



# Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021

## END-OF-TERM HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been very busy with their job of learning this term and have had great fun along the way. We conducted a learning walk on Monday with our local authority school improvement adviser and she reported observing, at a distance, the children engaged with purposeful learning in an attractive, supportive environment where there were respectful relationships between our teaching staff and the children and their peers. A parent wrote to us to express how happy their children were at Joy Lane and said that had a lot to do with the culture of kindness that our staff promote. A wonderful statement to end Term 5!

We are planning ahead to next year and I attach our Term Dates that have been approved by our Board of Governors. We will also be arranging our class lists for the next academic year and will be asking the children to choose a few friends who they would like to be with in their new class; we always ensure they have at least one friend. It is our usual practice to mix the classes each year, but we have kept the children together over the last two academic years due to the impact of COVID-19 and the constant interruption to their education. We now hope that they will have more settled access to face-to-face education in the coming year.

If your child is entitled to a Free School Meal, Kent County Council are providing food vouchers for this holiday period, and these will be emailed to those who are entitled.

I ask that you continue to report any positive lateral flow test or PCR on our school website (the orange button on the front page); this is checked daily. You will be informed if we have a positive case of COVID-19 that impacts on your child and family. I continue to follow the strict Government guidelines in the Test, Track and Trace framework.

Please note that we will not be able to respond to any communications through ClassDojo, Facebook and email until our return on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Our school office will be open until noon each day should you need to leave an urgent message.

We say farewell for a short time to both Miss Longhorn and Mrs Pearce, who start their maternity leave today. I am sure you will join me in wishing them well as they welcome their new bundles of joy.

I would like to wish you all a happy two-week break and hope that the sun shines brightly for you and your family, and most importantly, that you remain safe and well.

I look forward to seeing you all once again on Monday 7th June 2021.

With warmest regards,  
Debra Hines  
Executive Headteacher



## PARENT COUNCIL

I am writing to you in order to give you an update with regards to our Parent/Carer Council. We currently have eight members on the council with Laura as elected Chairperson and Lynsey our current secretary. Our other members are May, Helen, Jessica, Mel, Chris and Fritha. Mr Ashley-Jones and Mrs Platt also represent the school at the termly Parent Council meetings.

As a reminder, the main aim of the Parent Council is to work in partnership with the school to share ideas, gather parental views and provide a forum to ask questions and receive information from the school on specific issues raised by the parent and carer community. The Terms of Reference, meeting minutes and agenda will be uploaded to the Parent Council tab on our website so that all information is freely available to our parent community.

If you wish to contact the Parent Council, you may do so via email ([parentcouncil@joylane.kent.sch.uk](mailto:parentcouncil@joylane.kent.sch.uk)), a private message to the admin on our school Facebook Page or through the Parent Council Box, which is situated on the wall in the entrance to the main school office, as pictured. Any communication by means of the above will be directed to the Chair of the Parent Council and will be a point for discussion at the next Parent Council meeting. If at any time the Chair feels that the communication would be more appropriately dealt with by the school, then this will be passed on to Mr Ashley-Jones who will then make contact with you.



If you are interested in joining the Parent Council, please contact Mr Ashley-Jones or Laura our Chairperson via the email above for further information and a discussion about what is involved.

Mr M Ashley-Jones - Head of School

## REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE

If your child is absent due to sickness, please let the School office know by either telephoning the Absent Line on 01227 261430 – Option 1 or via the Absence tab on ParentMail. Please do not report your child's absence via ClassDojo.

## TERM 6 MENU

Please note that on our return to school, we will be on Week 4 of the Spring/Summer menu.

## ONLINE SAFETY - CYBERBULLYING

We will be taking part in Stop Cyberbullying Day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June, an annual event that brings millions of people together from around the world to celebrate and promote a truly diverse and inclusive internet. This [link](#) will explain all that you need to know about cyberbullying, including what you can do if you think your child is being bullied online.



Over the half-term break, we know that children may be accessing their devices more than usual. Follow this [link](#) to Childnet International for key advice about finding a balance with screen time.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	END OF TERM 5
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	TERM 6
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Teamtheme Clubs Start
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	KIC Theatre
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Camp on the Field TEAMS Info Meeting (5:30pm)
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> – Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Photographs
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	KIC Theatre
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Graduoke
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Camp on the Field
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Week
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery & Year R Sports Day (10:00 – 11:00am)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 1 & 2 Sports Day (1:30 – 2:30pm)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Teamtheme Clubs Finish
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 3 & 4 Sports Day (9:30 – 11:30am)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 5 & 6 Sports Day (9:30 – 11:30am)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports of Achievement Collection Day
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	END OF TERM 6
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Children Return for Term 1

## TEAMTHEME

### Year 6

Teamtheme will be running an additional Fun & Fitness Through Ultimate Nerf on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June due to the enforced postponement of the Year 6 club on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

### Year 1

In Term 6, Teamtheme will be running a Football and Fun Club rather than Dodgeball – anyone who has signed up for the Dodgeball and no longer wants to attend will be entitled to a refund from Teamtheme. Please contact them directly to arrange this.

### School Holiday Sports Camps

Please see the poster to the right for more information about the opportunities available during the holidays.

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