



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 19th March 2021

Dear Parents

It is fabulous to see the children in school learning together and we are so proud of how they are adapting to routines and striving with their learning. Around school, the children are enjoying reconnecting in group learning and at playtime and I have been so impressed by their team work and caring learner traits. It has also been quite a week for maths learning around school with the children mastering concepts using resources both inside and outside the classroom.

Thank you to all of you for following our safety rules at drop off and pick up time. This is helping to keep our community safe and to protect our learning in school.

Reading daily is absolutely crucial!

It is wonderful to see the children reading for pleasure and 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 is drawn each week. 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.

Parents Evenings

We have re-scheduled the parents evenings from March and these will now take place via Teams on Tuesday 4th May and Thursday 6th May. Further details will follow nearer the time.

Term dates 2021-2022

I have included a copy of our term dates and planned INSET days for the next academic year.

School meals

From 1st April there will be a small increase of the cost of a school meal to £2.21.

Wraparound Care.

Our Breakfast Club and After School Club are open normal hours and, following current government guidance, are available for parents working, attending education and accessing medical care.



Easter Egg Competition

I have included a poster for our Easter Egg decorating competition. Please could entries be brought into school on Thursday 25th March. Prizes for the winner from each class!



Have a good weekend. I hope we enjoy some spring weather.

Best wishes

Mrs C Elliott Headteacher



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: 15 th March 2021

Reception - Daniel Khan

Year 1– Ajay Chadha

Year 2– Alex Gatenby

Year 3– Harry Szabo

Year 4– Gabby Groves

Year 5– Evie Lamport

Year 6– Ben Blaylock

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.

lass	This week	Year to date from the start of September
Reception	100 %	99.43%
Year 1	98.67%	98.7%
Year 2	100 %	98.76%
Year 3	98.67 %	98.71%
Year 4	98.62 %	98.63%
Year 5	98.67 %	98.87 %
Year 6	91.43 %	96.33%

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 – 98.5% Keep it up, well done!



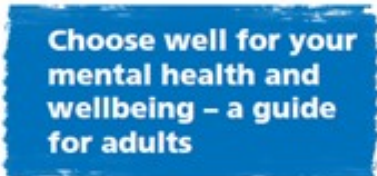
I have attached two important updates for your information.

NHS Choosewell Guide

The new NHS Choosewell Guide has been created provide information for adults on how to look after their own mental health and wellbeing and where to go for help where needed.

Safer Sleep Week

Teams across Wakefield are promoting Safer Sleep Week to raise awareness of this crucial issue in preventing Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SID). I have attached a digital information pack from The Lullaby Trust.



It's important that we look after our mental health and wellbeing the same way we do with our physical health.

If you hurt yourself physically, there would be things you could do to make yourself feel better. Say you sprained your ankle – you can rest it and take weight off it. The same is true for your mental health. If you notice changes to your mental health and wellbeing, there are things you can do to improve how you feel.

The earlier you recognise changes to how you're feeling or behaving, and begin to take steps to improve things, the less likely these will get worse.

This guide has been created to help you to choose well to support your mental health and wellbeing. Carers, friends and families can also use this guide to look out for those close to them and direct them to the right support. It's a good idea to familiarise yourself with this so you know what to do in different situations.

-  Self care – things you can do to proactively look after your mental health and wellbeing
-  Mental health helpline – someone to listen and signpost you to help or support
-  Talking therapies – one-to-one or group therapies
-  GP practice – your GP practice can refer you to secondary mental health services or prescribe medication
-  Secondary mental health services – offer education and treatment on certain mental health illnesses
-  Crisis or emergencies – it's important you know what to do in a crisis or emergency situation

The ABCs of Safer Sleep



Always sleep your baby...



...on their back...



...in a clear cot or sleep space.

(Free of bumpers, toys, pillows and loose bedding)

Safer sleep for baby, sounder sleep for you

Following the ABCs for every sleep day and night will help to protect your baby from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) giving you the peace of mind to enjoy this special time.



For support and advice on sleeping your baby safely The Lullaby Trust can help

Visit: www.lullabytrust.org.uk

Contact us on: 0808 802 6869

Email: info@lullabytrust.org.uk





Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Mar 16 ...

Year 1 have been focussing on enjoying playing together, and using our special playground equipment to play our favourite games and create new ones too! #JCAPHSE #teamwork #playtime

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Mar 16 ...

Great work from Year 5 this afternoon - they have told the story of the Roman invasion in an animation! #JACurriculum #JCAHistory

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 14h ...

Year 2 have continued to strive and persevere with their maths learning. Today we explored finding one quarter of a number in our outdoor learning! @WhiteRoseMaths #JCAMaths #OutdoorLearning #PracticalMaths

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 14h ...

Our Outdoor messy maths area in action. The children are using the giant ten and five frames to count, subitise and add numbers in exciting new games #EYFS #JCAOutdoorLearning #Physical @WhiteRoseMaths

Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Mar 17 ...

Year 1 have been learning about measurement in Maths this week; we have discussed the terms length and height and we have measured objects and people inside and outside! #JCAMaths #provision #measurement

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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · Mar 17 ...

Year 6 have been using our retrieval skills to practise area, perimeter and coordinates. #maths #retrieval

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