



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Issue 2: Friday 14th September 2018

Dear Parents

What another excellent week! The children have continued to settle into excellent routines & are really demonstrating excellent learning traits.

School Photographer coming on Thursday 27th September

Vector Photography will be coming into school on **Thursday 27th September** to take individual photographs of your child. These will then be available to purchase. If you would like a family photo with a pre-school sibling, you may arrive at Reception for 8.30am for this to be taken. Sibling school age photos will be taken during school time.

Leadership applications

I have been overwhelmed with outstanding applications for leadership positions within the school. We will be interviewing and appointing these positions next week. I will announce all of the appointments very soon!

Reminder about excellent attendance

As we begin a new academic year, please can I take the opportunity to remind you about excellent school attendance. We are expecting every child to aim for at least 98% which constitutes outstanding attendance for the year. We will now be reporting on attendance termly with a separate attendance report. You can expect to receive these in December, March and July.

New letter drop outside of the main Reception

In order to alleviate any queues at the Reception desk on a morning, we are introducing a letter drop. If you simply want to hand in a medical form or letter, these can be dropped into our secure letter drop outside of Reception on a morning. These will be emptied every morning by our admin team.

Twitter feed

Please can I remind you about our Twitter feed, **@JCAWakefield** We put so much information on here, as well as sharing images and news from your child's class. If you don't already follow us, please do to get all of the latest updates.

Introduction to Phonics workshop on Thursday 20th September at 9am or 6pm

This important workshop is aimed predominantly at our new Reception class parents; however, welcome to all. The workshop aims to give an introduction to our Read Write Inc. Phonics scheme and how to support at home. We look forward to seeing you there!

Kind regards,
Mrs. Swinburne



Community Events

Issue 3: 15th September 2018



Wrenthorpe Apple Day

at Jerry Clay Academy

Sunday 14th October, 2pm - 4pm

Fruit wine

Crafts

Fun for children

Tea and cake

Music

Entertainment



£1 entry

Free entry for children

Wrenthorpe Apple Day is such a fantastic family event. Our children prepare writing & art work which will be displayed at the event and our choir sing. It is a great opportunity to bring all generations together

The Apple Day committee are asking for volunteers to help out on the day. If you can help out on the day this will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Sue Nicol at Sue.nicol@jerryclayacademy.wakefield.sch.uk

There will be a bake sale and we are looking for donations of cakes. We know what a fantastic community of bakers we have at JCA, so support with this again will be hugely appreciated.

Learning across the school this week

Year 1

Year 1 have amazed us by their incredible start to the year! They have settled in on their new routines brilliantly and have impressed us with their enthusiasm to learn and to explore their new learning environment.

We have begun our topic 'Dungeons and Dragons' and we have started exploring our core text 'Zog' written by Julia Donaldson. We have already created a mood board in our sketch books and have posed questions we would like to find out to form our learning journey.



In Literacy, we have created story maps to help us remember the story 'Zog' so that we can retell our own version of the story. We are working on our exciting vocabulary and using time connectives to show sequencing and order to our retells.

In Maths, we are developing our place value skills and our methods to count objects accurately. We have been helping 'Zog' count the objects in the castle by crossing and counting and checking our number formations using our working wall.

Key Dates:

25/9/18– Trip to Pontefract Castle

12/12/18 and 13/12/18 – Year 1 and 2 Nativity

Year 2

Year 2 have had a brilliant start back to the year! We have been so excited to start our new topic; 'Magnificent Miners' and have shared what we already know, as well as what we want to find out.

We have started to look at some of the artefacts borrowed from the National Coal Mining Museum and have created our own mood boards in art, ahead of making our own miniature sculptures.



In Literacy, we have started to learn about adventure stories. We have discussed what adventure stories we already know about and have started to think about creating our own mining adventure stories.

In Maths, we have learnt about place value and have been able to use dienes to make different numbers. We have also focused on learning our 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Key Dates:

26/9/18– Trip to the Mining Museum

13/11/18 – Mining Workshop

12/12/18 and 13/12/18 – Year 1 and 2 Nativity

'Striving to be the best we can be'

Year 3

Year 3 have made a fantastic start to the new academic year, they have really settled well and are thoroughly engaging in the new learning. We have continued to develop our understanding with place value, particularly looking at using our knowledge of 2-digit numbers and applying this to 3-digit numbers. As part of our new topic 'The Lost World', we have started to consider life under the sea, from this we have discussed different stories and the features of these, where we are starting to write a narrative about a fish being lost at sea, we are looking forward to these narratives developing. Finally, in science, we have analysed different types of rocks by looking at how they differ in appearance and texture.



Key Date:

2nd October – Trip to the Deep



Year 4

What a fabulous start to our new term in Year 4. We have begun our topic ' A Hero's Journey' by inventing our own Superhero and writing a story about them. The Superheros had incredible powers and qualities that they used to defeat arch-enemies, beasts and villains.

Year 4 loved reading out their thrilling adventures. We are now turning our attention to hero stories that are thousands of years old from the times of the Ancient Greeks and in Art have been learning to draw faces in proportion and with exaggerated and dramatic features such as eyes, nose and mouth.

In Maths we have been learning about Roman Numerals up to 100 (C) and went on a Number trail to practise our new skills. We have now moved onto aspects of Place Value of 4 digit numbers including rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and 100.

Key date:

wc 12/11/18 –Anglo Saxon Village Trip, Wakefield One



'Striving to be the best we can be'

Year 5

The children have started the year so well and we have been impressed by their enthusiasm in all areas. We have begun our first topic of the year and the children have enjoyed learning more about how World War II started through stories.

During Literacy, we are working on developing our skills as authors – how the author really helps to create a picture in the readers' minds and the power of vocabulary. We are working towards describing a setting with a sombre mood.



In Maths, we are developing our existing Place value knowledge. We are working on reading larger numbers and this week we have been developing our rounding skills which required concentration and perseverance to ensure we were rounding the right digits!

Key Dates:

02/10/18 Eden Camp visit

03/12/18 VE day party – Village Hall (PM)

Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic start to the year! They are very excited to start their new Ancient Egyptians topic and have begun to gather ideas for some of the projects that they have planned. We are also enjoying our class book 'The Secrets of a Sun King' that we are reading together.

During Literacy, we have been working on our letter writing skills, preparing year 5 for the year ahead and preparing for our Junior Leadership applications.

In Maths, we have been working on place value. We have been learning to read numbers up to 10,000,000, rounding whole and decimal numbers and using negative numbers in different contexts.

This week, Year 6 have also been participating in 'Bikeability' where they have really demonstrated their perseverance. Keep it up throughout the year!



Key Dates:

Residential meeting – Monday 1st October



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: 10th September

Reception -

Year 1– Millie Bagshaw

Year 2– Theo Elliott-Cook

Year 3– Saleem Carter

Year 4– Saffron Wingfield

Year 5– Jacob Garner

Year 6– Erin Gormanly

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%**.

Please see overall percentages for each class, since September:

Reception—100%

Year 1– 99.62%

Year 2– 96.77%

Year 3– 94.07%

Year 4– 99.22%

Year 5– 98.15%

Year 6– 98.63%

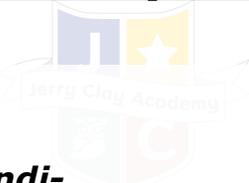
WHOLE SCHOOL, SINCE SEPTEMBER– 97.63%



Important dates for your diary

Events soon.....

Dates for your diary



Please note that you will receive individual class events calendar at 'Meet the Teacher'

[Open morning for new prospective families](#)

Saturday 10th November – Open Morning

Parents Evenings

6/09/18 – Meet the teacher – 3:45-4:00 and 4:05-4:20

20/11/18 and 22/11/18 – Parents evenings

26/3/19 and 28/3/19 – Parents evenings

Reports

30/11/18- Progress check to Parents

22/3/19 – Interim reports to Parents

12/7/19 – End of year reports to Parents

Theme Weeks

22/10/18 – Entrepreneurship week –

'The Apprentice'

w/c 26/03/19- Jerry Fest 2019

Jerry Fest- 05/04/19 – Outdoor Festival

w/c 20/05/19- Creative Arts week

Performances

7/12/18 – from 9.15am—Reception Activity Morning

12/12/18 and 13/12/18 – 9.30am— Reception

nativity performance

17/12/18 –3.30pm- Christmas carols around the tree for our whole school community

18/12/18 (pm) and 20/12/18 (am) – Year 1 and 2 performance

19/06/19—6pm- Art gallery evening

09/06/19 & 11/07/19 – 6pm-Creative Arts evenings

w/c 15/7/19 – Celebration week— assemblies from 9.15am

Sports Day

21/6/19

28/6/19 - Reserve date in case of bad weather

Summer Fair

29/7/19 (TBC)

