



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 14th May 2021

Dear Parents

We have had another wonderful week in the academy. As part of Mental Health Awareness week, we have been exploring the beneficial impact of being outdoors in nature. Each class has explored this in a different way including wilderness workouts and mindfulness meanders! The children across the academy are striving with their own learning and practising working collaboratively with others which is great to see. Staff have also been busy planning for our first exciting theme week for quite a while which will be our Creative Arts Week at the end of this half term. We are excited to explore the theme of 'Connections' within our academy and community.

ACES Sports Summer Camp at JCA

ACES Sports Summer Camp will be running at JCA during August. JCA parents have priority booking for places and then they will be opened up to children from different schools next week. Bookings can be made on their website at <https://www.acesportuk.com/upcoming-events/2021/8/2/jerry-clay-academy-summer-camp-2021>



Attendance

It is essential that the children are in school in order to give the best opportunities with their learning. Thank you for supporting us by ensuring that the holidays are not booked during term time as this does have a very detrimental impact on the children's learning.

Covid-19 Guidance

Following the latest announcement from the prime minister on the lifting of restrictions, schools have received renewed actions from government requiring us to maintain our Covid safe-

ty control measures including minimizing contact by keeping our classes and staff in class bubbles, operating staggered start and end times and ensuring enhanced cleaning regimes continue to be in place. Please could I ask you to continue to maintain distance and to wear a face mask whilst on the school site. It remains very important to not send your child to school if they do have symptoms of Covid to protect teaching and learning in school. These measures will next be reviewed by government after June 21st.

Eid Mubarak to all our families who have been celebrating this week.

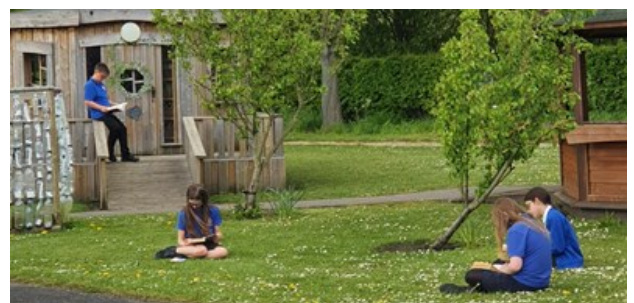
Have a good weekend.

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: 10th May 2021

Reception - Teddy Hickinson

Year 1- Roman Ellis

Year 2- Isaac McCarthy

Year 3- Evie Brown

Year 4- Betsy-Mae Foley-Dickinson

Year 5- Matilda McCraw

Year 6- Adam Czech

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	96.67 %	99.30 %
Year 1	98.00 %	98.67%
Year 2	92.67 %	98.49 %
Year 3	95.33 %	98.29 %
Year 4	95.17 %	98.45%
Year 5	94.38 %	97.81 %
Year 6	94.64 %	96.56 %

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 – 98.24% Keep it up, well done!



WRAP AROUND CARE

Run by academy staff and offering a range of indoor and outdoor activities including games, crafts, table tennis, pool and outdoor play.

The tea menu varies week to week, example menus include:

Pasta with tomato sauce and cheese / yoghurt
Soup with a roll / fruit
Wraps with a variety of fillings / jelly & ice-cream

EARLY CARE from 7.30am

Cost: £4.75 per session including a breakfast of cereal, toast & a drink

AFTER SCHOOL CARE until 6pm

2020/21 costs according to pick-up time:

- Collect before 4.30pm: £4.75 including a snack
- Collect before 5.15pm: £7.00 including a light two course tea
- Collect before 6.00pm: £9.00 including a light two course tea
- Reduced fees are available for a second or third child from the same family attending after school club. The reduced fees from 1st September 2020 are: £6.50 (collect up to 5.15pm) / £8.50 (collect by 6pm).

*We accept childcare vouchers from company schemes and the Government Tax-Free Childcare Scheme: <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/eligibility>

*Prices review annually in July by the Governing Body

For further information see the academy website at:

<http://www.jerryclayacademy.wakefield.sch.uk/parents/wrap-around-care/>



Highlights of the Week from Twitter



Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · May 10
 The children have been to Mr Grinling's surf school today! Lots of physical play to music #EYFS #JCAOutdoorLearning #TheLighthouseKeepersTea #physical #Surfing



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · May 12
 Creating our own prints today in Year 1. We loved how confident the children are becoming with mixing their own shades of colours too 😊👏 #JCAArts #printmaking



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 5h
 Year 4 have developed their investigative skills today when examining a crime scene linked to Sherlock Holmes #detectivework



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · May 10
 Year 6 took part in a very informative Road Safety Workshop this morning. We learnt the importance of being aware of roads and traffic whilst walking and using mobile phones. We also discussed mapping the safest route to school. #roadsafety #JCACurriculum

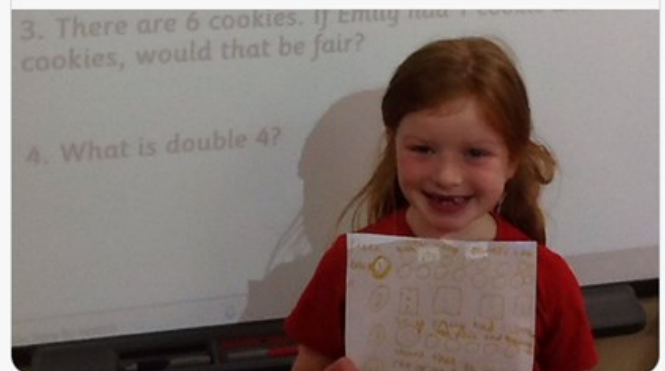


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You Retweeted

White Rose Maths @WhiteRoseMaths · 6h
 We love this! Great work Ella! 😊👏

Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · 9h
 Ella in Year 1 loves Flashback 4 so much that she has created her own for the class to do! Inspirational! 🙌😊 #JCAMaths @WhiteRoseMaths



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Jerry Clay Academy @JCAWakefield · May 11
 A huge thank you to @edensforestcic for leading our fabulous outdoor learning day. We explored our theme of extreme weather with a focus on Science and Geography, while embracing our incredible outdoor environment! #OutdoorLearning #MakingMemories #JCAScience #JCAGeography





Dates for Your Diary

Photographs

14/6/21 Class photos and Y6 Leaver photos

Reports

16/7/21– End of year reports

Theme Weeks

w/c 24/05/21- Creative Arts week

Provisional Performances—pending Government Guidance

w/c/ 21/06/21 - Creative Arts Outdoor Gallery .

w/c 19/7/21 – Celebration week

Sports Day Week

w/c/ 18/06/21

Year 6 activities

w/c/ 25/06/21

End of Term

Thursday 22nd July 2021

Back to school

Wednesday 8th September 2021

We continue to respond to the changing situation with the pandemic to prioritise safety for all. Dates are subject to change and are likely to run differently to in a normal year. We continue to follow government guidance on what we can and cannot do safely. We will communicate further arrangements as soon as we can.



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

Summer dates and after school clubs

We are all very much hoping that the government roadmap for the easing of lockdown continues however we continue to await guidance on what this will mean in school. We are looking forward to some exciting events in the summer term but are unsure exactly how these will run. Equally, whilst it remains essential to keep our class bubbles apart we are unable to run after school clubs. We will continue to re-assess this moving forwards. Thank you for your understanding also that our teachers, who offer after school clubs, are still working extremely hard in difficult circumstances in school and are very much prioritising the children's learning at this time.