



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

13th November 2020

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS – POSTPONED

As a result of the current lockdown measures, we have taken the decision to postpone the children's individual photographs. We appreciate how lovely it is for parents and carers to have a physical memento of their child's academic journey through primary school and we will, of course, endeavour to arrange a new date in the new year.

HOUSEPOINTS

Well done to last week's winner, Endeavour, which was announced in Monday's Celebration Assembly.

Endeavour	Mayflower	Victory	Discovery
8	3	6	5

CHILDREN IN NEED DANCE DASH

This year sees the return of the Children in Need Dance Dash with a slight twist.

Unfortunately, the students from Herne Bay High were unable to carry out their normal dancing tour to raise money for Children in Need. However, they were still keen to do something and came up with the idea of a virtual Dance Dash! Local primary schools were invited to record their children dancing, and then the footage would be merged and transformed into a virtual masterpiece!

Follow the link and look out for our brave group of children who volunteered to learn the dance and did an amazing job!



<https://www.hernebayhigh.org/information/news-and-information/virtual-dance-dash-2020/>

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.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

	Whole School This Week % (Target 97%)	Whole School Year to Date % (Target 97%)
Year R	93.5%	95.4%
Year 1	96.5%	96.3%
Year 2	93.1%	94.7%
Year 3	96.3%	96.4%
Year 4	94.2%	94.1%
Year 5	99.1%	97.4%
Year 6	98.9%	96.9%
School	96.1%	96.0%
Auth. Absence		3.2%
Unauth. Absence		0.9%

Our target for attendance this year is 97%. Well done to Year 5 for achieving 99.1% this week.

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

There are 236 pupils who have retained 100% attendance since the beginning of term.

APFS CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT



You may have seen that Joy Lane is participating in the Christmas Card Project with Art Projects for Schools Ltd (APFS) and your child may have already come home with their design.

The artwork your child has created can be reproduced in full colour onto greetings cards that are available in packs of 12. Additional items will also be available, such as a pack of 6 luxury, gloss-coated cards, gift tags and wrapping paper.

On the reverse of their artwork will be a sticker with a unique code attached to it.

- 1) To order you will need to visit www.apfsorders.co.uk, and input this unique artwork code, along with your child's first name and surname. The online shop closing date: **23/11/2020**.
- 2) You will then need to hand back your child's artwork back to us in school so that it can be sent to APFS for scanning. **Please return your artwork to Mrs Platt at the outside office by 23/11/2020.**

Please also ensure that you try to keep your copy clean and flat if you are returning it to be ordered, as this will then need to be sent off to be scanned, and we want them to look their best!

ONLINE SAFETY AT HOME – FAMILY ACTIVITY



Family Activity Sheet – Watching online videos

This activity sheet has been created to help you to learn more about what your child watches online, take some actions to stay safe, and have some fun together exploring the internet.

Conversation starters

Here some questions you can ask to start a conversation:

- What videos have you watched online recently? Do you have a favourite? Why is it your favourite?
- Apparently most children and young people watch videos online now, rather than on TV – is this true for your friends?
- Do you have a favourite YouTuber or online creator? What do you like about their videos?

Online safety action

Pick one of these actions to do as a family:

- Visit our [Thinkuknow website](http://Thinkuknow) and look for tips on how be safe when watching videos.
- Watch BBC Own It video [Has something online scared you?](#) Talk through the steps to take if they come across content that is not OK.
- Visit [Internet Matters Parental Controls](#). Pick a device a set up the safety controls together.

Fun family task

Ask each family member to write their favourite video (which would be suitable for everyone to watch) on a piece of paper. Fold the paper up and put it in a bowl. Each day, choose a time to pick one, and watch together.

Or

Ask each family member for a favourite subject or something they want to learn more about. Together, search YouTube for a suitable video about the topic, you can watch as a family. Remember to set up [YouTube in safe mode](#) if you have children under 13.

More information for parents and carers

For more information about viewing online, the risks and what you can do to support your child, you can visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents.

You can also read our article [Parent's guide to watching videos online](#).



Parents and carers

