



Friday 8th November 2019

Weekly Communication

Dear Parents,

Mrs Swinburne is back in the Academy every day!

I wanted to personally let you all know that I am back in the academy everyday. Our support work with another school has now come to an end. This means that you will see me more on the gate and at all events. Obviously as a National Leader of Education and English Hub Lead, I will still be continuing to support other schools; however, this will not be on the scale that it has been.

Miss Brook is also back and she will be heavily supporting the work of the English Hub, driving reading improvement for schools in our region.

Brilliant news – A letter from Rt Hon. Nick Gibb – Minister for School Standards



It was an honour to receive a letter this week from the Rt. Hon Nick Gibb, celebrating our 100% achievement in the Phonics screening check. A great accolade to the excellent hard work our staff put in day in and day out. This places us in the top 2% of all schools in the country. A great achievement!

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Chair of Trustee News

I would like to let you all know that Sue Nicol has retired from her role as our Chair of Trustees at the end of the summer term. I am now able to officially inform you all following our trustee meeting last week. Sue will be greatly missed by our board as she dedicated so much time to our team and led with passion & enthusiasm. As you will all know, Sue was pivotal to bringing our community together through her work with the orchards and the community. She successfully helped us through our 'Outstanding' Ofsted inspection and has always had such amazing dedication towards our school. We wish her great happiness as she now gets to spend more time relaxing and enjoying her hobbies. On behalf of our whole community we would like to sincerely thank her for her hard work and dedication in supporting JCA towards being the place it is today.

Appointed to the role of Chair of Trustees is Andrew Carter. Andrew has been a parent and Co-Opted Governor at Jerry Clay Academy since 2005. Andrew's background is in utility operations and asset management, having spent over 25 years in the water and electricity industry as both an Engineer and Area Manager. Andrew now audits utilities world-wide for asset management best practice and standards.

Andrew's goal is to contribute to the success of the JCA trustee board to ensure that pupils have the best start in life through quality primary education. To this point, he brings knowledge and experience to ensure the correct decisions are supported for the continued future success of JCA, its children and its community.

Next week I will be sending you all a full trustee board update so that you can see all of the members that make up this vital team in our academy.

Parents' Evening – 26th & 28th November

Please be reminded that it is our Parents' evenings on **Tuesday 26th & Thursday 28th November**. Please watch out for a letter which will be sent out next week for you to make an appointment to come to this.

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Children in Need – Friday 15th November – Wear PJs or a onesie!

We sent out a text on Wednesday to let you all know that we will be raising money for Children in Need this year. Our Junior Leadership Team made the decision that this year it would be great to support this charity. Please can we ask that children come to school dressed in pyjamas or a onesie and contribute £1 to Children in Need. We know the children will absolutely love this! I'm sure the adults will too!

Open Morning – Saturday 9th November at 10am until 12pm

We look forward to welcoming families into our academy tomorrow for our annual open morning. Please do pass this on to neighbours or families you know may be interested.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Warm regards,

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Dates for your diary

INSET DAYS

Friday 29th November
Friday 20th December
Friday 17th July
Monday 20th July

Parents Evenings

26/11/19 and 28/11/19 – Parents evenings
24/3/20 and 26/3/20 – Parents evenings

Reports

22/11/19- Progress check out to parents
20/3/20 – Progress check out to parents
10/7/20 – End of year reports

Theme Days/Weeks

5/03/20 - World Book Day
WC- 30/3/20 – Literature week
3/4/20 – Book Fest
wc18/05/20- Creative Arts week

Performances

6/12/19 – Reception Activity Morning
11/12/19 and 12/12/19 – Reception nativity
16/12/19 – Christmas carols around the tree
17/12/19 (pm) and 18/12/19 (am) – Year 1 and 2 Nativity
17/06/20- Art gallery evening
07/07/20 & 9/07/20– Creative Arts evenings
w/c 13/7/20 – Celebration week

Sports Day

26/6/20

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