



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 27th November 2020

Dear Parents

Adapting to our new world!

Thank you so much to everyone that has attended our Parents' evenings this week via Teams. I know our team have all reported that they have found them really useful to share your child's progress to date and gave you a chance to ask any questions.

We have our final meetings on Tuesday. Please can I remind you all to complete your evaluation via 'Forms' in ParentMail.

I have certainly been very proud of our whole community as we have adapted to our new remote world. I had the privilege of been invited to speak with the Department for Education because of our support given to the community during the pandemic. I felt incredibly proud talking about all the support we have received from you all and how our team all worked together to ensure our children continued to learn throughout such difficult times. The DFE were very impressed with our team effort.



Making the transition of leadership at JCA!

As you are now all aware from the letter you received via Parent Mail from our Chair of Trustees, there will be some significant, exciting changes happening at JCA over the next couple of weeks. From Monday you will all get the opportunity to meet Mrs. Elliott, the new Headteacher of JCA on the morning gate as you arrive. This will give you an opportunity to speak with Mrs. Elliott if you haven't already as we prepare for the transfer of Headship responsibilities, with Mrs Elliott taking the lead on the academy & Miss Brook leading our school improvement function and English Hub.

Over the coming weeks, Mrs Elliott will be spending more time with myself and the whole leadership team. We are ensuring all plans are in place for the year ahead. I look forward to enjoying the final 14 school days with the whole community before leaving for a new adventure in North Yorkshire! I have such mixed feeling and wow, will my final day be a very sad day!

Christmas has come to JCA!

Christmas may be different this year; however, JCA are making sure it is equally as magical! Please see the following pages detailing everything which will be going on in our academy.

Vector School Photography

Don't forget Vector Photography will be in school on Tuesday 1st December taking individual photographs.

Last day of this term

Please be reminded that the last day of term will be Thursday 17th December.

With kind regards,

Mrs. T Swinburne



JCA CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

Can you help? This year we are collecting small gifts for children.



We would really appreciate donations of new gifts for a girl or a boy.



These could include selection packs, craft materials or books. We will then be collating the gifts together to make Christmas gift bags for children who need it most in Wrenthorpe & Wakefield. Wrenthorpe Assist will be delivering them.

There will be a collection box at the front entrance from Monday onwards.





Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakef... · 2d ...
Reception Class had a fabulous time at Mr Wolf's Party this afternoon #EYFS #MrWolfsPancakes



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakef... · 2d ...
VERY PROUD OF OUR YEAR 2 SUPERSTARS 🌟🌟🌟🌟 doing their Phonics screening today. AMAZING EFFORT! #PhonicsSuperStars #Proud



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakef... · 2d ...
A great virtual Parents' evening tonight. Thank you to everyone that had appointments this evening. We look forward to the next 2. Don't forget to complete your evaluation on ParentMail #JCACommunity



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakef... · 3d ...
Mrs Swinburne Senior has made the LAST BATCH EVER limited edition owls (in your favourite football team colours), Timmy Rabbits in JCA colours, Jerry & Clay tortoises for Xmas. @jca_pta will be selling them with all donations going to them. More details coming out soon...



You Retweeted



JCA PTA @jca_pta · 3d ...
Just a reminder if you haven't already received your child's Christmas card design and want to see this please email the PTA. Orders and payment is to be in by Wednesday 25th Nov. #jcapta @JCAWakefield



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakef... · 3d ...
Year 1 were virtually shown around St Anne's church this afternoon by @mthr_jo - they asked lots of interesting questions about the objects they were shown. A big thank you to Reverend Jo and Well done Year 1! #JCARE #inquirer



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Christmas Face Masks

Order yours now



Wearing masks needn't be boring!

Order one of our Christmas themed masks - one size £3 each.

We have a limited number available so get your orders in quick!

Please note- we cannot guarantee which pattern you will receive.

How to order

Please put your money or cheque into an envelope and label it with:

- How many masks you require
- Child's name and year group
- Amount of money enclosed

Return the envelope to school.



Orders with payment must be received by

Friday 5th December. (More may be available after)

Please make any cheques payable to Jerry Clay Academy PTA.



JICA CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

Reception Christmas Activities - We can't invite you in this year, but we won't let this stop us! We have made a special activity pack for you all to do at home. Take pictures & put on Tapestry.

Our reverse advent will focus on kindness. We would greatly appreciate donations of small gifts for a girl or boy to make children's Christmas Hampers.

Tues 15 Dec- Christmas Virtual Theatre for all

Wed 16 Dec- Christmas Lunch & wear your Christmas jumper day

Christmas Party Afternoon for all

Thurs 17 December-Virtual Christmas Recording of our whole school Christmas Extravaganza Performance



JCA CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

Christmas Cards can be sent to class friends in your child's class bubble this year.



Our Christmas trees will all be going up on Wed 25th Nov



Tues 1st Dec- Vector Photography are coming in to take individual photographs- perfect for Christmas presents!



The PTA are selling Christmas face coverings.
JCA owls will also be on sale very soon too!





SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2020/2021

	<u>School will close at the end of:</u>	<u>School will re-open on:</u>
Autumn Term 2020		Tuesday 8 September 2020
October Half-Term	Friday 23 October 2020	Monday 2 November 2020
Christmas	Thursday 17 December 2020	
Spring Term 2021		Tuesday 5 January 2021
February Half Term	Friday 12 February 2021	Monday 22 February 2021
Easter	Friday 26 March 2021	
Summer Term 2021		Monday 12 April 2021
Spring Bank Holiday	Friday 28 May 2021	Monday 7 June 2021
Close for Summer	Thursday 22 July 2021	

Please note the following Inset Days & Bank Holidays:

INSET Days

Monday 7 September 2020

Friday 18 December 2020

Monday 4 January 2021

Friday 23 July 2021

Monday 26 July 2021

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 3 May 2021

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