



Friday 24th January 2020

Weekly Communication

Dear Parents

Wow! Another fast but brilliant week at Jerry Clay Academy. The weeks are certainly flying by as we lead up to February half term. We have seen some excellent work from across school this week and, as you may have seen on Twitter or from the playground, we have a fantastic new Maths area in our Reception class. Please do follow us on Twitter (**@JCAWakefield**) as we post pictures of our children's learning each day. Thank you also to those parents in Year 2 and Year 6 that joined us this week to hear more information about the SATs tests that the children will be sitting in May.

Key Dates

London Meeting for Y5 Parents – Monday 27th January at 5.30pm

Y4 Outdoor Learning Day – Tuesday 28th January

Y3 Trip to Leeds Art Gallery – Wednesday 29th January

PTA Valentines Disco – Thursday 13th February

School Closes for Half Term – Friday 14th February

Reading Books

As you know, we are a school that is passionate about reading and ensuring our children not only love reading, but also that they are able to do so to a high standard. Unfortunately, we have recently seen a rapid decline in the number of children that are reading regularly at home. Every week, in school, we have a reading draw where children are given a raffle ticket for every day that they have read at home that week. Recently we have seen some classes have up to 50 tickets less each week than we had earlier in the school year.

Please can we ask that you read with your child as much as possible. Five minutes each night really can make a huge difference to your child's fluency and their confidence as a reader. As we know, reading is the gateway to the world!

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Attendance

We are continuing our relentless drive to improve attendance. Each week, we closely monitor the attendance of all children and discuss this with them throughout the school day. Each child is striving to be a member of the best-attended class each week within the school. We even have a brand new bespoke trophy to award the winners. As you know, it is so important to us that your child is in school every day. Please help and support us by bringing your child to school every day. Our school day starts at 8.50am and the gate opens at 8.40am.

Parking Promise

Thank you to all of those that have already signed up and agreed to the 'Parking Promise' that was sent home recently. Please can we ask that all of these are returned asap regardless of whether you walk or drive to school.

Have a great weekend.

Kind Regards,

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