



# Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 12th March 2021

Dear Parents

We really can't tell you how excited we are to have all the children back at school learning together! It has been a week of smiles and team work and the children have impressed us so much with how they have slotted back into their routines. They are really striving high and loving their learning. It was a pleasure to share so many achievements in our Special Mentions assembly in school today including Diamond Dash passes, super attendance, merit awards, team points and our reading draw winners.

Every time your child reads at home and this is signed in their reading diary, they are given a raffle ticket for the reading draw which is pulled every Friday, with a winner from each class.

Thank you for your vigilance with distancing and mask wearing when dropping off and picking up your child. Thank you also for adhering to the staggered start and end time for your child's class. This ensures we can keep bubbles separate, reduces congestion around school and protects teaching time for the children. Where siblings have different timings it is possible to drop them off at the same time.



Year 1,3,5,6— Drop off 8:30—8:45 AM

Pick up: 3:00—3:15 PM

Reception, Year 2 and 4 — Drop off 8:45—9:00 AM

Pick up: 3:15—3:30 PM

**Health and Safety** Our health and safety advisor inspected the Academy yesterday and was very impressed with all of the control measures in place for Covid and all aspects of Health and Safety on site. Thank you to Mr Rady and to everyone on

the JCA Team for helping to keep us all safe.

**Staffing** All our teachers and teaching assistants work closely in teams to deliver the best quality-first teaching to our children. We always focus on diagnosing and filling any gaps in learning for individual children through targeted teaching and interventions. In Upper Key Stage 2 Miss Karlsson and Mrs Hart are now working exclusively with Year 6, and Mr Palin and Mrs Longley are working in Year 5 with Mrs Smith and Mrs Holmes also providing valuable extra support.

**Wraparound Care.** Breakfast club and After school club are now running for normal hours . Following current government guidance, this provision should only be used where it is necessary to support parents to work, attend education and access medical care, and is part of pupil's wider education and training.

Wishing you all a safe and happy weekend.

Best wishes

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# Special mentions of the week

Teachers are so proud of the amazing effort of the children in their class and would like to celebrate the effort they are making. They have chosen their Special Mention; someone who has 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: 8th March 2021**

**Reception - Valentina Black**

**Year 1- Edie Kent**

**Year 2- Nadia Kamal**

**Year 3- Harry Snowden**

**Year 4- Lucas Stephens**

**Year 5- Amelia Brown**

**Year 6- Ruby Bentley**

## 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	97.97%	99.42%
Year 1	98.67%	98.72%
Year 2	99.67%	98.67%
Year 3	100 %	98.7%
Year 4	100 %	98.62%
Year 5	100 %	98.87 %
Year 6	92.50 %	96.65%

**97% + AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET**

**BELOW 95%- CAUSING CONCERN & LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS**

**90% & BELOW- PERSISTANT ABSENCE- SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN**

**WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET – 97.40%**

**ACTUAL – 98.53% Keep it up, well done!**



# Highlights of the Week from Twitter



**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield** · Mar 8  
A magical day full of smiles and collaboration in Reception Class #EYFS #teamwork #friendship #Wearetogether



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**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield** · 23h  
Year 2 have loved exploring fractions practically to find and show halves, thirds and quarters! @WhiteRoseMaths #JCAMaths #RealLifeLearning #MakingMemories



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**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield** · Mar 8  
Super team work and caring attitudes shown by our Year 1 children today, sharing resources and teaching each other, as well as exploring small world and excellent role play! #provision #friendship #learningtogether



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**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield** · Mar 10  
As part of British Science Week, Year 6 have been researching a variety of Scientists. It has been amazing to find out about all the Scientists unique skills and ideas that led to some innovative discoveries over the years. #scienceweek #innovation



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**Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield** · 16h  
Taking a moment to pause, read and develop captivating stories in our outdoor area today #EYFS #JCAOutdoorLearning #literacy #Reading #Communication



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