



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

22nd January 2021

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

A massive thank you for all your efforts and support in helping the children with their remote learning – this is no easy task, but the tech issues have been smoother this week and long may this continue!

The Teachers are working extremely hard to manage the remote learning expectation whilst supporting the children in School; please be mindful that they cannot necessarily answer your ClassDojo messages immediately but are happy to respond as soon as they are able. I have been able to view some of the live lessons this week and was just joyful to see the happy faces of the children learning from home and in School, but most of all, it was gorgeous to see the children being so happy to see their friends.

Please do take good care of yourselves and stay as safe as is possible.

Warmest regards,

Debra Hines

2021 RECEPTION APPLICATIONS



It's not too late if you've missed the application date!

Primary school applications opened on 5 November 2020 and closed at midnight on the evening of 15 January 2021. Applications needed to be submitted by 15 January 2021 for your child to be guaranteed an offer of a school place on 16 April 2021.

If you missed the deadline, you can still submit an application for a school place for September 2021. Once you have submitted, you will receive an email confirming when this school place will be offered.

Click here: [Primary school places - Kent County Council](#)



THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL WIDER COMMUNITY

This has truly been the week for giving, generosity and community spirit as we have had three kind donations from our wider community.

On Monday, Charlotte Cornell, who has started the charity topuptoteach.org, along with Labour MP for our area, Rosie Duffield, delivered 20 community-donated devices - all ready for our JLPS remote learners to get involved!



On Thursday, we received an exciting delivery of stationery goodies from Louisa - Joy Lane parent and Tesco Community Champion.



Geoff, another one of our lovely parents, has helped organise thirty home learning stationery packs for our children. Mr Ashley Jones took delivery this morning, and we look forward to these 'winging' their way out to families very soon.



We are so fortunate at Joy Lane to have such a supportive and caring parent community who want to help out during these challenging times.

In addition to these donations, we have also received donations of money plus laptops/tablets from members of our own Staff and our children's families; it is heart-warming and we are so very fortunate to have such a supportive and caring parent community of Joy Lane, who want to help out during these challenging times. Your kindness is valued and appreciated.



BOOK BORROWING

Our Joy Lane Book Borrowing 'Walk/Drive-Thru' facility is back next week, here to ensure that you have appropriate reading materials at home to support your child's reading development during lockdown.

Please follow the appropriate link below to find out more information and to request a book pack for your child. The request forms will close on Monday at 10am.

EY/KS1:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScyek3TGJlrR7r7pP36umn4x4lqBGb710PXzW7vL5DCj14IQg/viewform>

KS2:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScKGclmMI-lvZBQlxy5X7_dXEclUKFXkdtcfq_3jMNO4OQ9uA/viewform

If you requested a pack last week, please fill in the appropriate form again if you need more reading materials. Next week's collection slots are also the perfect times to drop back any borrowed books (if you are finished with them).



We still have some named packs requested last week, so please come along and collect at the assigned times: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 1 and 2pm.

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ALL THINGS EXTRA-CURRICULAR

A round up of what we have advertised this week on ClassDojo to support our children's creativity and wellbeing during lockdown:

- Follow this link to access the Virtual School Library, brought you by Oak National Academy in partnership with the National Literacy Trust: <https://library.thenational.academy/>
Look out for a new free book posted on Whole School Story each Monday.

- There are four creative activities, which we hope will encourage children to spot, settle, soothe and share their worries so that any feelings they have do not become overwhelming.

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/media/ztvmkdtw/the-art-room-at-home-calm-project.pdf>



- Mrs Rawlings has posted two amazing competitions on ClassDojo for our musically inclined pupils:
Alternative Lockdown Lyrics
Beat Box Battle

