



# Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## HEAD TEACHER MESSAGE – COVID-19 UPDATE

I would like to share a COVID-19 update with you following my last letter on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021. During the past week, we have seen a noteworthy rise in positive PCR results for COVID-19, which is impacting on our children and staff alike, but we are, as yet, to reach the threshold criteria for considering further action, as listed below. We are also seeing a rise in childhood sickness, and I know that sometimes it is difficult to discern whether the child's displayed symptoms relate to COVID-19.

As you are aware, it is the responsibility of the NHS Track and Trace system to contact individuals identified as close contacts; as previously mentioned, I will contact you via ParentMail each time I am informed of a positive PCR COVID-19 test result in your child's year group. If your child is identified as a close contact, you will be contacted by Track and Trace, or by me if this duty is delegated to the School.

As ever, we are committed to the Government's priority for Schools to continue safely delivering face to face high quality education to all pupils. As a school we continue to implement the standard infection control methods of:-

- Good hand and respiratory hygiene
- Appropriate cleaning regimes
- Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated
- Staff taking a Rapid Antigen Test twice weekly (more often as appropriate)
- Following Public Health England advice on testing, isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19

Current Government and Public Health England guidance where thresholds for considering additional action are:

- 5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period
- 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period

The Guidance of taking action regarding includes:

- Testing
- Use of Face coverings
- Shielding
- Limiting visits from and to the school or setting
- Classes to revert to individual bubbles
- Attendance restrictions (as a last resort and a short-term measure, with priority being given to vulnerable children and children of key workers to attend school and high-quality remote learning being put in place)

The decision to take any additional actions will be taken alongside the Local Area Education Officer and Public Health England.

As a State Primary School, I have a duty to adhere to all Government guidance and recommendations and will not waiver from this in my duty to keep all the school community as safe as possible. Comments on social media have been shared with me where a few members of our parent/carer community do not support the Government guidance – I note and respect these views, but ultimately, I will follow the guidance given by the Government and Public Health England for the safety of your child and the wider community.

As ever, thank you for your continued support in keeping our children and community as safe as possible.

Kind regards,

Debra Hines - Executive Headteacher



## INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERS



Your child will be bringing home the form to view and order their individual school photograph - please look out for this in their bag!

For FREE delivery to the school, all portrait orders need to be placed by Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

For home (paid) deliveries the closing date for Christmas delivery is Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

## SCOOTERS/BIKES ON THE SCHOOL SITE

Please can we ask that children dismount their scooters and push them on the school site. This is very important as we would not want an accident where a child whizzing along unaccompanied crashes accidentally into other children or adults at the beginning or end of the school day.

As you are well aware drop off and pick up time are extremely busy so it is essential no scooters are ridden on the school site. Our staff on entry and exit duty will remind the children to observe this site safety measure, and it would be very helpful if you encourage your children to be safe and think of others. Thank you for your continued support.



## FIDDLE TOYS REMINDER

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 and an Individual Provision Map (IPM) in place.

## SWIMMING POOL FUNDRAISING UPDATE

So many Joy Lane families are being inspired to support our fundraising drive for the swimming pool – thank you!

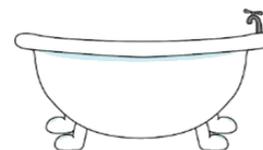


**James' Epic Journey!** <https://gofund.me/2069f31f>

By walking and cycling 207 miles, is the same amount of miles as the Kent coastline, by the end of March 2022, James is going to try and raise at least £150 for the swimming pool. James started his challenge on Saturday and has already clocked up 11 miles. Good luck James!

**Ronnie's Filthy Bath Fundraiser!** <https://gofund.me/33198f4f>

On 4<sup>th</sup> December, Ronnie is going to have a very yucky bath, including eggs, hot chocolate, beans, and so much more disgusting stuff!



## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

We have been overwhelmed with your generosity in support of the Reverse Advent Calendar. We are now just over half-way through the month of November, so there is still a chance to get involved!

Coming up next week: toilet roll, stuffing mix, tinned potatoes, laundry detergent, hot chocolate, Christmas snacks and gravy granules.

Why not look out for one of these items on your shopping trip this weekend? Just one item can make all the difference.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR HERE ON MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER!



We are delighted to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair is with us from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November and will be with us for a whole week! This could be the perfect opportunity to do some Christmas shopping – and help raise money for the school at the same time!

Today, your child may have been able to have a sneak peak of what is on offer in the book cases; if not, we encourage you to browse the digital leaflet that was sent out with last week's newsletter to see a small selection of what will be available in the book cases next week. You can even pre-order from this leaflet and have the books delivered straight to the school – perfect for secret Christmas shopping!

You will find the Book Fair open in each Key Stage area after school (more details to follow on ClassDojo), where you can shop with your child from 3:15-3:30pm:

The children will also be given some time to browse and buy during the school day. They can bring cash to the fair, or, if you would like to shop in the after-school slots, you can pay online. There is also the option to pay for your child's book online, send them in with a reference code, and they can collect their book. Find out more here about how to pay in different ways: [Parent payments - Scholastic Book Fairs](#)

We look forward to a real book buzz in school next week! We will also keep an eye on the books the children like, and we can spend our commission to stock up our book corners!

## FLU IMMUNISATIONS – CATCH-UP CLINICS

For any children that had registered for the flu immunisation but were absent from school on the day, please call 0300 123 5205 to find out more about the community catch-up clinics that are being run.



# TEAMTHEME KENT – FREE SCHOOL MEALS

TeamTheme has been approved funding by KCC to deliver a **FREE Christmas Holiday Activities & Food Programme Sports Camp** for benefit-assessed Free School Meal children. See the poster below for more details!

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