



# Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

## HEADTEACHER WELCOME

Welcome back! It was a real pleasure and joy to see our families return to school on Wednesday morning with the children happy to see all of their friends once again and quickly settling well into their new classroom settings.

During the summer break, a few of our staff have married, and I am sure you will join me in offering our congratulations and good wishes to:

Mrs A Campbell (previously Miss Blades, Year 5 Teacher)

Mrs C Evans (previously Miss Freeman, Catering Team)

Mrs Silcock (previously Miss Newing, Learning Support Team)

### COVID-19

As you are aware, Government COVID-19 guidance has changed considerably since the end of the summer term, and we have now ended our year group bubble system for the children. You are also aware that we have removed all restrictions regarding staggered starts and the wearing of face coverings - and long may this continue.

If, however, we have a localised outbreak or cases rise, we may have to introduce/revert to aspects of our previous risk assessments. Obviously, we will keep this under regular review and share changes with you as they occur. There has been another significant rise in COVID-19 cases locally, so I would request that you remain mindful and observe people's personal space. I am also attaching a copy of our current COVID-19 flowchart and how we handle positive cases in school. It is now the duty of NHS Track and Trace team to give advice to you should there be a positive COVID-19 case in your family – they may, on occasion, contact us if they need contact details of families identified as close contacts, but at present, you will not be contacted by us unless your child displays symptoms in school.

I am reviewing our access/egress points to the school site and will send a Google survey next week for your feedback regarding our arrangements. I know that a few of you have asked whether our Valkyrie Gate will re-open and this will be part of our survey. I will share the findings as soon as we have them.

My priority, as ever, is to try to navigate a way forward with living with COVID-19 that has the least disruption to our children's education and wellbeing and will work in partnership with you to achieve this.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Debra Hines

Executive Headteacher



# JLPS UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

We are so pleased to see the children all wearing their Joy Lane school uniform at the beginning of the new academic year. They all look so smart and are very proud to be part of our lovely school. We told all children during our welcome back assembly that they should be very proud of their school uniform and that this identifies them as part of our special school and the Joy Lane family.

As a polite reminder, it is a school expectation that all children wear the specified and correct Joy Lane uniform; I have attached a link to our school website which highlights our school uniform list: [Pupil Uniform - Joy Lane Primary School](#)

Some of our lovely children have posed beautifully for their pictures, which we are sure you will agree highlights the pride they have in what they wear and the school they belong to. These are excellent examples of our JLPS school uniform expectations. Footwear needs to be black and if wearing trainers, these need to be black, non-branded and without logos.

Coming very soon on a Friday will be our very affordable pre-loved uniform table run by the lovely Mrs Allen & co. where you will be able to select uniform to meet your needs for a minimum donation of a £1. If, in the meantime, you would like to speak to the Class Teacher or one of the members of our friendly Inclusion Team, please do not hesitate to make contact.



## IDLING AND CLEAN AIR

I am sure you are all aware of the increased pollution idling car engines create all over the world, not just in this country. As a school, we are very keen to educate our children about the dangers and harmful nature of toxic emissions from car engines.

Very soon you will notice some more signage in and around school that requests that car engines are switched off on the school site for the many reasons highlighted below.

Leaving your engine running, or 'idling', wastes fuel and money, and increases the amount of exhaust fumes in the air. Every minute, an idling car produces enough toxic exhaust emissions to fill 150 balloons. These toxic emissions, which include particulate matter and nitrogen dioxide, are linked to many health problems such as asthma and lung disease.

According to Public Health England, poor air quality is the biggest environmental risk to public health in the UK today so please can we all make an extra special effort to switch off those engines on and around the school site for the benefit of us all.

Follow this link for more information: <https://www.mumsforlungs.org/campaign-blog/idling>



## ROALD DAHL DAY – MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September, we will be celebrating Roald Dahl Share a Story Day! As part of our whole-school celebrations, we will be having a Dahl-tastic day theming our core lessons around all things from the wonderful world of Roald Dahl.

In the afternoon, all classes will be enjoying this year's 'Share a Story' theme with a 'Roald Rocks' twist, where we will be decorating pebbles based on our favourite Dahl tales.



Instead of dressing up (we will save this for World Book Day!), we would love every child to bring in a pebble for them to create their own fizz-whizzing 'Roald Rocks' character pebble – the bigger the better! Our scrumdiddlyumptious pebble characters will be kept on display in school around our reading tree for the whole school to admire and to spark conversations about reading. We look forward to sharing our magnificent creations with you on Class Dojo!