



# Jerry Clay Academy Newsletter

Friday 10th September 2021

Dear Parents

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year and teachers have been so impressed with how the children have latched straight back into their routines, striving and showing such enthusiasm. A highlight has been seeing how happy the children have been to play with other classes outside and we have already seen brilliant caring and team work learner traits. Classes have already launched into their new themes, beginning by retrieving their prior knowledge and being inquisitive learners.

As a forward-thinking academy, we have been fortunate to second Mrs Tracy Swinburne to the role of Consultant Strategic Lead for one day each week. Her role will be in concentrating on expanding our successful English Hub as well as future exciting developments for the academy.



what might happen. We have also been finding out about the kind of books each child likes to read and have started on our challenge to 'Read at home everyday'. It really is the most important thing! We love to read at JCA and our environment is full of wonderful books to read for pleasure.

## Meet the Teacher Y1-6

I hope you found the Meet the Teacher meeting presentations useful yesterday. Teachers have sent out copies of the presentations for an overview of the year.

## Trim Trail

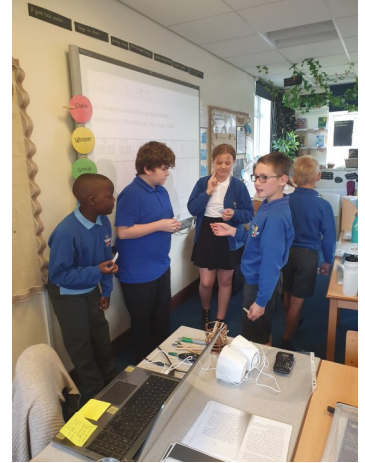
This week, the children have had their first opportunity since before the pandemic to use our trim trails at play-times. Please could I remind parents and children that the trim trail is not for use before and after school.

## Diary Dates

Diary Dates are included at the end of the newsletter. We very much hope to be able to invite you into the academy at some point this year and will confirm details as soon as we are able. It is going to be a full and exciting year with so many special learning opportunities to look forward to. The sheer resilience, positivity and determination of our children makes us think this is going to be the best year yet! Please follow us on **Twitter @JCAWakefield** to find out more.

Kind regards

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## Reading

The children have made a strong start with their reading and phonics. It was wonderful to hear how many children have been reading throughout the summer and that many had been involved in the Wakefield Libraries Summer Reading Challenge. This week classes have started reading their core texts and teachers have enjoyed reading aloud in class each day. We were hearing about the gripping story openings and predicting





## Dates for Your Diary

### **INSET DAYS**

1<sup>st</sup> November 2021  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022

### **Parents Evenings**

23/11/21 and 25/11/21 – Parents' evenings  
22/3/22 and 24/3/22 – Parents' evenings

### **Reports**

3/12/21- Progress check out to parents  
20/3/20 – Progress check out to parents  
15/7/22 – End of year reports to parents

### **Theme Days/Weeks**

Wc 18/10/21 - History Week  
3/03/22 - World Book Day  
wc 4/4/22 – Theme week  
wc23/05/22- Creative Arts week

### **Performances**

3/12/21 – Reception Activity Morning  
7/12/21 (am) and 9/12/21 9am) – Reception nativity  
13/12/21 – Christmas carols around the tree  
14/12/21 (pm) and 15/12/21 (am) – Year 1 and 2 Nativity  
16/12/21 Christingle at Wrenthorpe Methodist Church  
15/06/22- Art gallery evening  
05/07/22 & 7/07/22– Creative Arts evenings  
w/c 18/7/22 – Celebration week

### **Sports Day**

24/6/22  
8/7/22 Reserve Sports Day

### **Summer Fair**

25/6/22 (TBC)