



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 2nd July 2021

SPORTS WEEK – NEXT WEEK!



Preparations are well under way for Sports Week, and Year Group Bubbles are buzzing with excitement ready to wear their house colours with pride and run their little hearts out in order to gain points for their respective houses. Key Stage 1 and 2 will be competing for their individual cups, and each child placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd will receive a sticker. Certificates will be generated for all children taking part in other events occurring during the week, including the Joy Lane Swimming Gala.

We absolutely understand how disappointed you are that you cannot be here in person on the day. We too are very frustrated at the situation and have worked extremely hard to ensure a plan is in place to capture your child's sporting moments. We plan to bring each year group Sports Day to you so that you have memories to keep. We have therefore asked each year group to nominate a 'roving' photographer/videographer to record the traditional 'Joy Lane' races as well as attempt to take those candid, lung-busting photographs of children competing. So please make sure you check your child's ClassDojo page for pictures and footage of the day.

Finally, please can you make sure that your child comes to school on their respective Sports Days with the correct coloured PE t-shirt, water bottle and a hat for protection against the sun. If the weather is hot and sunny, please ensure your child has also had sun cream applied before coming to school.

Sports Days Schedule

Oyster Bay Nursery and Reception	Monday 5 th July between 10 and 11am
Year 1 and 2 Sports Afternoon	Monday 5 th July between 1 and 2pm
Year 3 and 4 Sports Afternoon	Thursday 8 th July between 9.30 and 11.30am
Year 5 and 6 Sports Afternoon	Friday 9 th July between 9.30 and 11.30am
Oysters SRP	Monday 12 th July during the day



As you are aware, we are very lucky to have Darran Challis, an Invictus Games athlete, visiting Joy Lane on Tuesday 6th July to help the children raise money, which the school will be able to spend on vital sports equipment.

We have worked alongside Sports for Schools in the past and the funds raised by the children have really benefitted the school community by providing the children with new equipment, which they have access to in both PE lessons and After School activity clubs.

If you have not yet set up your child's online fundraising page, then do not worry as you still have plenty of time to do so. The more the children raise, the more gifts they can earn, including wrist bands and signed posters, and once you have created their online fundraising page, you can share it with family and friends in order to try and boost your child's sponsorship donations. It is such a worthy cause and we thank you in advance for your support towards such an exciting opportunity.

Here's to a great Sports Week!



PARKING ON VULCAN CLOSE

For those who use the Vulcan Close entry/exit, you will have noticed that the barriers and boards have been extended along the road from the school gate. We have had many concerns raised from our parent community about the safety of our families and Years 5 and 6 children walking independently due to cars parking on the yellow lines at drop off and pick up. For the safety of the whole community, especially the children, please can you refrain from doing 3-point turns in a narrow road or mounting the kerb when pedestrians are using the pavements.

If you are concerned by any parking on this road, you can directly report this to [Report illegal parking | Canterbury City Council](#).

We continue to be very concerned by some inconsiderate and dangerous driving and parking within this road.



NUT-FREE SCHOOL

As we have several pupils in school who suffer from a severe nut allergy, please could we take this opportunity to remind everyone that our school has a 'No Nuts' policy. We are noticing items containing nuts in the children's lunch boxes, and we would urge you to check any items you pack for lunch, remembering that Nutella and some breakfast bars contain nuts.



TRANSITION WEEK 19th - 23rd JULY

In line with Joy Lane tradition, our intention will be for the children to undergo their transition to their new classes for the week beginning 19th July. This fits nicely with the easing of Covid restrictions on the same date and will support the children's well-being over the summer holiday as they get to know their new teachers and class mates. However, our plans may be subject to change as a result of last minute guidance or a change of plan within the government road map. We will be writing to you in due course with more detailed information around the focus of our transition week and, of course, explain logistical arrangements for the drop off and pick up of children in their new classes.

