of six' looks likely to stay for a good while yet, we are looking in to ways that we can still share the children's learning with you and our Christmas celebrations. For this, we will use Microsoft Teams, which is the same platform we offered for our virtual meetings, so hopefully, you will be familiar with the software. It is free to download! I will send you further information to you very soon.

Friends of Joy Lane Christmas Shop

Our wonderful 'Friends of Joy Lane' are going to work hard so that our children do not miss out on their beloved Christmas shop experience. It will be managed a little differently, but it will definitely happen. Again, more information will be sent to you very soon.

JLPS CATERING

At Joy Lane, we pride ourselves on our in-house catering facility, which allows us to write our own menus and offer a wide range of home-cooked meals using fresh ingredients, which are sourced from local suppliers, where possible. With a new menu twice a year and themed days to celebrate in-school events, our Catering team is always looking for ways to introduce your child to varied and exciting meals.

Our Catering Manager, Jo, has many years of experience in the catering sector, even working in the Houses of Parliament! She has worked within the school sector for nearly twenty years and understands how to cater for a large school with a wide range of special dietary requirements and eating habits.

Please be assured that our friendly Catering team aim to build strong relationships with the children and will always talk to them about the food choices each day, encouraging them to try new things and ensuring they have a balanced, nutritious meal.

Please note that jacket potatoes are now subject to availability and cannot be pre-booked. If you would like to discuss your child's specific dietary needs or eating habits, please contact the admin team who can put you in contact with our Catering Manager, Jo, who will be happy to discuss your concerns and reassure you that your child will be catered for.

(Please note that the W/C 12th October is Week 2 on the menu.)



'OUTDOOR OFFICE'

You may have already visited our 'COVID-friendly' office at drop-off time in the mornings. This has been set up for parents & carers to assist with queries, completion of forms i.e. for medicines, etc., and to receive any paperwork. Please make use of this facility, which is a welcome addition to help keep the Joy Lane community as safe as possible during these unprecedented times.



YEAR 6 – KENT TEST – THURSDAY 15th OCTOBER

The Year 6 children sitting the Kent Test on Thursday 15th October 2020 should arrive at school at the usual time of 8:30-8:40am. You may want to send your child in with a few extra 'brain-boosting' snacks to see them through the busy day.

YEAR 6 – SECONDARY TRANSFER INFORMATION

Please find click [here](#) to additional Secondary Transfer information, supplied by the Local Authority.

HARVEST FESTIVAL – WEDNESDAY 14th OCTOBER

On Wednesday 14th October, we will be celebrating Harvest Festival (celebrated in the UK on 4th October 2020) with a special virtual assembly from a member of the Seasalter Christian Centre. We will also be asking the children to donate goods for the Canterbury Food Bank, which helps many families in times of need. If you are able to donate, please see the poster below, which outlines the items that are mostly needed, and send these in with your child on the day. We are proud to support our community in this way. Many thanks in advance for your support.

This Harvest



If you are thinking of donating, this is what we would appreciate most:

- sun cream
- coffee
- deodorant
- tinned peas
- tinned pies (e.g. Fray Bentos)
- instant mash (e.g. Smash)
- chocolate
- soap
- carrier bags

Thank you, but we do **not** currently need: pasta, rice, beans, tea or soup

If you need support, please call 01227 936450 or email info@canterburyfoodbank.org

 [FoodBankCanterbury](https://www.facebook.com/FoodBankCanterbury)



PUPIL ABSENCES

Please be reminded that all absences must be reported by 9am. This can be done via ParentMail or by telephoning the school and leaving a message on 'Absences' – Option 1. Please do not use Dojo to report your child's absence directly to the Class Teacher. We can then be sure that all class registers have been completed accurately, which is a Government safeguarding requirement. Thank you.



AROUND THE WORLD IN A WEEK MENU – W/C 19th OCTOBER

As part of Black History Month, and to link with our special day on Thursday 22nd October, our Catering team has devised an exciting menu that celebrates the diverse tastes and meals from around the world. Visiting a different place each day, we are excited for your child to try something new! On Monday, you will be receiving the full menu and a ParentMail form to indicate your child's lunch choices for the week.

See below for a sneak peek of where we will be visiting...

Monday – India

Tuesday – China

Wednesday – Mexico

Thursday – Caribbean

Friday – Whitstable (for our traditional Fish and Chips!)



CANTERBURY COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE



We are aware that the pandemic has led to young people spending a lot more time on-line, whether this is to access education or for entertainment. This, along with a reduction of places that young people can access, can increase the risks of exploitation both online and in the community for young people.

Canterbury District has worked with a number of community partners and created the Protect Your Child webinars, which include speakers from Crimestoppers, the University of Kent's Child Protection department and Kent County Council's Prevent team, St Giles Trust and Salus. The four webinars cover:- Gangs & CSE, Online safety and Prevent, County Lines & Drug & Alcohol Misuse, Knife Crime and Resilience. Each session lasts no longer than 45 minutes.

The sessions are for parents, carers through to those working and supporting young people.

The webinars can be found on Community Safety Partnerships YouTube page via [Canterbury Community Safety Partnership](#). If you have any further concerns or questions about support on any of these issues, please email csu@canterbury.gov.uk.

