



23rd October

Dear Parents & Carers

What a fantastically fulfilling half term! It has been brilliant to have had the whole academy back for 6 weeks and wow, have they all been amazing! The children have just inspired us all with their perseverance, determination and hard work. If anything, the COVID pandemic has taught us to value what we have and we can certainly see how much our children value our school! Thank you to all of you for just being amazing in supporting our academy! You really are **one magical community!**

I know that you will have by now read the communication sent out yesterday from our Chair of Trustees regarding my departure from JCA. It is with a very heavy heart that I will be leaving; however, I know that the time is right, both personally and professionally. JCA is flying and all the staff within the academy are simply brilliant! JCA is in such a great place to now continue to fly without me and I will do everything I can to ensure the smooth transition of my leadership duties.

Jerry Clay is a very special place to be but that is because of **all of you that make up our big team!** We have, **together** over the last 6 years achieved so much:

- An amazing nurturing ethos which puts children at the heart of our curriculum
- Top 5% of the country results for all key stages and in many cases top 3% in the country
- Ofsted Outstanding judgement
- Model school status for the teaching of phonics
- Arts Mark Gold and in the process of working towards a platinum award
- 1 of 34 in the country to be designated a DFE English Hub
- A supportive community which simply wants the children to be the very best they can be

The memories I have gained from my time will be imprinted in my heart forever! I look forward to spending the final 7 weeks with our whole community! Thank you for entrusting me with the leadership of this very special academy.

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Extra safety precautions to be put in place in our academy after the half term

Due to the rising cases in our country and certainly local area, we have adapted our risk assessment to take account of this. **From Monday 2nd November we would like to ask that anyone dropping off your child at the academy wears a face mask at drop off and pick up.** Our staff will now be wearing a face mask at the door to receive your child. Our staff will now also be wearing a face mask in any central areas of the school but not in the classroom. Please can we ask that you all support this as we make sure our academy is as COVID-safe as possible moving forward.

ParentMail Wrap-around booking & payments go live

You will have received a ParentMail communication yesterday advising that wrap-around bookings & payments is now live. The process on PM is completely different to Scopay as no regular bookings are pre-populated, this gives you more control over your bookings. **It is essential therefore that you make bookings over half term for week commencing 2nd November** – please log onto your account / app and book places for your child as soon as possible; see the instructions attached. You can also make bookings for the rest of November. When sessions are released for December you will receive a notification on ParentMail. The system is extremely user friendly however if you have any questions email schoolclub@jerryclayacademy.wakefield.sch.uk

New menu for after the half term

Please find attached our new menu for after the half term.

Wishing you all a restful and safe half term holiday. It will be different as we all adhere to our new restrictions but equally, please know that light will come one again at the end of the tunnel!

With warm regards,

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