



# Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

It has been so wonderful to greet you all back to School this week, which we celebrated with balloons and bubbles – the children (and adults) told us how much they enjoyed being welcomed back this way!

The children have settled really well into their classroom routines, which will have been tricky for the children who have not been in School since December 2020; they have been ably supported by our wonderful, dedicated teaching staff who will continue to guide and support them in these ongoing challenging times for all. The children have taken pleasure in their transition work projects, especially the 'Taskmaster Challenges'; it has been real hit with them, but most of all, they have been delighted to see their friends.

As ever, if you have a concern regarding your child, please in the first instance raise this with your child's Class Teacher via ClassDojo or telephone message to ensure confidentiality and privacy, and not at drop-off or collection time. The Teacher will speak with you as soon as they are able. If you have a concern to relay urgently, please contact any member of our Inclusion Team or the Senior Leadership Team – we are all on duty at the start and end of the day and are happy to speak with you.



Finally, thank you for observing our request to wear face coverings on our school site and observing the social distance recommendations of two metres - we want to all remain safe and for you and your families to remain free of Covid-19.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Warmest Regards,  
Debra Hines  
Executive Headteacher

## LATERAL FLOW TESTS AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES

The government is now providing free lateral flow tests for families with children at school via this link: [Schools and colleges testing: order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow home test kits - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/schools-and-colleges-testing-order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-home-test-kits)

Use this service to order free rapid lateral flow test kits to be sent straight to your home. You can order kits to test your household, childcare bubble or support bubble if at least one member:

- is a school or college pupil
- works in a school or college (this includes temporary workers or volunteers)



## COMIC RELIEF – FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021



The theme for this year's Comic Relief is to 'make someone smile'. We are inviting the children to come dressed as a superhero of their choice or, alternatively, in an outfit splashed with the colour red.

We will be asking the children to share their hidden superpowers in class - if you are a gymnast, show us your most impressive move; if you are a comedian, tell us your funniest joke; if you a footballer, show off your best skills!

Unfortunately, we will not be selling red noses this year; however, they can be purchased from Argos or Sainsbury's.

Donations to Comic Relief, which supports people living incredibly tough lives in the UK and around the world, can be made via our [Just Giving page](#).

## SWIMMING PAYMENTS FOR TERMS 4, 5 & 6

### Nursery, Years R, 1, 2 & 3 and Oysters SRP

There was a lot of information in our recent correspondence regarding in-school swimming lessons for the remaining three terms of this academic year.

Just to clarify, for those who do not hold a credit balance on their child's swimming account, we require payment of £30 via ParentMail. To make the payment you will need to go to the 'Payments' tab followed by the 'Shop' tab to complete the transaction.



Please do not hesitate to contact the School office if you require any assistance.

## HEALTHY BREAK TIME SNACKS

As the children return to a timetabled routine, we may find that they are hungrier as they cannot 'graze' throughout the day. Please remember to pack your child a healthy snack for break time as it can be a long wait until lunchtime.

Below are some ideas for healthier break-time snacks:

- Whole or sliced fruit
- Vegetable sticks, e.g. celery, carrot, pepper, cucumber. Some vegetables are naturally baton shaped which can save you time preparing, for example, sugar snap peas and baby corn.
- Bag of plain popcorn
- Bread sticks
- Rice or corn cakes

