



Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 16th July 2021

Dear Parents

With just one week to go until the end of term it has been an incredibly busy week in the academy. It's all systems go continuing with the children's learning, preparing celebration assemblies and organising for the new school year. These are precious days in so many ways! Today our Year 5 class returned after their isolation and on Tuesday we welcome back Year 4. We can't wait!

End of Year Reports

Today the children have brought home their End of Year Reports. It was an absolute pleasure to read all of these and to hear about the children's incredible journeys this year. We couldn't be prouder of how resilient the children have been and it has been wonderful to see them loving their learning in the academy. We hope that you find the reports informative. A reply slip is provided to acknowledge the report and provide any comments. In the case of Year 4, reports are available to collect from the school office or will be sent home on Tuesday.

Celebration assemblies

Classes are working so hard on their celebration assemblies. The children are very much in charge in these and put them together to reflect their own memories and learning from the year. We can't wait to share them with you and will send out links to these on Wednesday next week.

Transition

We are aiming for classes to spend a transition session with their new teacher on Wednesday 21st July. Staffing arrangements for next year were sent out in last week's newsletter.

Best wishes Mrs C Elliott Headteacher

Covid safety measures to continue to the end of term

All our Covid-19 Safety measures including staggered start and end times will remain in place until the end of term due to the high rate of cases locally. Please continue to wear a face mask on the school site. We hope that by keeping restrictions in place we can keep all our children safe and well and prevent families isolating in the first few weeks of the holidays.

Thank you for continuing to ensure that children do not come to school if unwell with any covid symptoms including sore throats, headaches, sickness or runny or stuffy noses.

Step 4—Changes to contact tracing in schools from July 19th

This afternoon I sent a DfE information letter regarding the new arrangements for contact tracing. Schools will no longer carry out contact tracing. If a child gets Covid symptoms they must isolate immediately and book a PCR test. NHS test and trace will carry out the contact tracing.





New academic year

Hopefully the summer break will see the pandemic moving in the positive direction we are all hoping for and the autumn term will go much more smoothly. Due to the continuing pandemic I will be constantly evaluating our risk assessment in school and will make a final decision about our arrangements for drop off and pick up nearer to the start of term.

We are aiming for school day times to be as follows and I will confirm this to you in the final two weeks of the Summer holiday.

Start of the day

8.40 AM – School gates open

8:50 AM – Classroom doors open

End of the day

3:25 PM - EYFS and KS1

3:30 PM – KS2

Key Dates

Reports

16/7/21– End of year reports

Celebration week

w/c 19/7/21 – Celebration week

A link to a recording of Celebration assemblies will be sent out on Wednesday 21st July

Y6 Presentations—live stream on Monday 19th July 2021 at 9.30AM (Teams link)

End of Term

Thursday 22nd July 2021

Back to school

Wednesday 8th September 2021





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: 16th July 2021

Reception - Alina Esterhuizen

Year 1- Jaxon Charlesworth

Year 2- Brandon Harber

Year 3- Rory Marritt

Year 4- Everyone—super star learners from home!

Year 5- Maia Melerska

Year 6- Thomas France



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	97.24 %	98.60 %
Year 1	95.56 %	98.08 %
Year 2	97.59 %	97.90 %
Year 3	95 %	98.00 %
Year 4	%	98.35 %
Year 5	%	96.28 %
Year 6	94.49 %	96.74 %

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97% + AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET
BELOW 95%- CAUSING CONCERN & LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS
90% & BELOW- PERSISTANT ABSENCE- SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN

WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET – 97.87%
ACTUAL – 97.72% Keep it up, well done!