



# Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

## HEADTEACHER END-OF-TERM MESSAGE

*The children have had a wonderful 'Break the Rules Day' on this last day of a very long Term 1. They have been amazing, working hard to settle back to the routines and focussing on their curriculum work, and are now well and truly ready for their half-term break. Please do have a look at our newsletter as it contains relevant information for you for the coming term.*

*During the past term, if I have been alerted by a staff member, or our parent/carer community of a positive COVID-19 test, I have informed the relevant year group as a matter of courtesy; Track and Trace only inform close contacts and that has not always worked effectively in our School. If the positive COVID cases continue to rise, it may be that we revert to our management outbreak plan and revert to year group/class bubbles. I have had a recent meeting with all Headteachers in Herne Bay and Whitstable and attach a letter from our collaborative trust; this communication urges our school communities to lateral flow test the family, including children, to reduce the transmission prior to the start of Term 2. I am aware that there are many other illnesses around too, but we are trying to keep everyone as healthy and safe as possible, but, as ever, will respect your viewpoint and decision on this matter.*

*The Staff, Governors and I would like to wish you all a healthy, happy half-term break, and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 1st November.*

Ms D Hines

## INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

Our school photographer will be in school during the week commencing Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November for the children to have their individual portraits taken.

Please ensure your child is wearing smart school uniform and, for this week only, **PE kits should not be worn into school on your child's PE day, but brought in separately to change into.**



The order system is user friendly, with a unique code provided for each child. The photos can be viewed and ordered online. They will be delivered to the school and given to your child to bring home. Any orders received after the deadline will be posted to your home address, incurring a small fee. The photographs will be delivered to school before the end of Term 2, ready for Christmas!

## YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL MEETING – THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER



Year 5 families are welcome to join our virtual Teams meeting on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 5:30pm to find out about the upcoming residential trip to Gilwell Park in April.

Please find the link to the virtual Teams meeting [here](#); you do not need an account to join – simply click the link just before 5:30pm to join the meeting.



## SWIMMING POOL FUNDRAISING UPDATE

I am delighted to inform you that at the end of Term 1 we are nearing £5000 raised towards our £30,000 fundraising target, which is a fabulous achievement! Thank you so much for all donations, whether they are small, large or anonymous – Reggie in Year 3 even donated his pocket money! You are all so generous, and I know you truly value the importance of maintaining our Community Swimming Pool for the children of Joy Lane Primary School and beyond!



Also, a big shout out to the Stevens children Jessie, William and Ollie who, together with Mummy and Daddy, will be running a 'Midnight Mile' on Friday 5th November to raise funds for the swimming pool. Well done Team Stevens! Donate [here](#).

I think it is only fitting to finish by wishing little Teddy Baker well in his challenge of completing 100 steps in aid of the swimming pool on Saturday 23rd October. I know he has captured the hearts of the community and his efforts have generated newspaper and Kent Online interest, and for this we are truly thankful.

A huge thank you to Nikki Spiller from Spiller Brooks Estate Agents in Whitstable, who has donated £1000 towards Teddy's steps and the swimming pool fund. There is still time to recognise Teddy's efforts, like Nikki has, so please visit his [GoFundMe Page](#).



**Finally – HOT OFF THE PRESS – 'Break the Rules Day' has raised approximately £900 for the swimming pool fund! If you are still yet to donate, please visit our [GoFundMe Page](#). Can we make it to £1000?!**

Mr Ashley-Jones

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB MAGAZINE

Don't forget to order from our Scholastic Book Magazine – and earn money for the school at the same time so we can continue to restock our library and book nooks with exciting new texts!

1. Visit (<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/joy-lane/digital-book-club>) to use our School Group Order. By using this link, the school will still benefit from free books!
2. Select the books that you'd like to order and add them to your basket.
3. Checkout and choose the 'school delivery' option. Your books will still be delivered to the school for free!

Order deadline: **Sunday 31st October 2021**. Your books should be back with you (via your child) within 1-2 weeks of the closing date. Thank you for your continued support.

## PE KIT REMINDER

Please can you ensure that your child is wearing a PE kit on their PE day that is in line with our school uniform policy. This includes their house colour t-shirt, black/grey/navy joggers, shorts or leggings and either our JLPS hoodie or an alternative plain black/grey/navy hoodie. School uniform items can be purchased from [Barnums](#).



## FIREWORKS EVENT – WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER

Please see the amazing variety of snacks and drinks we will have available at our Fireworks Event:



HOT DOGS  
VEGGIE HOT DOGS  
SOUP & A BREAD ROLL  
HOT DOUGHNUTS  
TOFFEE APPLES  
CHOCOLATE APPLES  
APPLES  
POPCORN



HOT CHOCOLATE WITH  
CREAM & MARSHMALLOWS  
COFFEE  
TEA  
WATER  
APPLE JUICE

Please note that we will only be accepting cash. All prices will be rounded to the nearest £1 or 50p.

## ARTS PROJECT FOR SCHOOLS – CHRISTMAS CARDS

We are getting lots of orders on our online APFS shop for Christmas cards, tags, paper and mugs! All orders also raise money for the school, so thank you. :-). If you would like to order your child's artwork, there is still time!

1) Visit [www.apfsorders.co.uk](http://www.apfsorders.co.uk), and input the unique artwork code (that is on the back of your child's work), along with your child's first name and surname. Our online shop closes on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

2) After ordering, hand your child's artwork back to us in school by Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November so that it can be sent to APFS for scanning. (Please try to keep it flat and clean.) *If you have not made an order, your artwork does not need to be returned.*

## WALK 4 WATER

We have just heard from Walk 4 Water that the money from our previous sponsored event has been used to provide clean water for Gimomoi Primary School in Kenya. We look forward to joining Walk 4 Water in March 2022, where we can raise money to change many more lives.

