



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 5th November 2021

REMEMBRANCE DAY – THURSDAY 11th NOVEMBER

Next Thursday, the whole school will gather on the playground for a special Remembrance assembly, where Mrs Rawlings will play the Last Post. Each child will bring along a poppy they have made in class and we will mark the one-minute silence together.

If your child would like to buy a poppy, we will be selling these at the morning outside office with Mrs Platt and at morning break; please send your child in with a donation.



INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS – NEXT WEEK

Our school photographer will be in school during next week 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 if this falls on their photograph day, but brought in separately to change into.

Parents and Carers of children in Oysters will be informed on the day before their child is being photographed.

The order system is user friendly, with a unique code provided for each child, and the photos can then 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!

TUESDAY 9 TH NOVEMBER
Year 1
Renoir (Year 3)
Year 6
WEDNESDAY 10 TH NOVEMBER
Reception
Riley (Year 3)
Year 5
THURSDAY 11 TH NOVEMBER
Year 2
Rousseau (Year 3)
Year 4

SWIMMING POOL FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Grain and Hearth Bakery in Whitstable, who is donating £1 from each brownie they sell up until Christmas, has just donated £397 to our GoFundMe page from their sales up to date. Keep on eating those brownies – it's all for a good cause!

With their Hi-Viz coats and head torches at the ready, the day has arrived for the Stevens family to wake up for their 'Midnight Mile', all in support of the Joy Lane Community Swimming Pool. Go to their [GoFundMe page](#) to donate and check their progress!



ODD SOCKS DAY – MONDAY 15th NOVEMBER

Joy Lane is taking part in Odd Socks Day to mark the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week. It is an opportunity to encourage our children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality. All the children need to do is wear odd socks! We will tell you more about our plans for Anti-Bullying week in next week's newsletter and via ClassDojo.



FIREWORKS EVENT SUCCESS!



It was such a privilege to welcome you all to our Fireworks Event on Wednesday and so lovely to see so many children and families enjoy the 'Spectacular Show!' I am sure you would agree that it was a great success and it ran smoothly and safely for such a large community event – this is hopefully the first of many such school events in the future!

The feedback has been so positive, and I know the JLPS staff welcomed your lovely comments of support on arrival, during the evening and on social media. I think we would all agree this was a super event for a good cause, and early indications suggest a profit of well over £3000, which will swell our swimming pool fund, so thank you!

I feel confident that our JLPS Fireworks Event is now going to become a regular event for the whole school community and beyond, and it was so lovely to see our friends from Harrier Lodge Care Home parked up in their minibus and observing the display from the far playground. We are so proud to be part of the 'Wonderful Whitstable Community' and humbled by the support you have all given the school.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

After the massive success of our Canterbury Food Bank collection for Harvest Festival, we are again supporting them in the lead up to Christmas as they get ready to help lots of people during the festive season. Throughout November, we are taking part in a 'Reverse Calendar', where items that the Food Bank are in need of are listed against each day. Thank you to the donations we have already received. Why not try our [Reverse Calendar Spinner](#) with your child to see which day you get?

Coming up next week: *tinned fruit, pasta sauce jar, instant coffee, tinned custard, shampoo.* Why not look out for one of these items on your shopping trip this weekend?

Reverse Advent Calendar 2021

Help us get ready to help lots of people this Christmas! Simply add one item each day for the month of November, or consider sharing the list between your colleagues or friends.

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| 1 st Big strong bag | 18 th Tinned carrots |
| 2 nd Box of cereal | 19 th Tinned peas |
| 3 rd Long life milk | 20 th Toilet roll |
| 4 th Long life juice | 21 st Stuffing mix |
| 5 th Toothpaste | 22 nd Tinned potatoes |
| 6 th Tinned ham | 23 rd Laundry detergent |
| 7 th Cup soup | 24 th Hot chocolate |
| 8 th Tinned fruit | 25 th Christmas snacks |
| 9 th Pasta sauce jar | 26 th Gravy granules |
| 10 th Instant coffee | 27 th Washing-up liquid |
| 11 th Tinned custard | 28 th Small Christmas pudding/cake (consider gluten free) |
| 12 th Shampoo | 29 th Mince pies (consider gluten free) |
| 13 th Instant mash | 30 th Christmas chocolates |
| 14 th Dog food | |
| 15 th Tuna | |
| 16 th Strong carrier bag | |
| 17 th Tinned meat | |

We will arrange collection points in early December so please keep an eye on our social media. Or if you have collected a lot in your school/church/workplace and would like collection get in touch with our Warehouse Supervisor on 01227 936450 (opt 3).

We need all Christmas donations in by the first week of December to get them out in time for Christmas.

You can also support us financially*: text FOOD1 to 70970 to donate £5, or visit [easydonate.org/FOOD1](https://www.easydonate.org/FOOD1)

*Fundraising, payments and donations will be processed and administered by the National Funding Scheme (Charity No: 1149800), operating as DONATE. Texts will be charged at your standard network rate. For Terms & Conditions, see www.easydonate.org



If you need support, please call 01227 936450 or email info@canterburyfoodbank.org
canterburyfoodbank.org



MUSIC UPDATE

Music at Joy Lane is beginning to reemerge as the soundtrack to every day in our school. Early Years and Key Stage 1 are keen singers, using song every day to support their learning, and throughout the school, we are back to celebrating children's birthdays with a rousing 'Happy Birthday' at home time. Year R, 1 and 2 are all busily preparing for class Christmas performances, which we know will melt the hearts of parents and carers, as they always do.

Instrumental lessons are full to capacity again, with trumpet, trombone, flute, saxophone, recorder, piano, keyboard, drum kit, ukulele, guitar and bass guitar being taught to 1/3 of Key Stage 2 and Oysters children. This is a phenomenal achievement, and with waiting lists for all instruments, we are certain that Music is as popular as ever, even after lockdown when families have prioritised which extra-curricular activities they wish to resume. We are incredibly proud of those young people who persevered with online lessons and were even able to prepare for exams during this testing time. We continue to enter students for exams each term, achieving superb results.



We have not raised our prices for lessons for many years and continue to remain extremely good value when compared to other providers of instrumental lessons, with the added benefit of us bringing our tuition directly to the students in school time. We understand that finding time for Music lessons outside of school can be difficult, and we are extremely thankful to Joy Lane and particularly Ms Hines for the unfaltering support of Music here at Joy Lane. It has been decided that after Christmas, our 20 minute lessons will increase by £1 per weekly session. We hope that everyone is understanding that our rates do need to increase very occasionally, and we can assure you that it will be a number of years before we consider doing this again.

We are yet to be able to meet in the assembly hall in numbers greater than a year group, so our usual Music assemblies are not possible, but we hope that very soon we will be listening to our brave young performers again.

As extra-curricular clubs have opened again, our choir and recorder group are meeting weekly, with Christmas performances as their focus. We expect to take two minibuses full of musicians to Tesco to take part in their charity busking event on Friday 10th December. It would be great to see parents there supporting our effort. If we are lucky, some of our annual Christmas end-of-term musical finales will be able to take place this year, so look out for further announcements as we approach the festive season. Christmas isn't Christmas without Music, so fingers crossed everyone!

FLU IMMUNISATION – TUESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2021

Flu can be an unpleasant and sometimes serious illness. Vaccinating your child against flu will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends. The vaccination is free and is a quick and painless spray up the nose.

The Kent and Medway School Immunisation Service will be visiting Joy Lane Primary School on Tuesday 16th November.

Please complete the online consent form here before Thursday 11th November if you would like your child to have the vaccination: <https://childconsent.co.uk/kchft>

