



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 15th November 2018

Dear Parents

This week has absolutely flown! As we rapidly move through November, the children have even started to think about their Christmas performances! This week we have continued to focus on our learner trait of the month, 'caring'.



With this week being Anti-Bullying week, we have been enabled to focus on respect, caring and anti bullying through assemblies and sessions within class. As you know, as a school this theme runs through our core values and is certainly not confined to just one week in a year. Character traits of self-awareness, care and respect are traits which must be developed all of the time and something we foster as a school.



Dates for your diary

Please do make yourself aware of all of the dates coming up as we approach the Christmas period. There is an additional Year 5 & 6 workshop date for you to be aware of—please see the Year 5 & 6 section of the newsletter.

Parents' evenings

We look forward to welcoming you all in for Parents' evening next week. There will be a book fair on both evenings, so please do bring some money if you would like to purchase some books from our book store. All appointment slips will be going out today, so please look out for these in your child's book bag.

Outside areas after school

Please can I remind you all that children are not permitted to play on our equipment after school. Please can I ask for your support with this. We had a piece of equipment broken this week and certainly don't want this to happen again. As you know we put a lot of effort into ensuring that our outdoor environment is respected as much as our indoor environment.

Reminder about the letter drop outside of the main Reception

In order to alleviate any queues at the Reception desk on a morning, we have 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 @JCAWakefield

Please remember that our Twitter feed provides daily news updates. If you are not following us, please do so that you can see what your child has been doing in school. Don't miss out on our day to day learning which we post regularly on here.

Kind regards,

Mrs Swinburne

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News from our new Junior Leaders



Head of Communication– Harriet Burrows



How do we communicate with our children?

I have been working hard, since September on improving the way in which we communicate achievements, events and learning across our school. Since taking on the role of Head of Communication, I have put in place:

- A children's news board where I communicate the learning that has been going on across the school
- A weekly vlog where I interview key people across the school

Head of Charities-Maisie McWilliam

This year we would like to support our chosen charities in the following ways:

- Bake sale
- Sponsored run
- Book sale
- Enterprise fair
- Jerry Fest

Our chose charities this year are:

International—Unicef

National—RSPCA

Local- The RockinR

I will be sending out an events calendar soon, as we will be having a Christmas bake sale in December to raise funds for the RockinR.





Open morning

Many thanks for plugging our open morning to friends and family. We were overawed with visitors to the academy. Our

Junior Leaders made us so proud of the excellent way in which they guided parents' around the academy and proudly shared information about our learning.



Year 2 Mining Workshop

Many thanks to all of our Year 2 parents who attended our Mining workshop. It was a really enjoyable event and valued by both parents, children and staff. Your attendance at these events makes such a difference to the enthusiasm and commitment of our children. Partnership learning ensures that we all are striving to be the best that we can be.

Junior Leaders carrying out National Support work

It was an absolute pleasure to host the Head Boy and Head Girl from Southdale Primary in Ossett this week. Our children were brilliant ambassadors for our school; sharing their vision, leadership and tasks that they carry out for our academy. They talked about the power of pupil voice and how this is so important in every school.

We look forward to visiting them in their school in a couple of months to see their progress and help them with their next steps in student leadership.





Sports news



Our KS2 Boys Indoor Athletics team competed in a competition at Middleton Leisure Centre on Thursday 15th November 2018. We competed in a number of events including long jump, triple jump, chest throw and a range of relay races. After all of the events, we finished 3rd, with our scores to be combined with the girls' next week to find the overall winner!

Well done to:

Noah

Zachary

Spencer

Luka

Nicholas

Jacob

Isaac

Max

Oliver M

November tournaments

1. KS2 indoor athletics tournament—Thursday 22nd November
2. EFL Football tournament in Barnsley—Friday 30th November

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 1

Year 1 have come back from the half term all refreshed and striving in their new learning. In Literacy, we are completing storyboards to write a detailed retell of 'Zog' before we move on to a new story! We have been persevering to up-level our work to use powerful vocabulary.

In Maths, we have begun exploring addition using part whole models. It was challenging at first but now we are confident at recognising the two parts to add so that we can count accurately to find the whole number.

In Topic, we are beginning to focus on London and the Royal family. We have started by recognising and naming famous London landmarks. In Art, we started a new mood board of London to share our thoughts and ideas. We have also been exploring materials in Science. We have been investigating materials used for different purposes around our school so that we can decide the best materials to build our own castles for battle!



Year 2

Year 2 have had a brilliant start back from the half term holidays. In topic, we have started to learn about the Chilean mining disaster in 2010 and have written a diary entry to show what the miners must have felt like. We have asked a lot of questions about the disaster and can't quite believe how long they were trapped for. We were so impressed with the amount of people that were able to come to our Mining Workshop on Tuesday 13th November. All of us thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and we enjoyed sharing our knowledge! We are also looking forward to showcasing our work at the end of the topic on **Thursday 13th December** straight after school. As mentioned at the workshop, the event will cost 50p to attend so that we are able to adopt a pit pony at the National Coal Mining Museum – please look out for our persuasive letters to invite you!



In Maths, we have continued to learn about addition and subtraction. We can now use a range of methods for both calculations and are more confident to spot patterns in numbers.

Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 3

Year 3 have been working hard in Maths to develop their understanding of adding and subtracting using three digit numbers, they have also been finding missing numbers in calculations where they have developed their confidence when exchanging. In Literacy, Year 3 have been very engaged in learning about the Titanic, where they have positioned themselves in the life of a passenger to write a diary



entry of the day they boarded the Titanic. Children have thoroughly enjoyed

learning about this time era and been very inquisitive to learning all about the passengers, the ship itself and the events of the disaster. From this, they have completed observational drawings of the ship and used oil pastels to add detail.



Year 4

Year 4 have enjoyed delving deeper into the importance of Ancient Greek culture and explored different Ancient Greek cities. They undertook different research and exploration tasks outside to investigate Athens, Sparta and Knossos in Crete before writing an informative report about Ancient Greek Cities. They enjoyed using masks to act out myths, imagining they were in the first theatres in Athens, created their own minotaur's maze and gathered information using the ipads about Spartan warriors. Since then we have begun to learn about the Anglo Saxon hero myth Beowulf and discovered who the Anglo Saxons were and why they came to Britain.

In Maths, we have been perfecting our column subtraction method and applying it to multistep problems. We have investigated different efficient methods of subtracting four digit numbers including subtracting one from each number before doing the calculation if subtracting from a multiple of a thousand. (e.g. For $6000 - 2846$ calculate $5999 - 2845$)

This method avoids having to exchange a lot and uses the concept of the two calculations having a common difference. We also practised using the inverse to check addition and subtraction calculations.



Curriculum over the last 2 weeks at JCA

Year 5

Year 5 have been working hard in Maths to develop their understanding of Statistics, presented in different ways. We have mastered line graphs and we are now looking at two-way tables.

In Literacy we are debating “School Uniforms – Good or Bad?” and we have been considering the many different groups of people who have opinions on this!



During PE, we are developing our understanding of 1940s Dance, currently focussing on the Jive! The children have been impressing us with their ability to persevere with new steps and they had an excellent effort at dancing (in time!) with a partner this week.

Key Dates:

Please join us for our end of WWII celebration afternoon

From 2:15pm – 3rd December at the Village Hall in Wrenthorpe.

Year 5 and 6 History Workshop 11th December at 9.15am 2018

Year 6

Year 6 have been working hard to understand fractions. We have been improving our fluency and reasoning. This week we have been looking at using the 4 operations with fractions and will be moving onto consolidating how fractions, decimals and percentages all link.



In Literacy, we have been writing our own instructions for how to preserve fruit and vegetables, using the methods that Ancient Egyptians used.

During Topic work we have been writing in role as people with different jobs in Ancient Egypt and in Computing we have started to look at coding - we are enjoying entering the algorithms and finding any mistakes!

Key Dates:

Trip to Leeds Museum 16th November 2018

Year 5 and 6 History Workshop 11th December 2018



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: 19th October & 9th & 16th November 2018

Reception - Hisham Rehman, Yvie Hopton & Emily Blaylock

Year 1- Hadley Olbison, Matthew Coulton, & Harper Benson

Year 2- Scarlett Black, Betsymae Foley-Dickinson & Florence Lancaster

Year 3- Maya Garner, Amelia Vergerson & Tyler-James Asquith

Year 4- Oliver Gorbutt, Ruby Endersby & Ben Blaylock

Year 5- Lucy Rhodes, Daniel Shaw & Jessica Asquith

Year 6- Lleyton Vergerson & Cathy Lin

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%**.

Class	Last week	Year to date
Reception	98.67%	96.84%
Year 1	98.67%	97.83%
Year 2	98.00%	97.31%
Year 3	98.67%	96.12%
Year 4	99.33%	98.57%
Year 5	99.33%	98.33%
Year 6	100% ★	98.84% ★

97% + AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET

BELOW 95%- CAUSING CONCERN & LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS

90% & BELOW- PERSISTANT ABSENCE- SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN

WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET – 97.4%

ACTUAL – 97.69% Keep it up, well done!

Dates for your diary

Parents Evenings

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

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

29/6/19

Dates for your diary



December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 12.30-1.00 Recorder	4 3.30-4.30pm Y3/4 football	5 3.30-4.30pm Y1/2 football	6 3.30-4.30pm Y5/6 Musical Theatre	7 9.15am Reception class Activity morning with parents	8
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16	17 Y3/4 Xmas Activity afternoon 3.30pm Christmas Carols around the tree 3.30-4.30pm Y1/2 Dance	18 PM Year 1&2 Xmas performance Y5/6 Xmas Activity afternoon	19 Christingle (whole school) School Xmas lunch Reception Xmas Activity afternoon	20 AM Year 1&2 Xmas performance Y1/2 Xmas Activity afternoon	21 SCHOOL CLOSSES	22
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