



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

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Dear Parents

With only one week to go, JCA is a hive of buzzing activities! Next week is our very exciting annual Arts week. As you know, Arts are incredibly important to us at our school and this year is going to be even bigger and better! The theme of this year is 'colour.' Each class will be given a colour and will be exploring it through an artist and also planning and creating a 'colour' sculpture in the outdoor environment. This year...wait for it.....we are creating our very own JCA Sculpture Park! This is so exciting and you will of course be invited in, as last year, to view all of our art work at our art gallery and a sculpture park walk evening on **21st June**. Please save this date!

Wrenthorpe celebration

Thank you to all of you that managed to get to our special Wrenthorpe exhibition and celebration. I was really quite overwhelmed with the amount of people that came. It really is appreciated and proves once again what an amazing community we have. I hope that you enjoyed the celebration as much as we did.

Important notices

There are a couple of important pieces of information I would like to draw your attention to, please see page 2.



Kind regards,

Mrs T Swinburne



Important notices

Punctuality at drop off and pick up

It is coming to our attention that there is increasingly becoming a lot of children who are arriving after 9am. Please can we reiterate that it is of vital importance that children are all in school, at the latest by 9.00am. The children all complete vital morning tasks at this time. If they are not in by 9am, they will receive a late mark which will be accumulated and commented on in their final end of year report.

It is also becoming apparent that a number of children are being picked up late. Our teachers are incredibly busy with meetings after school etc. and cannot wait until, in some cases 3.45pm or even 4pm! School **finishes at 3.20pm for Reception and year 1 & 2 and 3.25pm for year 3,4,5 & 6**. If you are late picking up your child, (and we are given no prior warning) they will be placed in our after school provision where you will be charged for this care.

Please support us in our quest to eradicate lateness.

Booking in to early and after school care

I know you will all agree with me in saying that it is fantastic to have such superb early and after school care facilities; however, of late, we are experiencing extremely ad-hoc bookings whereby we are only getting told that a child needs to go into this provision as late as 3pm on the day of the care. I am sure you will all understand that we want to be as prepared with our numbers as possible for food, etc, so therefore need a little more notice. Please ensure, if you have an urgent last minute booking, it is made at least before 9am on the day of the booking. We want to accommodate people's busy lives; however, we also need to be organized for these changes. Thank you!

Parking on Jerry Clay Lane

As you will have seen from the text message that you all received this week, we have been receiving some complaints from our local residents about inconsiderate parking. Please, please can I ask that you do not block any one's drive when picking up your child and that you do abide by the bollard area. A school should also be a safe zone and I would like to urge you all to think about others, even if you are in a rush. Driving on the paths is strictly forbidden. No matter how busy our lives are, we certainly don't want it to end in causing a tragic accident.

I know many of you adhere to all of these notices; however, please can we ask that as a whole community we can ensure that all of these are abided by so that we can continue to run an excellent school.

Learning across the school this week

Year 1

Year 1 have had another brilliant and busy 2 weeks! In Literacy, we have been working really hard on our instructions focussing on imperative bossy words and time connectives. We wrote fantastic instructions of 'How to plant a seed'.



In Maths, we have continued to use more than, less than and equal to compare numbers. We have been using a number square to help us find 1 more and 1 less as well as 10 more and 10 less than a number to 100!



Our topic has almost come to an end now but we have learnt so much about water and why it is precious. We have investigated where water is in our school and why it is important to people, animals and plants. We have also been monitoring our seeds we planted and recording our data in our seed diaries so that we could find out which condition the seeds grew better.

Year 2

Another fantastic couple of weeks in Year 2. We have continued to learn about water; in particular the water cycle, which we have written a fantastic explanation text about. We have learnt about the importance of water to both animals and plants and now need to use this in a letter to the council to stop them cutting off the water supply! We have continued to learn about time in Maths and are confident with this!



'Striving to be the best we can be'

Year 3

Year 3 have had another very busy, but productive couple of weeks. In Maths, we have continued to learn about Fractions, we are particularly confident in adding and subtracting fractions and are persevering with equivalent fractions! In Literacy, we have written the ending of a quest story about how a character returns home from an adven-



Year 4

Year 4 have had a busy few weeks getting into our topic 'From the Railway Carriage' by exploring the birth of railways during the Industrial Revolution. We compared life before the Industrial Revolution and found out about the changes that made rail travel possible as well as the changes trains made to people's lives. From this, we then found out about George Stevenson's early steam locomotive 'The Rocket'. In DT we enjoyed designing and making bridges using art straws to carry a toy train.

In literacy, we have been using the picture book 'Journey' by Aaron Becker that follows a girl on a quest using a magic red pencil to overcome obstacles. We have produced some excellent descriptive and action packed writing as we followed her on her adventure and have invented our ending to the story. In maths, we have continued developing our ability to reason and problem solve within the areas of measure (e.g. kg and g) and perimeter. We are also having a big push on our Diamond Dash to get as many certificate winners as possible by next week. Keep practising those times tables!

We are so very proud of the progress they have made so far this year and the dedication they have shown to their learning.

ture and the obstacles that she may face.

We had an exciting day of Topic learning on Monday, as we travelled to China on JCA Airlines in order to journey through Tibet, on the highest railway in the world. We wrote a description of setting for the highest part of the journey- The Tanggula Mountains, and the work produced was sensational!



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Year 5

Year 5 have been busy reading (and feeling a little frightened) by our class novel: Room 13. We have started our Gothic Art to link with this story, which is set in Whitby. Also, we completed some fantastic balanced arguments last week about the United Kingdom to support our topic learning. During our topic work, we have been comparing London and Yorkshire and researching some key London landmarks and attractions. We all agree that we'd love to visit but not all of us would like to live there! We are all fascinated by the London underground and have started to discuss the new HS2



railway too. We also had a city hunt (there are 69 in Britain!) as well as a lengthy discussion in class about different accents and dialects around the United Kingdom!

Developing higher level art skills in year 5



'Striving to be the best we can be'

Year 6

The last two weeks have been very busy in Year 6 and we can finally say that the SATs are over. Of course, our children showed perseverance and determination towards every single test that they did last week and we are so very proud of them. We did celebrate with ice cream and a very scrumptious breakfast with freshly made pancakes, marshmallows and chocolate spread.

The SATs may be over but our learning has not stopped there. Year 6 are currently writing persuasive letters to Mrs Swinburne to persuade her to approve our end of year trip and we also had a fan-



tastic outdoor learning day on Tuesday. The children, and staff, had a great day making fires and dens. The toasted sweets and hot chocolate were very well received and we know every single child went away with a smile on their face. We can only imagine the excitement they will feel on residential in just two weeks' time.

Football tournament at JCA

We held our annual football tournament at Jerry Clay on Thursday 18th May. It was a fantastic event attended by a record-breaking 11 schools! Each team was part of a 6-team league with the winners of each league playing in the final. The overall winners were St Paul's – well done to them!

We were incredibly proud of our team, made up of the Y5/6 children who attend football training on a Friday night; Kayden, Bradley, Oliver B, Oliver S, William, Joshua, Charlie, Matthew, Talitha, Abigail, Emerson, Sam, Louie, Daniel S, Adil, Daniel B, Seth, Billy and Justin!





Special mentions of the week



Special mentions of the week were awarded to pupils whom teachers felt have really stood out during the week for demonstrating excellent learner traits, fantastic attitudes to their learning and consistently being the 'best that they can be' every day. Well done!

Week beginning: 5th May & 19th May

Reception - Cody Harlock & Samuel Myatt

Year 1– Jack Asquith & Maia Malerska

Year 2– Thomas France & Summer Greaves

Year 3– Hadley Bruce & Oliver Brocklesby

Year 4– Joshua Bennett & Luka Budimir

Year 5– Jacob Dexter & Shannon Preston

Year 6– Fiona Blenkin & Holly Lockwood

Attendance winners

As you know as a school we are really focusing on excellent attendance. As a whole school we have set a target for the year of **97.4%**.

This week was an excellent week as you can see below. Well done to Year , fantastic!

Reception—98.21%

Year 1– 99.35%

Year 2– 97%

Year 3– 98.71%

Year 4– 97.93%

Year 5– 99.03%

Year 6– 100% WELL DONE!



Important dates for your diary

Events soon.....

Dates for your diary

2016-17

Reports

14/7/17 – End of year reports out to parents

Theme Weeks

22/05/16-Creative Arts week

21/06/16 – Art gallery

27th & 29th June – Creative Arts
performances

Wb 17th July –Celebration week

Sports Day

16/06/17– Sports day

23/06/17-Reserve sports day

Summer Fair

1/07/17

Trips

05/06/17 – Carlton residential for Year 6 pupils



Jerry Clay Academy

Disco!

Thursday 25th May 2017

KS1 and EYFS 6.15pm – 7.15pm

KS2 7.25pm – 8.30pm

Tickets will be available at the door on the night for £2 which includes unlimited drinks.

Sweets and tattoos will also be available for a small fee.

If you would like to help out on the night, please contact Becky on 07791 893078 or email jerryclaypta@gmail.com

Please see below a new Nursery that will be opening in Alverthorpe, ran by one of our parents, Mrs Allen. They will also be running a holiday club in the summer holidays.



Alverthorpe Grange Nursery

A Fun Place to Play & Learn!

Open Day

Bank Holiday Monday 29th May
10am until 2pm

Office 01924 314009

Mobile 07721 0758110

E-mail alverthorpe.grange@gmail.com

**Alverthorpe Grange Nursery
5 Conway Road
Wakefield
WF2 0FD**

Alverthorpe Grange Nursery are pleased to invite you & your family to our open day on Bank Holiday Monday 29th May

Our Ofsted registered nursery will be open for business on Tuesday 13th June 2017.

We currently have places for children from 0 to 5 years old and will also offer wrap around care & a holiday club.

Visit our website www.alverthorpegrangenursery.co.uk



Recycled Clothes Collection

We are delighted to announce that since the PTA have managed to secure our own storage facility, we are now able to collect unwanted clothing throughout term time.

We are looking for unwanted:

Clothes

Paired shoes

Belts

Bags

Matching bedding



Please place these items in a bin bag and drop them off by the designated area to **left hand side within the school car park where they will be taken to our container. We will then take them to be recycled periodically and the money, as always will go towards the school and the children.**

Donations Needed!

We are looking for donations for the Summer Fair. If you have anything suitable please bring them in to school.

Raffle Prizes

Tombola Prizes

Teddy Bears

Toys and Children's Books

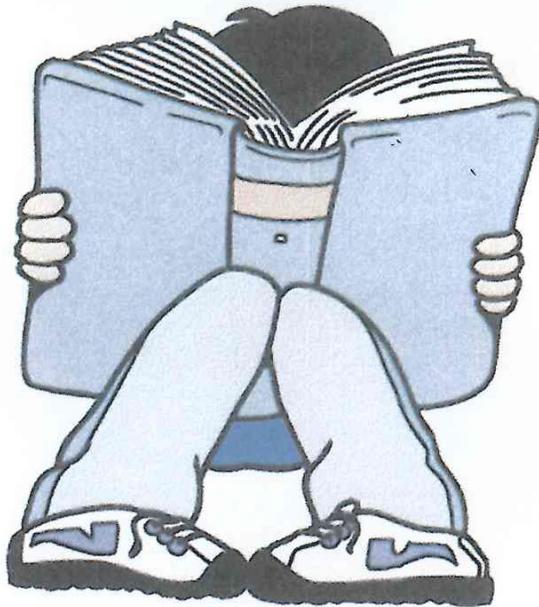
Bottles of Wine

(Please do not bring toys and books into school until nearer the time, due to limited storage)

Thank you for your help.

PTA

JUNIOR BOOK CLUB



7TH MAY (MONTHLY)

BREWS BITES & BOOKS will be running a monthly children's book club for 9 -11 year olds.

It will start on Sunday 7th May and will run 10.15am - 11.00am.

The cost is £2.50 per child which includes toast & jam, plus a juice drink for each child

A 15% discount will be available for the books that we will discuss.

There will be plenty of coffee and other refreshments on sale for parents and carers whose child banishes them to the other end of the coffee shop!!

Call in for details or phone Rob on 07942 700006.



**Brews Bites & Books 41 Northgate,
Wakefield WF1 3BJ**

1st Sunday of each month

9 - 11 year olds
(Y5-6)

Fun with books & stories

15% off all books explored

Toast & Jam
+ juice drink
included in
session price
(£2.50)

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