



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2020

Dear Parents

We have had a wonderful week once again at JCA. The children have continued to strive really high across all subjects. I really do enjoy finishing the week with a Special Mentions virtually on Teams. Hearing about the excellent perseverance and determination going on, impresses me so much.

Every month we focus on a core value and this month we have been focusing on respect. We have explored how we demonstrate respect towards our friends, to our staff and to you as parents. I was able to present a Headteacher award this morning to a pupil who had shown exceptional respect towards our kitchen team this week. Our team are working incredibly hard to offer nutritious and delicious hot lunches and have been overwhelmed with the kindness demonstrated from our children.



Home Learning in case of a COVID isolation

Please see the information on the next page detailing our home learning offer, should a pupil need to isolate or in the case of a confirmed case of a whole class needing to isolate. It is extremely important to us that your child continues their learning at home, so therefore we will be continuing the use of Seesaw to upload your child's work.

In the case of a whole class isolation, the children will take home some text books for English and Maths and all lessons will be placed on Seesaw.

Track and Trace

As the COVID-19 cases continue to rise, the government are encouraging everyone to download the track and trace app. Please find more details here <https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/nhs-covid-19/>



Protecting each other

As we continue to work together as one big JCA team, please can we ask that you are all super vigilant of potential COVID symptoms in yourself or your child. Please do not bring your child to school if you or anyone in your household has symptoms and are awaiting a test. Notify school immediately and email myself as soon as you have the results at Headteacher@jerryclayacademy.wakefield.sch.uk

Have a relaxing weekend,

Mrs T Swinburne



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OUR HOME LEARNING PLAN SHOULD YOUR CHILD NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE

Should your child need to self-isolate due to awaiting a COVID test or a member in your family has COVID, we would like your children to continue their learning at home.

As soon as we are notified that your child is self-isolating, your child will be allocated activities on Seesaw.

The Class Teacher will send you a ParentMail informing you of the lessons for your child to complete within 24 hours of being informed. Please then log on to Seesaw to see and complete these.

If you or your child is displaying symptoms of Covid 19, please inform the academy immediately. **DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.** Call 111 or visit www.nhs.co.uk



Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakef... · 15h ✓

We really just can't wait to introduce our Secret Book Club tomorrow! Who will be invited & how will they know -when or where? [#LoveReading](#) Thanks [@brassoteach](#) for the inspiration! [@_Reading_Rocks_](#) [@LeedsYOR](#) [@JCEnglishHub](#) [@NewbyLeisureLtd](#)



9 replies 24 retweets 103 likes



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefi... · 2d ✓

Year 1 thought carefully about some reasons why these are the 'wrong materials' for these objects. E.g. a chocolate door handle - "The pets might eat it!" "It is not strong enough so it will break." "It will melt!" [#JCAScience](#) [#creativethinking](#)



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefi... · 2d ✓

Year 1 have enjoyed exploring and describing different materials today in Science [#JCAScience](#) [#provision](#)



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefi... · 1d ✓

This really is a true love of reading! In a little corner of the small world next to other children role playing, reading her fact book all about dinosaurs [#LoveReading](#)



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefi... · 2d ✓

Year 3 have begun exploring fossil art inspired by 3D artist Darrell Wakelam. Today we used different media to sketch ammonites and started to develop our sketch books. We can't wait to start on our 3D Art project. [#JCAArts](#)



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield

Year 6 have been using their Geography and ICT skills to find the GPS coordinates of a photograph/ location to explore famous landmarks! We've travelled to so many places this afternoon! [#JCAGeography](#)





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: 20th September

Reception class—Star of the day awarded everyday— Dougie, Ruby, Finlay & Mia

Year 1– Jaxon

Year 2– Thomas

Year 3– Harper

Year 4– Jana





Year 5– Harrison

Year 6– Saffron

Attendance winners

As you know as a school we continue to focus on excellent attendance (where appropriate). As a whole school we have set a target for the year of **97.4%**.

Please note that children who are self isolating due to COVID are not included in these figures.

Class	This week	Year to date from the start of September
Reception	97.99% 	98.86% 
Year 1	98.31% 	98.92% 
Year 2	94.44%	97.07%
Year 3	97.59%	98.92%
Year 4	96.07%	97.64%
Year 5	97.26%	96.30%
Year 6	89.18%	96.30%

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 – 98.01% Keep it up, well done!

Dates for your diary



Open morning

Saturday 7th November – Open Morning

Parents Evenings

Meet the teacher – Virtual presentations – 10th September

24/11/20, 26/11/20 & 1/12/20 – Virtual Parents evenings

23/3/21, 25/3/21, – Virtual Parents evenings. We will be sending out a questionnaire next week to find out if you can all have access to a digital device and

Reports

04/12/20 – Progress reports out to parents

19/3/21 – Interim reports

9/7/20– End of year reports

HeartStart

Thursday 24th June & Friday 25th June- Training days

Theme Weeks

w/c 22/03/21- History week 2021

w/c 24/05/21- Creative Arts week

Provisional Performances—pending Government Guidance

4/12/20 – Reception Activity Morning

09/12/20 and 10/12/20 – Reception nativity

14/12/20 – Christmas carols with KS2

15/12/20 (pm) and 16/12/20 (am) – Year 1 and 2 performance

23/06/21 - Art gallery evening

13/06/21 & 15/07/21 – Creative Arts evenings

w/c 19/7/21 – Celebration week

Year 6 Residential

8th-11th June

Sports Day

18/06/20

Summer Fair

TBC

Please note that this list is not endless and we may be adding events to this list, including parental meetings as we progress throughout the year.

Ultimately in the current situation we find ourselves in, these dates are open to change. With regards to performances, we will continue to follow Government guidance on what we can and cannot do to ensure the safety for all.



Reminder of drop off & pick up times



**A classes – Y1,3,5, 6
8.30-8.45
3.00-3.15**

**B classes – R, Y2, Y4
8.45-9.00
3.15-3.25**

JCA Home Learning Schedule



Please note: Occasionally there may be other subjects that are sent home as an opportunity to further enhance learning or skills.

EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE PHASE Reception	WEEKLY 1 HR 15 MIN DAILY 10-15min	Weekly learning news-letter	Sent out every Friday
		Sound Book	To practise daily
		Reading book	Changed weekly To be read daily
		Action Words (From October)	Every Friday 5 per week to be practised daily
KEYSTAGE 1 PHASE Yr1- Yr2	WEEKLY 1.5 HRS DAILY 15-30m. Weekly homework will be given on a Friday and must be completed before Wednesday	Phonic Sound Books	To be practised daily
		Reading book	To be read daily
		Times Table Practise	To be practise daily
		Maths activity	Alternative weeks
		Literacy activity	
		Spellings- 10	To be given weekly To be practise daily
LOWER KS2 PHASE Yr3 - Yr4	WEEKLY 1 HR 40 MIN DAILY 15-20min Weekly homework will be given on a Wednesday and must be completed before Monday	Spellings – 10 per week	To be given weekly To be practised daily
		Timetables	To be practised daily
		Reading	To be read daily
		Maths	Given on a Wednesday
		Literacy	Given on a Wednesday
UPPER KS2 PHASE Yr5 – Yr6	WEEKLY 2.5 HRS DAILY 20-30min Weekly homework will be given on a Wednesday and must be completed before Monday	Spellings – 10 per week	To practise daily
		Reading books	To be read daily
		Literacy task	Given on a Wednesday
		Maths task	Given on a Wednesday
		Times Tables	To practise daily

TODAY'S BRITISH FOOD FORTNIGHT MENU!

Pork or Vegetarian Sausages

served with

Caramelised Red Onion Gravy
Monster Mash
Seasonal Market Vegetables

Jacket Potatoes

Topped with choice of

Cheese & Red Onion
Beans

Sticky Toffee Pudding

served with

Custard

Thursday 1st October



Feeding Hungry Minds



IT'S BRITISH FOOD FORTNIGHT!

We've partnered with Love British Food to celebrate great UK grub! Find out more about some of our favourite school lunch veggies below!



OLIVIA THE
SPRING ONION

If you have a spring onion in the fridge, ask a grown up to keep the root when they use it - then try growing me at home!

1. Place the root in a jar filled with a bit of water
2. Leave for a few days and watch it grow

SINCE THE 16TH CENTURY, PEOPLE HAVE BEEN USING ME AS A NATURAL RED DYE



BELLA
BEETROOT

I'M A NATIONAL EMBLEM OF WALES

I'M PACKED WITH Vitamin K WHICH HELPS WITH HEALING!

LARRY THE LEEK



CAPTAIN
CARROT

I'M FULL OF Vitamin A WHICH CAN HELP YOU SEE BETTER IN THE DARK



I'M GROWN ON THE NI POZZI FARM IN YORKSHIRE



Feeding Hungry Minds



I'M 'THE KING' OF Vitamin c & FIBRE



KING
POTATO