



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 28th January 2022

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK – W/C 7TH FEBRUARY

Children's Mental Health Week is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health. By getting involved, we will not only be raising awareness, but also vital funds to help more children and young people get the emotional support they need.



Place2Be is a children's mental health charity that works to improve the emotional wellbeing of children and young people. They help them to cope with wide-ranging and often complex social issues including bullying, bereavement, domestic violence, family breakdown, neglect and trauma.

As our lives continue to adjust following the impact of coronavirus, we know that children and young people need our emotional support now more than ever. In fact, research shows that up to 1.5 million children and young people across the UK need mental health support as a direct consequence of the pandemic.

Here at Joy Lane, we will be dedicating the last week of term to discussing kindness, resilience, health and wellbeing through PSHE lessons and the wider curriculum. **On the last day of term (Friday 11th February), we are inviting the children to 'Dress to Express'.** Children are encouraged to wear clothing to express themselves, wearing their favourite colour or a unique outfit to express how their personality!

We will be fundraising for Place2Be on our JustGiving Page: [Joy Lane Primary School is fundraising for Place2Be \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/page/Joy-Lane-Primary-School-is-fundraising-for-Place2Be)

INSIDE THE AUTISTIC MIND



BBC are making a new show with Chris Packham about lived experiences with ASC. Here is a link, to register interest, for any of our young people who would like to share their experience: [Inside The Aut3istic Mind - Inside The Autistic Mind - Send - BBC](#)



THANK YOU TO THE WHISTABLE AND HERNE BAY LIONS

The Whitstable and Herne Bay Lions have generously donated £250 towards our swimming pool fundraising campaign so on behalf of the children and Whitstable Community we would like to say a huge thank you. Please follow the [link](#) to find out more about the fantastic work this organisation does for the local and surrounding community.



SWIMMING POOL UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to inform you that the current total raised for our Community Swimming Pool is £13, 400! This is a significant amount of money and a huge thank you must go out to individual pupils, families, local businesses and charitable organizations who have organised, donated and raised small and large amounts of money towards our target total of £30 000 in the last 4 - 5 months.



Moving forward after the busy Christmas period and January and re-grouping after the omicron variant, we now need another 'Fundraising Push' to keep on track towards this target.

Before half term, I will be meeting with the school council and want to share with the children the intention to have a fundraising competition between year groups; the challenge will be to come up with and organise a fundraising event within each year group with the winning year group getting a free fun class swim each.

Mr Dowling and Miss Robinson are going to organise a whole school biathlon event on Sunday 8th May as a fundraising event. Further information will follow regarding participation in this. These are just two events that are planned.



Any interested parents and carers and supporters of the swimming pool, please continue to raise money for the swimming pool and donate via the [GoFundMe Page](#). Please feel free to organise an individual or family event that raises any amount of money for our swimming pool. It would be lovely if our school community or local businesses are able to come up with some more fundraising ideas, either big or small in order raise much needed funds.

Best wishes

Mark Ashley Jones

NEW JLPS FOOTBALL KITS!

The girls football team at Joy Lane has recently been in receipt of a very generous offer! Mr Mumford came to watch his daughter play in her first match for Joy Lane last Friday and was so impressed with their game play that he has offered to supply the girls' team with a brand-new kit!

On behalf of myself, the girls and the school, I would like to express our gratitude for such a kind offer. Watch this space for a picture of the girls in their new kit, which will not only benefit this year's team but hopefully many more to come.

Mrs Luckhurst



INTERNET SAFETY DAY – COMING SOON



Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 8th February and falling into Mental Health Week means it is the perfect time to talk to the children about using the internet safely and kindly.

Why not watch this [video](#) as a family to get the conversation started?

TEAMTHEME EXTENDED LEARNING CLUBS UPDATE

Unfortunately, we have had to change the dates that Teamtheme will be offering sports clubs. They will run from the week beginning 21st February through to the week ending 1st April; this is a 6 week block for the whole of Term 4 instead of the split between Terms 3 and 4. If you had already booked your child into a club, then your booking will be moved across to the new dates.

This now means that if you didn't sign up before, there is now a chance! Read the full letter [here](#) for more information.

KEY STAGE 2 HOMEWORK INFORMATION

Next week, your child will be coming home with a leaflet explaining our approach to and expectations for homework.

At Joy Lane, we aim to develop strong home-school links as we know that we can get the very best from every child when school and home work in partnership.

The home learning tasks set across the school will focus on developing the fundamental skills that act as the foundations for learning in English and Maths. Your child will be asked to spend time each week reading and practising their spellings and times tables.

The leaflet (links below) will outline in more detail our expectations and the platforms/resources we use.

[Year 3](#) / [Year 4](#) / [Year 5](#) / [Year 6](#)



Joy Lane Primary School Years 5 & 6 Homework 2021-22

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The home learning tasks set in KS2 will focus on developing the fundamental skills that act as the foundations for learning in English and Maths - reading, times tables and spellings - and you will find out more about these in this booklet.

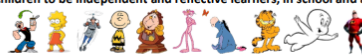
In Upper Key Stage 2, as the children move closer in their learning journey towards secondary school, the organisational skills and dedication that completing homework demands will be invaluable experience in preparing them for the next step. We expect that one assignment per subject is completed weekly, and we will monitor the children's engagement, offering support to those who find this tricky.

In Year 6, additional homework may be given out, which will be linked to the children's learning in English, Maths or their wider curriculum learning.

Voices for Choices

When the children are not practising these essential skills, we encourage them to spend time enriching their lives with stimulating and memorable experiences.

See below Joy Lane's list of Voices for Choices characters, which encourage the children to be independent and reflective learners, in school and at home.



Be a Persevering Popeye by taking a risk, facing new challenges, trying something new, volunteering...

Be a Go For it Garfield by contributing to debates, being part of a club, representing the school's 3Rs, helping out, voting, co-operating...

Be a Creative Casper and Innovative Mr Incredible by cooking, making art, dancing, playing an instrument, singing, writing...

Be a Proud Pink Panther by being part of a Production, Musical Show, Sporting Event, club...

Be a Linking Lisa Simpson by questioning different viewpoints, finding links to your learning in school in real life, being aware of current events, celebrating important occasions...

Be an I know Inspector Gadget by visiting the Theatre, Museum, Art Gallery, Religious building...

Be an Exploring Eeyore by meeting different people, trying something new, reading a book, investigating the great outdoors, visiting places near and far...

Be a Concentrating Cogsworth by taking time and care over a task, reading a book, focusing on something tricky...

Be a Choosing Charlie Brown by setting yourself a goal, trying something new, being independent...

