



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

5th February 2021

END OF TERM 3 ARRANGEMENTS

The last day of the school term is **Thursday 11th February**. School will finish at the usual end time for your child's bubble; it is not an early close that day.

Please note that the school is not open to any children over the half-term break. We look forward to welcoming you all back to **Term 4 on Monday 22nd February**.

THE STORK IS VISITING JOY LANE...

Good News Alert! The Stork will be visiting Joy Lane in May, June and July this year – wow! The lucky 'Mummies to be' are Mrs Ansley, Miss Longhorn, Mrs Pearce and Mrs Hollingsworth.

I am sure you will join me in sending them all our very best wishes and 'virtual hugs'.



SAFER INTERNET DAY – TUESDAY 9th FEBRUARY

This year, Safer Internet Day is looking at trust online, offering advice on how to keep yourself and others safe, which is so important now that everyone is online more than ever. At school and in our virtual lessons, we will be dedicating time on the Tuesday and across the week to discuss how to keep safe online.



The internet is a great place to find lots of great things, but you have to be **SMART** and make every day a Safer Internet Day!

B&Q DONATIONS



A huge thanks to Bradley at B&Q for yet another kind and generous donation.

Our lucky children will surely have green fingers planting this lovely lot. We will have to think carefully about where we place the apple tree as this needs to have pride of place on the JLPS site.

How wonderful it will look when the children come back to school! Here's to some early springtime positivity!

WEATHER WARNING

Snow is forecast over the weekend, so in the event of a school closure, you will be sent an email via ParentMail. BBC Radio Kent and KMFM will also broadcast a closure message, alongside our website and Class Dojo Whole School Story.



PARENT/CARER REMOTE LEARNING SURVEY

We have been overwhelmed to read your supportive comments in our recent Parent/Carer Remote Learning Survey. It is really useful for us to know what we are doing well so that we continue to do more of this, but we also welcome feedback about what we could do to support you further. In response to your feedback, and that of our teachers and children, we are already reviewing our current remote education package and an updated version of our 'Parent/Carer Guide to Remote Learning' will be available next week. This will outline the changes we are making for Term 4.



Some positive feedback from the parent community:

"Everything! In these hugely challenging times I feel the Joy Lane team have been amazing, thank you."

"Teachers extremely approachable and helpful if we have any questions. Realistic expectations of children and their families."

"All the teaching is amazing! The live sessions, the work set, the in school teaching. What the staff are doing is fantastic and I am so grateful."

"Support by teachers and not feeling pressured to do all the work set, activity packs are very helpful, keeping in touch and feeling like you care, live lessons to see your friends."

"The quality of teaching through the live lessons and follow up work is great. I cannot fault the sheer skill and hard work that goes in to providing weekly learning overviews and resources from all the teachers. Contact with our class teacher through Dojo and over the phone is also brilliant, as are general communications from the school via Dojo, e-mail and Facebook. We really appreciate how the remote learning offer has evolved since last year! My child remains engaged with his school work and looks forward to the live lessons - THANK YOU AND WELL DONE JOY LANE!"

"You're so supportive and understanding to different families' needs. The amount of live lesson time is perfect."

"The teachers are upbeat and supportive. Very encouraging!"

"Evolving and responding to feedback. Availability and feedback from teacher is EXCELLENT! The Dojo Portfolio has been a useful way of staying connected outside of the live lessons."

BOOK BORROWING

Our book request forms are open until Monday at 10am; collection slots are detailed on the form.

Please click the appropriate link below to order your books:

[Reception and Key Stage 1 Book Borrowing Request Form WC 8th Feb \(google.com\)](#)

[Key Stage 2 Book Borrowing Request Form WC 8th Feb \(google.com\)](#)

FISH AND CHIP THURSDAY!

Please note that as Thursday 11th February is our last day of Term 3, the kitchen will be moving our favourite fish and chip meal to that day!

