



31st May 2020

Dear Parents

I hope you have had a lovely half term. The weather has certainly been very kind to us!

As we enter the final half term of the summer term, I wanted to share a few reminders with you all. We are certainly not where we want to be right now; however, as we safely navigate this very difficult landscape, we are all where we need to be right now.

Reception class phase back into the academy tomorrow



We will be welcoming all of our Reception children back from tomorrow. Our Reception families have received clear guidelines for their child's 'bubble', a safety video and key reminders. Reception parents- please ensure that you have checked your email this morning for an important message about sun safety.

Virtual School & Seesaw

Virtual School is all ready for the new home learning week. On there you will find your child's timetable and weekly overview. Please log on as normal to Seesaw tomorrow morning where you will see your child's Teacher welcome, daily video, as well as Maths and Literacy lessons. Wider curriculum subjects on your child's timetable is found in our Virtual School

<http://jerryclayacademy.wakefield.sch.uk/virtual-school/>

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Virtual Sports Day – Friday 12th June



You will be receiving a letter shortly from Mr Palin & Miss Firth regarding an exciting Sports Day, which we will be 'virtually' hosting. We certainly could not see a year go by without doing our annual Sports Day! Most of you will be competing from home, with a variety of challenges and your times/ distances will be recorded in our Virtual School. Your child will be competing for their house team. House Captains and Sports Leaders will be playing a

key role throughout the day. Watch this space for a great day to come! Reception children and Key Worker children will be completing their tasks in the academy.

Timestable Rockstar Battle with Stanley Grove from tomorrow



For those of you that follow us on Twitter (@JCAWakefield), you will have seen that we are having a timestable competition with Stanley Grove from tomorrow. The competition starts from Monday 1st June at 9am and ends on Sunday 7th June at 6pm. Your child's Teacher will be encouraging your child to take part in this competition every day. The hours of competition are restricted from 8am to 6pm Monday – Sunday.

The winners of the competition will be:

The top 3 children from each school

The top 3 children overall

The School with the highest number of points overall.

We can do this TEAM JCA, Every point matters! We think the children are really going to enjoy this.

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When the competition starts

Once the competition has started, pupils simply answer as many questions correctly as they can before the competition ends, in any game mode. Because the competition has restricted hours (8am to 6pm) then only the correct answers given during those hours will count to the competition. Outside of the restricted hours, pupils will still earn coins as usual but their points won't contribute to the competition.

What do pupils see?

On the 'Play' page it's made very clear to pupils that the competition is starting, is in play, is in play but outside restricted hours or is over. They can keep up to date with results too.

Are pupil names visible?

Pupils from other schools will always have their rock name displayed. That means you can't tell the names of pupils from other schools and other schools can't see the names of our children.

Good luck everyone and we look forward to seeing our points going up!

Reminder to set up your ParentMail App



Please can I remind you all to download the ParentMail app onto your phone. **From 8th June, EVERYTHING** that we communicate will be going on this app. This includes any notification, instead of text messages. I will be testing this out this week so that we are all ready for the official

handover to our ParentMail app. Any problems, please email jcainfo@jerryclayacademy.wakefield.sch.uk for assistance.

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Thank you to our PTA

Before we all went into lockdown, our amazing PTA bought us some 'Book Bank' sheds, which we will be officially launching in the new academic year. Thank you, they look fabulous!

For those of you that didn't see a message from our PTA on Twitter, here it is:

You Retweeted



JCA PTA
@jca_pta

Dear Parents and Carers... #jcapta
@JCAWakefield

The world we are currently living in is very different to a few months ago. This means most of our fundraising efforts are on hold. Our Summer Fair which is our biggest and best event sadly won't happen this year, but we will make sure that next time it will be even better. You can still support us by using Amazon Smile when making lockdown purchases. Behind the scenes we continue to look at other avenues for fundraising, and once it is safe to do so, this will involve the wonderful experiences we aim to offer the children of JCA. Until then, stay safe #jcapta

Year 6 Transition

- As a school, we pass on information to your secondary school, including your strengths, assessment information and roles in school.
- Each Year 6 will receive a copy of 'Go Big: The Secondary School Survival Guide' book to support transition. This will help to answer some questions and promote discussion at home.
- Virtual meeting with JCA staff and Matthew Burton (Secondary Headteacher and author of 'Go Big') to discuss ideas, worries and ask questions.
- Virtual tours of Outwood on the website. We would suggest looking at the websites of your secondary school for further information including uniform, staff etc.
- How will Jerry Clay Academy support transition to secondary school?
- Goals, Purpose, Dreams, Impact, Staff
- Transition activities and suggestions to help you to prepare will be on SeeSaw from next half term. These will be inspired by the PixiClub/GoBig and BBC Bitesize resources.
- In school class assemblies, discussions and activities to answer questions and plan for transition.
- Weekly Zoom meetings with JCA to discuss plans and ideas for celebrating our time at JCA
- Celebration and graduation assembly/video. We have discussed some ideas and will continue to agree ideas as a class.

All our Year 6 parents should have received a transition letter from myself and Miss Karlsson last week. Please do let us know if you didn't receive this. Please can we ask

that hoodie sizes are all in by tomorrow to jcainfo@jerryclayacademy.wakefield.sch.uk

Key Worker Care

Many thanks to all of you that have booked into Key Worker care that you need

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for this week. For our staffing organisation, please can I ask that any requests for week beginning 8th June are sent to

Headteacher@jerryclayacademy.wakefield.sch.uk by **Thursday 4th June**.

For anyone new to Key Worker care tomorrow, please can I ask that you do call the school mobile on 07889569969 when you get to the front office door in the morning. A member of staff will come and collect your child from the entrance. The same applies to pick up please.

Wishing you all a good week whatever you may be transitioning to as we all start to safely navigate our way out of this pandemic lockdown.

Many thanks as always for your fantastic support & continue to stay safe.

With kind regards,

Mrs. T Swinburne

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OUR SAFE RETURN PLEDGE TO YOU

We have developed a risk assessment framework focused on the safety of children & staff. We will constantly update as guidance evolves.

With social distancing practices in mind, we have redesigned the physical layout of the school.

We have stocked up on key PPE including soaps & sanitary gels, dispensers in the entrance of every classroom, face masks, gloves etc.

We will stay in touch through letters, phonecalls, social media, ParentMail. Please contact us if you need us.

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Please follow social distancing rules at drop off & pick up times. Handwashing prior to school arrival & after school departure.

Please keep us well informed of all relevant health & attendance issues- for your children & family members- so we can continue to support you as best we can.

Where children can't attend the academy, please commit to learning from home & staying in continuous contact with us.

Please respect Government rules about visiting others in order to protect the school 'bubble'.

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OUR WELLBEING & SUPPORT OFFER STAYING CONNECTED

Contact Headteacher@jerryclayacademy.wakefield.sch.uk
with any queries or support needed



Call us on our Academy mobile 07889569969
should you need any support



Check our Twitter feed for
updates, information &
celebration of learning



Ensure your child gets the chance to do a
daily well-being activity that we provide
to support them



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