



# Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2020

Dear Parents

What a wonderful 2 weeks we have had at Jerry Clay Academy! I can't even begin to tell you how great it is to have everyone back! Thank you to all of you for following our safety rules at drop off and pick up time. This is making such a difference to the smoothness of these times. **Please can I remind you that you must stick to your child's pick up and drop off times.**



You are able to pick up a sibling straight after to ensure that congestion is kept to a minimum. Please can I ask that only 1 adult drops off and picks up your child. This is an important element we put into our drop off and pick up times to avoid congestion at this time and to ensure social distancing for the safety of all.



Our children have been absolutely brilliant since coming back, adapting to new routines and striving so high. Our whole staff team have been so pleased with the excellent start that all

our children have made.

I am so proud of our whole team community, so thank you for your commitment to supporting us.

*Mrs J Swinburne*

## Member of Staff Name change

For all of your awareness our lovely Reception Teaching Assistant, that was previously called Mrs Sellers is now called Miss Ogden.



## Home Learning

You will have all been informed from your Class Teacher's last week of their home learning routine. Please can we ask that your child is encouraged to hand this in on time. Please find attached our home learning schedule for the whole school.

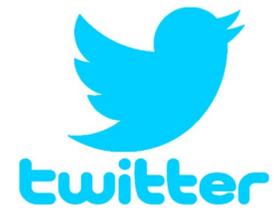
## Reading daily is absolutely crucial!

We continue our quest to ensure that all our children read every day. Research proves that those that read everyday develop deeper knowledge, are more proficient at spelling and have a much wider vocabulary. Our reading raffle will start next week and I have told the children about our quest today. Everyday that they read, they will receive a raffle ticket and be entered into the reading draw. The more tickets they have in their class draw, the more likely they will win a special reading prize. I know that you all are brilliant at fostering our love of reading at home, as this is something we are very proud of as a school.





# Highlights of the Week from Twitter



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakef...** · 17h ✓  
Some excellent concentration used in year 4 today using inspiration from Andy Warhol and the Pop Art movement  
[#JCAArt](#) [#PopArt](#)



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefi...** · 1d ✓  
Year 2 have loved following our clues on our treasure hunt to explore and discover our new story 'Town is by the sea' by Joanne Schwartz and [@Sydneydraws!](#) We can't wait to start our mining learning journey!  
[#lovereading](#) [#readingrocks](#) [#storytelling](#)  
[#edutwitter](#) [#JCACurriculum](#)



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakef...** · 19h  
What a lovely day for outdoor writing! Year 4 have been practising writing clear and concise introductions and conclusions in preparation for our Junior Leader applications. [#JCALiteracy](#)



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefi...** · 4d ✓  
What a beautiful start to learning in Reception on this sunny morning ☀️



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakef...** · 21h ✓  
Year 1 found a special delivery today!! We can look at (but not touch) our special egg and we will guard it patiently in our classroom ... [#JCACurriculum](#)  
[#JCALiteracy](#) [#themes](#)



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefi...** · 3d ✓  
Magical to see our children lost in a story collectively! How we have missed this!  
[#LoveReading](#) [#ReadingOutLoud](#)  
[#Enjoyment](#)





# 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:

Reception class—Star of the day awarded everyday— Oliver

Year 1— Ella

Year 2— Esme

Year 3— Rory

Year 4— Jack

Year 5— Evie

Year 6— Luke

## Attendance winners

As you know as a school we are really focusing on excellent attendance. As a whole school we have set a target for the year of **97.4%**.

Class	This week	Year to date from the start of September
Reception	99%	99.39%
Year 1	98.67%	99.26%
Year 2	96.9%	98.49%
Year 3	99.33%	99.63%
Year 4	97.24%	98.48%
Year 5	98.67%	98.87%
Year 6	100% 	100% 

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 – 99.16% Keep it up, well done!

# Dates for your diary



## Open morning

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Open Morning

## Parents Evenings

Meet the teacher – Virtual presentations – 10<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> June & Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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

8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 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.

<b>EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE PHASE</b> <b>Reception</b>	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
<b>KEYSTAGE 1 PHASE</b> <b>Yr1- Yr2</b>	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
<b>LOWER KS2 PHASE</b> <b>Yr3 - Yr4</b>	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
<b>UPPER KS2 PHASE</b> <b>Yr5 – Yr6</b>	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