



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th September 2021

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

It has been so wonderful to welcome all the new Reception children and their families over the past week. They all looked so smart and proud in their school uniform and have settled into their first week of schooling very well - they have had super weather to play in too!

This week sees the launch of our fundraising campaign to improve and sustain our Joy Lane Community Swimming Pool. Attached to this newsletter you will find a letter with all the information as to why we need to do this. We have established a 'gofundme' page for our Joy Lane Community Swimming Pool, and we will also be holding community events to support this. Find out more information here: [Fundraising - Joy Lane Primary School](#)

I am delighted to announce that we will be holding a Fireworks Display for our community on Wednesday 3rd November 2021! This is an ideal time for us to come together as a community and have some fun, in a safe COVID-19 manner, and raise essential funds. I will send further information in the next two weeks when the timings and tickets will be available. So exciting...

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS – STARTING SOON

We are delighted to be offering a wide variety of clubs for our children in Terms 1 & 2. Next week we will be sending out a letter providing full details of what's on offer and how to secure a place. We are charging a nominal fee of £1 per week, which goes some way to covering the cost of the resources needed.

Numbers will be capped in line with staff/pupil ratios, and there will be a short window of opportunity to secure a place on your chosen club by booking and paying on ParentMail.

Children who have been selected to join our 'squad' clubs will receive a separate invite. Bookings and payment should be made in the usual way via ParentMail.

We appreciate the staff giving up their own time as we know how much the children enjoy these extra-curricular activities.

VALKYRIE GATE SURVEY



We have been looking at our pedestrian footfall around the school site and considering the re-opening of our Valkyrie gate entrance/exit to the school site to ease congestion outside and around the school site. We have asked parents and carers to complete a short survey regarding this matter.

Thank you to those who have completed our survey – we have already had 360 responses! The survey will close on Monday 13th September at 9am so please follow this link to have your say:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdTmOU9z0-9GTPofj8Ei_pHUBZLmAeWIoRLkCpRikFIQmbjQ/viewform



UNIFORM REMINDER

Last week, we shared our uniform expectations with you and it has been lovely to see the children looking so smart. Please can we remind you that **all uniform needs to be named**. If something is lost, it can be very difficult to return it to the owner, and these items may go into the Pre-loved sale instead.



JOY LANE ZEBRA CROSSING



Prior warning that the Joy Lane zebra crossing will not have Mrs Bovis on 'lollipop lady' duty on **Wednesday 15th September**. Please consider this, particularly if your child walks to school independently.

FIDDLE TOYS

Please can we remind you that children should not bring in toys and other items from outside school, particularly the currently popular 'Pop Its'. Children should only be using fiddle toys in the classroom if there is an arrangement with the Class Teacher/Inclusion team.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY – FRIDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

HALF A MILLION
CHILDREN IN THE UK
ARE AFFECTED BY
A **LIFE-ALTERING**
GENETIC DISORDER



THAT'S **1 IN 25** →

20,000

We all have 20,000 genes. Just one fault on one of them can cause a genetic disorder.

6,000

There are over 6,000 genetic disorders – and more are being identified every year.

30,000

This year 30,000 children in the UK will be diagnosed with a genetic disorder.

WEAR JEANS – CHANGE LIVES

Covid has hit children and families affected by a genetic condition extraordinarily hard. On Friday 17th September, we are asking our children to swap their whole uniform for jeans, denim and/or something blue!

As we are a cash-free school, we have set up a Just Giving Page for donations and we would be grateful for anything you can give to support this worthy cause:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/JoyLane>

ROALD DAHL DAY – MONDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

Don't forget to bring a pebble in on Monday for our Roald Dahl Day art and storytelling sessions!

