



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 7th May 2021

CONSIDERATE PARKING REMINDER

I have been contacted by some of our parent/carer community, local residents and Canterbury City Council regarding what has been perceived as inconsiderate parking, which is putting children in danger. It was recommended to me that I share the link to the Canterbury City Council website where you can directly report illegal parking by sending an image: [Report illegal parking | Canterbury City Council](#).



Thank you for your kind attention in this matter.

COVID-19 ROADMAP

I have been speaking with a few of you over the past few weeks about, 'When will we ever be able to return to normal?' in relation to reducing staggered start/exit times, social distancing, year group bubbles, etc. As ever, on a daily basis, I consider the Government guidance and updates from Public Health England, the Department for Education and our Local Authority.

We all wish to have some semblance of what was our pre-COVID-19 'normal' but believe we may need to adapt to a different way of living for some time to come as we continue the transition out of lockdown. Our next update on the Government roadmap is on May 17th 2021, and it usually takes a few days before further guidance reaches us and we can implement changes. I am aware that there has been a minor rise in COVID-19 positive cases locally and will keep you abreast of any further information if any cases affect our community directly.

In the meantime, as a reminder:

- We will continue with year group bubbles;
- We will continue with our current staggered start/exit times;
- All children are receiving their education entitlement in relation to hours and curriculum;
- Our Friday early closures will continue in order to allow statutory time for teachers' planning and preparation (PPA) as we cannot have adults cross bubbles to provide cover;
- We continue to provide childcare facilities on a Friday afternoon until our paid-for After School Club service starts at 3.15pm. Please contact the school office if you require this service.

We have begun to welcome visitors from other agencies into school to further support our children; they adhere to our protocols and are required to provide a negative LFT result before entering our school.

It is imperative that our whole community remain hyper vigilant and remain as safe as possible to mitigate the risk of transmission.

Debra Hines
Executive Headteacher

SMART WATCHES

We have noticed a recent increase in the amount of children wearing smart watches, which have the facility to connect to the internet and take photographs. Please can we ask that these are not worn to school. Please note that if your child comes into school wearing one, we will look after the watch until the end of the day and contact you immediately.



REPORT OF ACHIEVEMENT



A special version of your child's Report of Achievement will be available for you from Tuesday 13th July 2021. We have modified our usual report in order for parents/carers to contribute as you have committed your time and efforts and worked in partnership with us in your child's learning journey for a substantial part of this academic year. Further arrangements regarding the collection of your child's reports will be shared nearer the time.

CENSUS DAY MENU – THURSDAY 20th MAY

A reminder to order your child's special Census Day meal, which can be ordered and paid for via ParentMail. (Please refer to the email sent last Friday.)

The number of children choosing a school dinner on that day decides a large element of the funding the school receives and, as such, we would like to encourage as many children as possible to opt-in for a school dinner on this day.

SPECIAL CENSUS DAY MENU

Thursday 20th May 2021

Oven-baked Crispy Coated Chicken
Vegetable Nuggets
French Fries

Baked Beans
Peas and Sweetcorn Mix

Homemade Chocolate Chip Cookie
All dietary requirements will be catered for



Last Day of Term Menu

Friday 21st May 2021

Spud Station!

Jacket Potatoes with a choice of toppings

Mixed Salad and Crudités

Jam and Coconut Sponge with Custard
All dietary requirements will be catered for



SCHOLASTIC BOOK MAGAZINE

There is still time to order from the most recent Scholastic Book Club leaflet.

Visit <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/joy-lane/digital-book-club> to use our School Group Order or fill in the order form in the Scholastic booklet and hand your order in along with payment. We do not accept cash.

Order deadline is Wednesday 12th May 2021.

Your books should be back with you (via your child) within one week of the closing date. Please note that if you order via the paper form, the payment will be processed after the books have been delivered.

