



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

6th November 2020

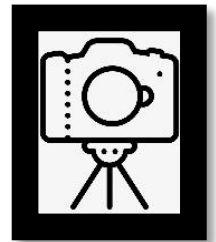
INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS – W/C 16th NOVEMBER

This year, we are organising the children's photographs slightly differently in order to comply with our Covid Risk Assessments. To avoid 'bubble' mixing we are unable to photograph the children with their siblings.

The photos will take place outside in our school grounds during the week commencing Monday 16th November. We are dependent on good weather and also need to work around the children's swimming, Forest School and PE lessons and, as such, we cannot be specific regarding when the children will have their photos taken.

A unique voucher code will be sent home with your child for you to view and order the photographs online. The voucher will include 'step by step' instructions.

In line with our Risk Assessment, we are only able to offer home delivery for prints or digital downloads. The photos will be ready in time for the end of term and, of course, Christmas!



CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER

Feel Good Friday

As ever, children's mental wellbeing is our number one priority - but now more than ever! So, at Joy Lane Primary School, we are joining up with Joe Wicks and friends to ensure we can support our children the best way we can for a 'FEEL GOOD FRIDAY!' We hope by getting involved we will be able to boost the physical and mental wellbeing in the classroom, as well as a super fun and simple way to help raise money for BBC Children in Need.



Led by Joe Wicks, Dr Radha and Blue Peter, Five to Thrive is a unique programme of wellbeing activities. Inspired by the 5 Ways to Wellbeing (connect, take notice, get active, be curious and give) it's designed to help children feel better about themselves – as well as helping others.

And on our Big Day – Friday 13th November – we really need your help! The children are invited to wear non-uniform (comfy clothes) in exchange for a donation to Children In Need, which can be made via this link <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>. We will be engaging in the Five To Thrive aspects of wellbeing activities, participating in Joe Wick's Boost exercises and joining the online assembly. There will also be a special menu available on the day, which will be sent to you via ParentMail.

We appreciate your support in this worthy cause and hope the children will have a feel good Friday!

HOUSEPOINTS

We are pleased to announce our Term 1 winners, Discovery:

Endeavour	Mayflower	Victory	Discovery
138	123	131	143



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING!



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Joy Lane on Monday 23rd November, and it will be with us for two weeks! In order to run a safe book fair, we are putting some changes in place, which will be detailed nearer the time.

In the meantime, we encourage you to browse the digital leaflet to see what will be available in the book cases when they arrive. There is also the opportunity to pre-order books, and these will be ready for collection when the book fair ends (4th December). The digital leaflet, which can be found [here](#), includes an order form and payment details. Please pay using your card where possible as we try to minimise the use of cash.

With non-essential shops now closed, this is also the perfect opportunity to do some Christmas shopping – and help raise money for the school at the same time! If you are buying for your child, we can arrange a ‘secret’ collection from our outside office.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

	Whole School This Week % (Target 97%)	Whole School Year to Date % (Target 97%)
Year R	95.8%	95.6%
Year 1	97.1%	96.3%
Year 2	94.2%	94.9%
Year 3	96.8%	96.4%
Year 4	90.5%	94.1%
Year 5	97.5%	97.2%
Year 6	97.9%	96.7%
School	95.8%	95.9%
Auth. Absence		3.2%
Unauth. Absence		0.8%

Our target for attendance this year is 97%. Well done to Year 6 for achieving 97.9% this week.

Da Vinci Class achieved 99.3% attendance this week – fabulous team effort!

There are 251 pupils who have retained 100% attendance since the beginning of term.

CARS ON SITE

Please may we remind you to turn off your car engine when stationary on the school site.



ODD SOCKS DAY – MONDAY 16th NOVEMBER



Joy Lane is taking part in Odd Socks Day to mark the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week. It is an opportunity to encourage our children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes them unique! All the children need to do to take part is wear odd socks!

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2020 is United Against Bullying, and we will be spending time across the week to explore this through discussion, videos and follow-up activities.

AEROSOLS



Please could we remind you that Joy Lane operates a 'no aerosols in school' policy due to a number of children and staff who suffer from severe allergic reactions. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Please can we remind parents and carers to follow the yellow footsteps when entering or exiting the school via the main Blue Gates to help maintain social distancing.



HOW TO CELEBRATE SPECIAL OCCASIONS DURING LOCKDOWN

The COVID-19 pandemic has already had a major impact on daily life for most children and young people, and as we head in to our second national lockdown, many of our children (and adults!) will be missing out on the opportunity to celebrate birthdays and other special occasions.



It is easy to downplay the importance of a birthday or other special event, but with the announcement of a second UK lockdown until at least December, it's important that children aren't left feeling like their lives have been put on hold again. What's more, a good alternative party at home may provide a few hours of light relief during these challenging times.

Follow this [link](#) for fun ideas for how to celebrate at home.

YEAR 5 - GILWELL PARK REFUNDS

Gilwell Park has now reimbursed the school for the Year 5 2019/2020 cancelled residential trips. We are in the process of refunding our parents and carers and would like to thank you all for your patience.



BIKE/SCOOTER STORAGE FOR YEARS 3 – 6



We now have limited bicycle and scooter storage available for Years 5 and 6 to the left as you enter the school through the green gates. There are 15 spaces available only and please remember that all bicycles and scooters are left at your own risk.



Similarly, Years 3 and 4 children have 15 spaces available to the right of the wooden gates just before you get to Riley class.

SPECIAL CHILDREN IN NEED DAY MENU – FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER

Please see our special menu below to celebrate Children in Need, which has been sent to you via ParentMail. Please indicate whether your child will be choosing a school meal on this day on the electronic form (even if your child is eligible for Free School Meals or Universal Free School Meals). The cost of a school meal is £2.30 payable via ParentMail.

Children in Need Day
Menu

 **Friday 13th November 2020**

Burger in a Bun
Veggie Burger in a Bun
Skinny Fries

Baked Beans
Peas
Dipping Sauces

Teddy Bear Biscuit

All dietary requirements will be catered for

