



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

4th December 2020

The Christmas Edition



Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 11th December



We are taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11th December! It doesn't matter where we are - at home, work or school – on Christmas Jumper Day, all you need to do is get your silliest, most festive jumper on 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. Just £2 could pay for a bottle of hand sanitiser to help fight coronavirus in a Save the Children medical clinic, whilst £20 could pay for a back-to-school kit for a child in Indonesia.

Visit our JLPS Just Giving page if you would like to make a donation:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cjd200006932>

Christmas Cards for our Community

The children will be busy making Christmas cards for those who may be lonely or in need in our local community. See who we are hoping to bring some Christmas cheer to this year...

Red Zebra has been supporting many families throughout lockdown. They are going to be delivering Christmas dinners, together with JLPS Christmas cards, to the most isolated, lonely and vulnerable over the Christmas period.

We are maintaining our links with the residents of Harrier Lodge, who have still not been able to see their families, and will be delivering the children's handmade cards to them.

As you know, we are organising the JLPS Gifting Tree this year, providing hampers for our local community. These hampers will also include a JLPS Christmas card!



Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 16th December

Please see our amazing Christmas Dinner menu to make your choices for this year's meal on Wednesday 16th December. You will have been sent a ParentMail form to indicate your child's meal selection for the main and dessert courses. Please complete this form by Tuesday 8th December.

Christmas dinners will be served in the children's classrooms this year, and the Friends of Joy Lane have kindly purchased tablecloths and Christmas crackers to add some festive magic!



Christmas Dinner Menu

Wednesday 16th December 2020

**Roast Turkey with all the Trimmings
Soya Mince and Vegetable Roulade**

**Roast Potatoes
Vegetable Medley
Gravy**

**Christmas Biscuit
Homemade Christmas Pudding with
Cream
Orange and Cranberry Trifle
Fresh Fruit**

All dietary requirements will be catered for.



Flagship School



Early Years and KS1 Christmas Celebrations

We cannot wait to share our virtual Christmas montages for Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 parents and carers. To enable us to make our special Christmas class films, we are asking that the children come to school on the following days dressed in party clothes / Christmas jumpers / festive themed items (anything goes and please use things you already have at home). We have plenty of tinsel to add some Christmas magic! For children in Nursery, you have already brought your costumes in, so we are ready to get filming!

Years 1 & 2: Monday 7th December
Reception: Wednesday 9th December

The videos will be posted via Dojo on the following dates:

Nursery & Reception: Tuesday 15th December
Years 1 & 2: Wednesday 16th December

You may like to wait until the 'special day' to enjoy watching this as a family – a Christmas Day treat! The children will be working hard preparing for their film shows, which we do hope you enjoy.

Looking forward to 2021, Year 2 will be doing an end-of-year live performance and Year 1 will take part in an Easter Show. We are hoping to be able to invite you in to see the children perform in school.

JLPS Gifting Tree

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All year round, it is our aim to support our local community, and at Christmas, this is even more important, especially in the current climate.

We will be creating **Christmas hampers** full of tasty goodies for an amazing key worker or for those who are isolated, poorly, or finding things particularly difficult during these challenging times. You will be able to refer a friend, or complete a self-referral, using our confidential online form.

We need your help!

We are asking for donations of Christmas treats - **chocolate, cakes, savoury items, jams, Christmas crackers, mince pies, biscuits, selection packs** - that we will be able to pack into food parcels to give families the little extras that make Christmas special.

If you would like to put together your own food hamper, these would also be welcome.

We will be collecting donations on **Friday 4th and Monday 7th December**. Anything you can donate will be gratefully received.

Please make a self-referral here: [The Gifting Tree 2020 \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

Please make a referral for somebody else here: [The Gifting Tree 2020 \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

The deadline for referrals is Wednesday 9th December.



Attendance Matters

	Whole School This Week % (Target 97%)	Whole School Year to Date % (Target 97%)
Year R	88.1%	94.8%
Year 1	93.2%	96.1%
Year 2	85.4%	93.9%
Year 3	95.0%	96.2%
Year 4	89.0%	93.6%
Year 5	96.6%	97.3%
Year 6	97.2%	96.9%
School		95.6%
Auth. Absence		3.2%
Unauth. Absence		1.2%

Our target for attendance this year is 97%. Well done to Year 6 for achieving 97.2% this week.

Da Vinci and Bailey Class achieved 100% attendance this week – fabulous team effort!

There are 225 pupils who have retained 100% attendance since the beginning of term.

A Big Thank You!

We all need cheering up during these exceptional times and – WOW! - B&Q, Whitstable, has come up trumps, bringing Christmas magic in spades to Joy Lane Primary School.

On behalf of the whole Joy Lane Primary School community we would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to them for their very generous donation of two Christmas trees, together with lights and decorations.



Buying Technology as Gifts?

With technology gifts being high on wish lists each year, it is important to ensure that you and your children are safe when playing with new devices. To help you over the holidays, the Safer Internet Centre has set out a few top tips to help keep your household safe online: [Staying safe online this Christmas](#) | [Safer Internet Centre](#)

