



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter



Issue 10 Friday 22nd December

Dear Parents

A truly magical Christmas time!

We have all really enjoyed Christmas time at JCA this year. Having the extra week in the lead up to Christmas has ensured that we have cherished every one of the events that we have hosted at the academy with more time. Thank you to all of you for coming along and celebrating with us. Christmas is such a lovely time of year, where we can all pause for a moment and really cherish the special people around us. A time for making memories!

Term 1 is over!

Term 1 has been a very busy but productive term. All routines are established, expectations very clearly embedded and some excellent work produced. Term 2 is about building on all of this and really enjoying the progress that will be made.

Not only has JCA continued to make excellent progress, but we, as a National Support School have helped over 34 primary schools this term with developments in their own schools and through sharing practice from our own. Through helping others, we as an academy continue to grow in strength through the development of our own practice. We are also passionate about helping more children to have an excellent education.

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you. Once again, you have all supported the academy relentlessly at all of our very successful events this term. We know that it is never easy, taking time from work to attend these events; however, also know the impact this strong partnership work has on your child. Education is something to be valued and you all demonstrate this time and time again!

Have a fabulous Christmas and a very Happy New Year!
Here's to a successful 2018 at JCA!

Kind regards,

Mrs Swinburne



www.jerryclayacademy.wakefield.sch.uk Follow us on twitter @JCAWakefield



Junior Leadership Team message at the end of the Autumn term to the whole of Jerry Clay Academy community



Thank you to all of the members of staff 2017. Can we start by saying how immensely thankful we are for all of their efforts that you have put in this term. All Teaching Assistants and Teachers have helped us to flourish in our own ways already this term and we know this will continue.

We would also like to acknowledge our amazing team of Lunchtime Supervisors by appreciating all of the hard work and effort they have put in this term. We are sure that everyone has enjoyed having our weekly star class every Friday.

As our learning environment is so special to us, we would like to thank Mr Rady and all of our cleaners for ensuring that our school is maintained to the highest standard. We appreciate all of the organisation that goes into school and would like to thank the office staff for this.

We enjoyed our Christmas lunch and would like to thank Michelle and her amazing team of cooks. You go out of your way to create delicious meals for us day in and day out.

We definitely need to be thankful around this time of year and now it is time to reflect on the wonderful school we have. Thank you to all parents and our community for contributing to our school and donating money for our cake sale. We are really grateful for all of the generosity. Thank you for attending all of our events and workshops. We can't thank you anymore.

Please remember our school is amazing because of our team.

The Junior Leadership Team





Special mentions of the Autumn term

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

Term 1:

Reception - Ralph Wainwright

Year 1– Betsy-Mae Foley

Year 2– Lottie Bullers

Year 3– Ruby Endersby

Year 4– Jake Ward

Year 5– Evie Fawcett

Year 6– Oliver McCraw

Attendance winners for the term

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%.

Please see overall percentages for each class, since September:

Reception—96.89%%

Year 1– 97.54%

Year 2– 96.78%

Year 3–96.67%

Year 4– 98.55%

Year 5– 97.61%

Year 6– 97.93%

WHOLE SCHOOL, SINCE SEPTEMBER– 97.43%

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 1

Wow! What a busy and exciting last 2 weeks year 1 have had! We have really enjoyed finishing our topic 'Dungeons and Dragons'. We have loved child-initiated time in our focus room and we created some excellent beanstalks in our craft area and some amazing retellings of 'Jack and the beanstalk'. Our favourite part has been using the character costumes to re-enact the story and perform it using expression.

In Maths, we have continued to learn about greater than, less than and equal and we have been using $>$, $<$ and $=$ to compare objects, pictures and numbers. We have also been practising counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.

We have also been celebrating Christmas! In R.E we have been learning about the importance and values of Christmas. We have loved making Christmas cards and calendars to take home and share with our families and friends. This week, we performed our Nativity with Year 1 to all our grown-ups and we want to say a big thank you for taking time to share it with us!

Have a magical Christmas and a happy New Year!

Year 2

Over the past couple of weeks, Year 2 have been working hard to finish the 'Magnificent Miners' topic. This has involved a persuasive piece of writing to the National Coal Mining Museum and completing our mining pictures using the Valerie Ganz mining art work as inspiration.

In Maths, we have continued to learn about money and have looked at a range of ways to add money. After Christmas we will be applying our subtraction skills to find change.

We enjoyed performing our Nativity this week which we have worked so hard to put together with Year 1. Thank you to those people who came to watch.

Have a great Christmas and a happy New Year.



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 3

Year 3 have had a brilliant couple of weeks, they have really strived in their writing to produce some excellent diary entries. They have also used their historical knowledge of the Titanic to produce a newspaper article about the disaster. Here children have undertaken the roles of a journalist and different passengers on the ship to really think about what effect the Titanic

had on society. In maths, Year 3 have shown improvement in their multiplying and dividing by 3, 4 and 8, this hasn't only been beneficial in maths, but also has highlighted improvements in their diamond dash with several children passing ruby and sapphire.



Year 3 have really enjoyed music this year, where they performed a few learnt pieces in assemble in front of the whole school. They had worked really hard to perfect this which was evident in their performance.

Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Miss Firth & Mrs Smith

Year 4

Year 4 have enjoyed delving deeper into the lives of the Anglo Saxons and finding out more about their daily life. In Literacy, we have been using technical vocabulary and different sentence openers to write some fascinating information paragraphs. We practised researching and making notes about Anglo Saxon homes, food, clothes, medicine, crime and punishment and Gods before writing our own non-chronological report. We are now experts!

In Maths, we have been working hard on learning our 6, 7 and 9 times table and division facts as well as applying them to solving problems. We have also been fascinated to learn about different types of teeth in Science. We made our own colour coded plasticine models with incisors, canines, pre-molars and molars which were impressive. We have also learned about what teeth are made of and how important it is to care for our teeth. We are carrying out an investigation about the effect of different liquids on egg shell to find out which liquids damages tooth enamel the most and why.



It has been a busy and very exciting term and Year 4 have impressed me with their enthusiasm for our 'Hero's Journey' topic. We're looking forward to more fascinating learning next term. Have a happy Christmas. Looking forward to seeing you in January.

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 5

Over the past couple of weeks, Year 5 have been focussing on big historical divides between cultures, particularly through our class novel 'Holes'. The children have responded very sensitively to this text and this has also been the stimulus for our writing in Literacy where we have completed a discussion based on the question, 'Does digging holes build character?' The children have also been looking at Anne Frank's diary when learning about The Holocaust.

In Maths, the children have been working hard to develop their area and perimeter skills. We have been impressed with the speed in which they have been able to apply formulas in order to calculate and we look forward to developing our efficiency and speed further in the New Year!



Have a very happy Christmas and we will see you in 2018!

Miss Harling & Mrs Saynor

Year 6

Year 6 have continued to strive to be the best that they can be and we are so proud of the progress they have made over the term. The children have continued to work hard in Maths when looking at percentages, fractions and decimals. This hasn't been easy but we really have demonstrated perseverance with it! We have continued with our work on Brazil and the Amazon Rainforest recently and completed some excellent work when looking at deforestation and global warming. It really is interesting to hear the children's perception on these issues and how they think we can solve them.

Well done Year 6 – you have had a fantastic first term!



Have a very merry Christmas and a very healthy, and happy, 2018!

Miss Brook & Mrs Wilkinson



Christmas at Jerry Clay Academy



What a wonderful Christmas it has been at JCA!

We have had a truly festive time celebrating Christmas at JCA. The Reception, Year 1 & 2 performances were brilliant and confidently performed. Bringing the community in, with the Wrenthorpe Singers was really special and performing at the Glynn care home was incredibly memorable. Our visit to St Ann's Church was extremely reflective. Celebrating with all of you at our Christmas sing-along celebrated us, as a community.

Happy Christmas everyone! Enjoy some special family time!





Dates for your diary

2018

Parents Consultations

13/3/18 and 15/3/18 – Parents Consultations

Reports

9/3/18 – Progress checks sent home-Y1 –6

13/7/18– End of year reports sent home

Theme Weeks

w/c 26/03/18– Whole school Outdoor Learning

Adventure

w/c 21/05/18- Creative Arts week

Performances

13/12/17 and 14/12/17 – Reception nativity

18/12/17 – Christmas carols with KS2

19/12/17 and 21/12/17 – Year 1 and 2 performance

13/06/18 - Art gallery evening for all

4/07/18 & 5th July 2018 – Creative Arts evenings

w/c 16/7/18 – Celebration week for all

Parent Workshops & Assemblies

Tuesday 16th January– Y2 and Y6 SATS meetings for parents 6pm

Wed 28th –February Supporting reading at home coffee morning – Watching RWI in action – CS

29/03/18 - Reception assembly – Under the sea

Thursday 29th – Outdoor Learning adventure – whole school assembly

21/03/18 - Year 1 & 2 assembly- Appreciation

Year 1 - 20/06/18 – Year 1 Creatures workshop

Year 3 & 4 – 06/12/17 – History Assembly

Year 4 -7/03/18 – Environmental issues

Year 5 & 6 - 01/03/18 - Explorer gallery

Sports Day

15/6/18

29/6/18 (Reserve date in case of poor weather)

School trips

These will be communicated via your Class Teacher

Please see your classes 'Welcome PowerPoint' for all key dates on our website.