



Weekly communication – 28th February 2020

Dear Parents

Our children have once again come back to school fantastically. It has been such a productive week. We were also very happy to welcome Miss Firth back to Year 3 after her operation. The children were very excited! Huge thanks to Mr Palin who covered her absence.

Dates coming up very soon for your diary:

Tuesday 3rd March at 9.15am – Year 2 Appreciation gallery
Wednesday 4th March at 3pm – Year 1 Appreciation gallery
Thursday 5th March at 9.00am – World Book Day parade
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Wednesday 11th March at 9.15am- Year 4 Sustainability Assembly
Thursday 12th March at 6.30pm – PTA meeting – all are welcome

Mrs Wilkinson is leaving Jerry Clay

I would like to let you all know that Mrs Wilkinson, our fantastic Year 2 Teaching Assistant will be sadly leaving us at the Easter break. Mrs Wilkinson, as many of you will know is fabulous and has nurtured, supported and cared for many of our children throughout school and beyond, spanning over 19 years. We wish her so much happiness; however, know that she will be sadly missed at Jerry Clay by both staff and children. We know she is going to miss us all so much too but also know that she is going to have a fabulous time travelling.

Leadership Team Update

As you will all have recognised, I am back in the academy every day and have been for a couple of months now as Executive Headteacher, managing the academy and English Hub. Due to this, Mr Palin will be reverting his post title back to being the Assistant Headteacher & Miss Brook, Deputy Headteacher. I wish to thank my amazing leadership team and staff for their ongoing hard work and support in ensuring that Jerry Clay Academy is the best it can be.

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World Book Day

As you all know, World Book Day is on **Thursday 5th March**. The children have the opportunity to dress as their favourite book character and enjoy a day of book-filled lessons. As an English Hub, we are proud of our reading school; reading and books are a high priority in our school. This day just celebrates our array of books in the world. Our children love to dress up and as much as this is not solely about books, it is about having fun and celebrating childhood. Something we value greatly at Jerry Clay. Please do join us to see all our children's characters at 9am in the playground (weather pending) on this day.

The Lion King – Key Stage 2 Production

This year we have decided to step up our ambition on what we believe our children can achieve and will be performing 'The Lion King'. This is open to Year 3 to Year 6. We are fortunate to have gained the performance license for this West End production and will be performing it at the Mechanics Theatre in Wakefield town centre. We feel that this will give our children such an excellent experience of the theatre and raises our children's ambitions even more of what can be achieved. Miss Hoyte will be working with the children when she is in school on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Elliott will be leading on the music and Miss Harling and I will be supporting with the set design and costumes.

Can you help?

We are wanting to build a team of willing volunteers who may be interested in creating some of the costumes for the show. We can provide the materials and guide of what we would like but we are needing more hands to help us with this. If you are able to help, please contact me at Headteacher@jerryclayacademy.wakefield.sch.uk or alternatively register your interest with the office and I will then be in touch.

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PTA

Our next PTA meeting is on Thursday 12th March and you are all welcome to come to JCA for an informal meeting to hear about the PTAs fantastic plans, share your ideas and get involved.

Please also look at the PTA newsletter which is out today. There is a survey which they would like you to complete by following this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/T9W9DRV>

Wishing you all a great weekend.

With kind regards,

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