



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

11th December 2020

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

On Friday 18th December 2020 the children will be finishing at the usual Friday times:

Reception	Klee – 1:00pm	Kline – 1:05pm	Kandinsky – 1:10pm
Year 1	Voysey – 1:15pm	Van Gogh – 1:20pm	Vallotton – 1:25pm
Year 2	Potter – 1:00pm	Postgate – 1:05pm	Picasso – 1:10pm
Year 3	Riley – 1:00pm	Rousseau – 1:05pm	Renoir – 1:10pm
Year 4	Hockney – 1:15pm	Heron – 1:20pm	Hepworth – 1:25pm
Year 5	All classes leave between 1:00pm and 1:10pm		
Year 6	All classes leave between 1:00pm and 1:10pm		
Oysters SRP	Taxis / cars to arrive at 2:30pm		

Keyworkers requiring the After School Club on this day should book via ParentMail, but please note children will need to be collected by 4:00pm.

The last After School Swimming lessons will be held on Thursday 17th December 2020.

School swimming lessons and After School Swimming lessons will resume on the first day of Term 3 – Monday 4th January 2021.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES – WEDNESDAY 16th DECEMBER



We are looking forward to hosting our year group Christmas parties on Wednesday 16th December on the same day as our delicious Christmas dinner!

Christmas parties will take place in the classrooms, and the children will take part in party games and dancing led by the adults. Children are invited to wear their party clothes for the day, rather than changing in school. This year, the children will not be able to bring in any party food or games/toys from home.

We are looking forward to a Christmassy day with the children!

HOUSEPOINTS

Well done to last week's winner, Endeavour!

Endeavour	Mayflower	Victory	Discovery
67	39	40	42



FLU IMMUNISATION

On Thursday 17th December, the children will be having their flu immunisations. If you have signed up for your child to have this in school but have subsequently made arrangements for this to be carried out elsewhere, it is imperative you contact the School Immunisation Team to take your child's name off their list.

School Immunisation Team Contact Details: Telephone Number: 0300 123 5205 / Email Address: kchft.cyp-immunisationteam@nhs.net

If your child is not in school on the day of the immunisation, the team will not be coming back to the school to do a catch-up session. Please download the [leaflet](#) to see the list of catch-up clinics available in December and January.

PUPIL ABSENCES



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. We can then be sure that all class registers have been completed accurately, which is a Government safeguarding requirement. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

	Whole School This Week % (Target 97%)	Whole School Year to Date % (Target 97%)
Year R	90.1%	94.4%
Year 1	92.1%	95.7%
Year 2	90.1%	93.6%
Year 3	93.9%	96.0%
Year 4	91.3%	93.4%
Year 5	98.2%	97.4%
Year 6	96.9%	96.9%
School	93.5%	95.5%
Auth. Absence		3.1%
Unauth. Absence		1.4%

Our target for attendance this year is 97%. Well done to Year 5 for achieving 97.4% this week.

DaVinci Class achieved 100% attendance this week – fabulous team effort!

There are 216 pupils who have retained 100% attendance since the beginning of term.



GIFT GIVING

We have had a few enquiries about the giving of gifts in school. If you would like to give a present to a member of staff, this would of course be gratefully received. We will ask our teachers to allow a quarantine time and follow safe handling procedures, including washing hands. Thank you.

WHITSTABLE ROTARY CLUB – SANTA VIA ZOOM!

Christmas is almost upon us, and it looks to be different to any other previously. However, Whitstable Rotary is planning to offer something new: a virtual Santa experience for young children – “Santa on Zoom”.

Using Zoom for a two-way video conversation, they are inviting parents/carers to accompany their child (and even far away Grandparents!) to meet Santa and one of his elf helpers to enjoy all the traditions of Christmas.



For very young children, a short Christmas story will be read by Santa, if there is time. They expect each meeting with Santa to last no more than 5 minutes, and each child will receive a personal email message and a certificate from Santa that can be printed at home.

Appointments will be available on Saturday 12th and 19th December and they are asking for a donation of £5 for each session, which can be paid online via their charity PayPal account. All proceeds from this event will go towards helping local charities and supporting the community through the COVID period.

Check out their website for more information: [Santa Zoom \(whitstablerotary.org\)](https://whitstablerotary.org)

ONLINE SAFETY – TRY THE OLLEE APP



Meet Ollee, a virtual friend developed by Parent Zone and funded by BBC Children in Need's A Million & Me initiative.

Aimed at 8-11 year olds and their parents, Ollee helps families talk about difficult topics. You can watch a short video and try out the App here: [Ollee – a virtual friend | Parent Zone](#) If you do have a go, there is an online survey, which takes around 15 minutes to complete, and they are offering all respondents a **£10 Amazon voucher**. [Ollee Evaluation Survey \(google.com\)](#)

