



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 1st April 2021

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Since our return to school on March 8th, the children have been reflecting on their experiences of the last year and the impact that COVID-19 has had on their lives. One of our Year 6 pupils has written a poem with a thought-provoking, mature eloquence which I believe encapsulates aspects of the last year – this perception is incredibly moving.

*Look back,
The year was tough,
Some days felt cold.
Your normal routine was flipped,
And replaced with something different.*

*Reflection,
Look back.
On the Thursday nights when we clapped for our NHS,
The heroes
Saving lives for the hurt and vulnerable,
They put their lives on hold and at risk for millions.*

*Reflection,
Look back.
At the scheduled days when we sat on the phone to our friends,
The BBC news at 10 when we all watched anxiously as to what he was going to say.
When life felt like an unfair fight,
That only goes one way.*

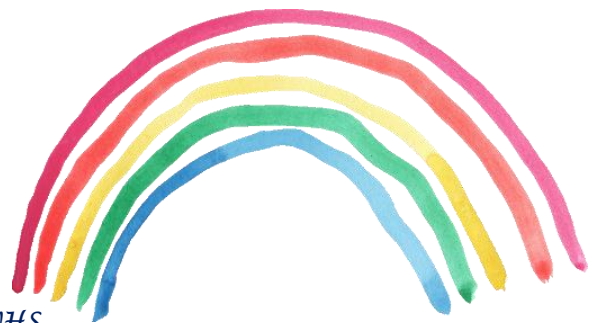
*Reflection,
Look back.
At the shocking news about deaths,
And sad news about Captain Tom.
Adults' home-schooling,
They found it hard too.*

TOMORROW. WILL. BE. BETTER.

During the Easter break, I have a duty to continue to record and report any testing for COVID-19. Should you take a LFD Test or PCR Test, please report on our form via our school website or please [click here](#). For clarification, if there is a positive LFD test result, you must then book a PCR Test and self-isolate until you have a negative PCR test result. This is the most update guidance (31.3.21) from the DfE and Public Health England.

Wishing you all a very peaceful Easter break and hope the sun shines upon us and that you all remain safe and well. As ever, thank you for your continued support of our Joy Lane community.

Warmest regards,
Debra Hines
Executive Headteacher



TERM 5 ARRANGEMENTS

We are looking forward to a sunny Term 5, which will see some aspects of school life return to 'normal'.

If you have not yet read Ms Hines' letter outlining Term 5's arrangements, please click [here](#). You will find our new entry/exit timings and routes [here](#). Please ensure that you have read these before our return so that you are familiar with the new routines.

TEAMTHEME EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS



We are excited to welcome *Teamtheme Kent* to Joy Lane to lead our extra-curricular sports clubs in Term 5. Please see the letters sent out to each year group yesterday for more information.

These commence on Tuesday 27th April and finish on Thursday 20th May.

Please note that the clubs start at 3:45pm and children attending will remain in school from the end of the school day until the club begins.

MUSIC LESSONS

We are delighted to announce that our private music lessons will be gradually restarting in Term 5. With a thorough Risk Assessment in place, we will begin by reintroducing our piano lessons with Ms Salter. During the Easter break, she will be in contact directly with all the families this involves. Mrs Rawlings will begin after Easter by prioritising those students who are preparing for exams, in addition to her Year 6 musicians. Again, she will contact those families soon. At this stage, we do not have a start date for Mr Edwards' or Mrs Rawlings' Year 3-5 musicians. It is with regret we have decided that all students who have been waiting and were hoping to begin lessons soon, will now begin in September. Further announcements will be made via our newsletter.



Please be assured that it is important to us to reintroduce lessons safely and at a pace that is in line with our Risk Assessed safe working practices at Joy Lane. This will help us ensure we do not have to suspend lessons and disappoint students again.



For any frustrated drummers amongst you, perhaps missing your in-school lessons, this second hand, junior sized (age up to 11) drum kit is for sale from someone in our school community. It is excellent condition, priced at £100. If you are interested, please message Mrs Rawlings on ClassDojo to give your name and contact number, which will be passed on to the family.



LET'S GET MOVING FOR WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS WEEK



As part of World Autism Awareness Week, Joy Lane Primary School is excited to launch our **Let's Get Moving - Super 7 (hundred) Challenge!**

We are asking everyone in the school community to take part in our very own Super Sponsored Walk to help us reach our target of **700 miles** over the Easter holidays. The purpose of this is to continue raising awareness of autism whilst raising money for a very worthy cause.

In order for this to happen, we hope you will all be able to help and contribute miles to the cause - otherwise Mrs Godden is going to be a very busy (and tired) lady! You might do this by going for a spring/Easter walk, perhaps you might do laps of your garden/local park or maybe you fancy setting up your very own sponsored walk event during the Easter break. Whatever you decide to do, be sure to tell as many people as you can!

For each event, we ask for a small donation/contribution to our [Just Giving Page](#). 75% of the contributions will be used in school to help create a new sensory space for all our children and the remaining 25% of all donations will go to the National Autistic Society as part of their 'Super 7 Challenge' ([Super 7 Challenge \(autism.org.uk\)](http://autism.org.uk))

In order to take part, simply follow the thread on Dojo and/or Facebook. Once you have completed your distance, please message your total in one of the threads so that we can collect all the amounts to help us reach our total of 700 miles! Don't forget to make a small donation on the Just Giving Page and keep spreading awareness!

There will be a prize for the longest distance travelled. 😊

We know you can do it!!!

