



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 23rd April 2021



WELCOME TO TERM 5

What a lovely sunny start we have had to Term 5, and long may this continue.

A big thank you for your patience whilst we embed the new entry/exit arrangements. I am pleased that we now seem more familiar with the new routines, and we have made a few organisational tweaks to aid the pedestrian flow through the school grounds. I do hope that as the national COVID-19 picture improves, we will soon be able to return to the time when we can walk around without any government guidance or restrictions. Fingers crossed - not long now...

I returned to school on Monday to see that double yellow lines have been installed on some parts of Joy Lane, as well as on a few roads in the surrounding area. I would like to clarify that I have no jurisdiction beyond our school gates, nor do I wish to have, and the decision regarding this installation lies purely with the local council and Highways department. As you may be aware, there have been quite a few accidents and near misses along Joy Lane in the last ten years due to limited visibility, so hopefully these will be reduced.

Prior to the first lockdown, we were in discussion with Canterbury City Council regarding 'Travelling to and from School' to discuss strategies in reducing travelling by car and hope to resume this at the earliest opportunity.

If you do have any feedback you would like to share with me, I am always on duty outside every day, along with the other members of our Senior Leadership Team and Inclusion Team – so please do come and speak with us.

Thank you for your ongoing support.
Debra Hines (Executive Headteacher)

VOTE FOR JLPS – HELP US WIN A CANOPY!

Joy Lane Primary School, Oysters SRP and Oyster Bay Nursery have entered a competition to win a shade sail from A&S Landscape, a supplier of sporting facility canopies and shelters.



Please [click here](#) to vote for our school!

Once you have voted, please help us to spread the message on friends, parents and supplier's websites as well as social media to help us win!



LET'S GET MOVING SUCCESS!

Following on from our Autism Awareness week, we set the school a challenge of travelling 700miles by foot over the Easter break, and we cannot believe what we have all achieved! We have travelled 1,099 miles over two weeks - this is further than Lisbon, Portugal, from Whitstable! Well done to everyone who has contributed to this amazing total.



We have been overwhelmed by your generosity in sponsoring and donating money to such a worthy cause and are excited to tell you that we have raised an astounding £836! This is far beyond our expectations! We will be donating 25% of this total to the National Autistic Society and use the remaining funds to create our new sensory space.

We would just like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to everyone who has been involved in this event, be it walking, cycling, sponsoring, donating or cheering.

We will be sharing our long distance travellers and the total raised over the next few days so watch this space!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS WITH TEAMTHEME

We are very much looking forward to Teamtheme providing sports clubs for our children in Years 1 – 6. These commence next week, and it is not too late for children in Years 2 – 6 to join up as there are still spaces available.



Children attending clubs should wear their normal school uniform on the day, unless it is their PE day. They will need to bring their PE kit in a separate bag with jogging bottoms and a long sleeved top/sweatshirt for chilly days. At the end of the school day, the children will stay in school; they will have plenty of time to change into their PE kits and will be supervised at all times by a member of staff in their year group bubble until the club starts.

Collection Arrangements:

Children in Years 1 & 2 should be collected from the back of our Lower School Hall at 4:50pm.

Children in Years 3 – 6 should be collected from the area outside the main School office at 4:50pm.

We will have a register of the children booked in to attend our After School Club between 5pm and 6pm, and staff will be on hand to ensure those children are escorted to our Extended Services provision.

Please do not hesitate to contact the School office if you have any questions regarding any of the above.

